

**LOUISE WEGWEISER KRUK PAPERS, 1934-1949**  
**2003.445.1**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Louise Wegweiser Kruk papers

Dates: 1934-1949

Accession number: 2003.445.1

Creator: Kruk, Louise Wegweiser.

Extent: 1 folder

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Abstract: The collection primarily consists of post-war photographs documenting the experiences of Louise Wegweiser Kruk, originally of Tłuste, Poland, in the Föhrenwald, Rivoli, and Turin displaced persons camps. Also included is the marriage certificate for Louise and Martin Wegweiser, whom she married in Turin in 1947; and an O.R.T. diploma for Louise received in 1949.

Languages: Italian, English, Yiddish, Hebrew

**Administrative Information**

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Processing history: Updated by Adam Fielding, May 2020

### **Biographical note**

Louise Wegweiser Kruk (1928-2018) was born Louise Gärtner on 24 April 1928 in Tłuste, Poland to Natan (b. 1894) and Rachel (née Mitzelmacher. B. 1900) Gärtner. She had one brother. During the Holocaust, she was a forced laborer and was liberated in March 1945 by the Soviet Red Army. After she was liberated, she and her brother returned to Tłuste to search for their parents. They would learn later that both parents perished during the Holocaust. Louise went to the Föhrenwald displaced persons camp around May 1946. In February 1947 she went to the Rivoli DP camp in Italy, and then the Turin DP camp. She married Martin Wegweiser (born Mayer Wegweiser to Kalman and Helena Wegweiser, b. 1924) in Turin in 1947. They immigrated to the United States aboard the USS *General C. C. Ballou* in 1949. She later married Leon Kruk (1924-2010).

### **Scope and content of collection**

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### **System of arrangement**

The collection is arranged as a single series.

### **Indexing terms**

Person:

Kruk, Louise.

Wegweiser, Mayer.

Corporate:

World ORT Union.

Föhrenwald (Displaced persons camp)

Topical Subject:

Vocational education--Italy--1940-1950.

Collective settlements--1940-1950.

Refugees--Italy--1940-1950.

Geography:

Tłuste (Poland)

Rivoli (Italy)

Turin (Italy)

Genre/Form:

Photographs.

Marriage certificates.

Diplomas.

## INVENTORY

- .1 Photographic print; black and white image of a second grade class; inscribed verso "Tluste, Poland Second Grade" recto in English, dated August 20, 1934, in Poland
- .2 Photographic print; black and white image of a man; inscribed recto in English, dated 1944, unknown location
- .3 Photographic print; black and white image of a group of people; inscribed recto "Poland 1945" and verso in Yiddish, dated August 10, 1945, in Poland
- .4 Photographic print; black and white image of a group of people; inscribed recto "Poland 1945" and verso in Yiddish, dated June 25, 1945, in Poland
- .5 Photographic print; black and white image of a group of people; inscribed recto "Pol. 1945" and verso in English, dated August 5, 1945, in Poland
- .6 Photographic print; black and white image of a man and a woman; inscribed recto "Poland 1945" and verso in Hebrew, dated 1945, in Poland
- .7 Photographic print; black and white image of a large group of people; inscribed recto "Poland 1945" and verso in Yiddish and with the word "kibutz," dated December 28, 1945, in Poland
- .8 Photographic print; black and white image of a man and a woman; inscribed recto "Pol. 1945" and verso in Yiddish and in English, dated October 1, 1945, in Poland
- .9 Photographic print; black and white image of a group of people; inscribed recto "Ger. 1946" and verso in Yiddish and English, dated 1946, in Germany
- .10 Photographic print; black and white image of a large group of people; inscribed recto "Ger. 1945" and verso in Yiddish, dated August 10, 1946, in Germany
- .11 Photographic print; black and white image of a group of people working in a field; inscribed verso "Training on a farm Hochland Germ 46" and in Yiddish, dated 1946, in Germany
- .12 Photographic print; black and white image of a large group of people; inscribed recto "Ger. 1946" and verso "Kibutz Shomer Hochland 1946 Germany" and in Yiddish, dated 1946, in Germany
- .13 Photographic print; black and white image of two girls; inscribed recto "Ger. 1946" and verso "Hochland" and in Yiddish, dated 1946, in Germany
- .14 Photographic print; black and white image of a woman; inscribed verso "Germany Fernwald [sic]" and in Yiddish, dated 1946, in Germany
- .15 Photographic print; black and white image of a man and a woman; inscribed recto "Ger. Dec. 1946," dated December 28, 1946, in Germany
- .16 Photographic print; black and white image of two girls; inscribed recto "Italy 1947" and verso in Yiddish, dated May 5, 1946, in Italy
- .17 Photographic print; black and white image of a man and a woman; inscribed recto in Hebrew and English, dated 1947, in Italy
- .18 Photographic print; black and white image of girl; inscribed recto "Italy 1947," dated 1947, in Italy
- .19 Photographic print; black and white image of man; inscribed recto "Italy 1947," dated 1947, in Italy
- .20 Photographic print; black and white image of woman; inscribed recto "Italy 1947," dated 1947, in Italy
- .21 Photographic print; black and white image of girl; inscribed recto "Italy 1947" and verso "ORT school Italy grueglasco 47," dated June 20, 1947, in Italy
- .22 Photographic print; black and white image of group of people; inscribed recto "Italy 1948" and verso in English, dated July 10, 1947, in Italy
- .23 Photographic print; black and white image of group of people; inscribed recto "kibutz dining hall," dated 1946, in Germany
- .24 Photographic print; black and white image of two women; inscribed recto "Italy 1948," dated 1948, in Italy

- .25 Photographic print; black and white image of man and woman on a beach; inscribed recto "Italy 1948" and verso "Camp Senegulia Italy," dated 1948, in Italy
- .26 Photographic print; black and white image of a group of women; inscribed recto "Italy 1947" and verso "camp Rivoli Italy" and in Yiddish, dated July 11, 1947, in Italy
- .27 Photographic print; black and white image of a group of people; inscribed recto "Italy 1947" and verso "Italy 1947 Camp Rivoli," dated 1947, in Italy
- .28 Certificate; marriage certificate for Mayer Wegweiser and Luisa Gartner from the Jewish community of Torino, Italy, dated April 1, 1947, in Italian
- .29 Diploma; diploma from O.R.T. presented to Louisa Wegweiser, dated Mach 17, 1949, in Italian