

**ALEXANDER AND AVIVA BARTAL PAPERS, approximately 1900-1977  
2007.148.1**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Alexander and Aviva Bartal papers

Dates: approximately 1900-1977

Accession number: 2007.148.1

Creator: Bartal, Alexander, 1927-

Additional creator: Bartal, Aviva, 1929-2015

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Abstract: The Alexander and Aviva Bartal papers primarily consist of photographs documenting Polish Holocaust survivors Alexander and Aviva Bartal and their family and friends before the Holocaust in Poland and after liberation in Germany, Italy, and Israel. The papers also include photocopies of 1970s correspondence about Folke Bernadotte, Count of Wisborg, between World Jewish Congress representative Hilel Storch and historian Gerald Fleming.

Languages: Polish, Hebrew, English, German, Swedish, French

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### **Biographical note**

Alexander Bartal was born Aleksander (Ziser) Bicz in 1927 in Pabianice, Poland, to tailor Abram Bicz (b. 1902) and his wife Rozka (Rajzl) Halberg (b. 1905). His brother Izak (Icus) was born in 1931. The family was confined to the Pabianice ghetto in 1940. When the ghetto was liquidated in 1942, Alexander's family was sent to the Łódź ghetto, and when the Łódź ghetto was liquidated in 1944, they were sent to Auschwitz. Rozka and Izak were immediately sent to the gas chambers. Alexander and Abram were transferred to Mauthausen two months later and then to Gusen II to perform slave labor in the Messerschmitt aircraft factory. Abram died of exhaustion and disease in April 1945, and Alexander was liberated in May. After recuperating in a Swiss sanatorium, he was taken to a transit camp in Santa Maria, Italy, where he met Henia Aviva Radoszycka. The couple immigrated to Palestine in November 1945 and were married in 1947. Alexander served under Ezer Weizman in the newly created Israeli Air Force.

Aviva Bartal (1929-2015) was born Henryka (Henia) Radoszycka in Łódź, Poland, to textile manufacturer Israel Mordechai (Mietek) Radoszycki (b. 1900) and his wife, Jenta (Janka) Bajer (b. 1905). Her brother Chaim Mendel (Imek) was born in 1933. The family was confined to the Łódź ghetto in 1940 and deported to Auschwitz in 1944. Imek and both of Aviva's grandmothers were immediately sent to the gas chambers; Mietek was transferred to the Dernau subcamp of Buchenwald for slave labor and died shortly before liberation; and Aviva was transferred with her mother and aunt to the Halbstadt subcamp of Gross-Rosen where they were liberated in May 1945. She met Alexander Bartal in a transit camp in Santa Maria, Italy, immigrated to Israel, and married Alexander in 1947. She was involved in the illegal preparation of guns and ammunition for the Hagana.

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

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Photographic materials include loose photographs, a photo album cover dated 1947, and loose photo album pages documenting Alexander and Aviva Bartal and their family and friends before the Holocaust in Poland and after liberation in Germany, Italy, and Israel. Bartal family members include Aviva, Alexander, and Yair. Bicz family members include Abram, Rozka, and Icus. Bajer family members include Rina, Josef, Brandla, and Lipa. Radoszycki family members include Mietek, Janka, and Imek.

Count Bernadotte material consists of photocopies of 1976-1977 correspondence between World Jewish Congress representative Hilel Storch and historian Gerald Fleming about Folke Bernadotte, Count

of Wisborg's rescue work during the Holocaust. The photocopies include documents by or about Storch, Count Bernadotte, Heinrich Himmler, and Felix Kersten created between 1945 and 1953.

### **System of arrangement**

The Alexander and Aviva Bartal papers are arranged as two series:

- Series 1: Photographs, approximately 1900-1973
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### **Indexing terms**

Bernadotte, Folke, 1895-1948.

Halbstadt (Concentration camp)

Jews--Poland--Łódź.

Jews--Poland--Pabianice.

Holocaust survivors--Italy.

Holocaust survivors--Germany.

Holocaust survivors--Israel.

Łódź (Poland)

Pabianice (Poland)

Israel

Photographs.

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