

DONALD MOLOFSKY COLLECTION, 1947-1960
2007.186.1

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Descriptive summary

Title: Donald Molofsky collection

Dates: 1947-1960

Accession number: 2007.186.1

Creator: Donald Molofsky

Extent: 6 folders, 1 oversized folder

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Abstract: The Donald Molofsky collection contains mainly correspondence sent from Donald to his parents, from 1947-1948. Molofsky served as an engineer on the SS Exodus, but the correspondence does not contain much information about the voyage itself. The correspondence concerns details from Donald's time spent on vacation in Haifa, Na'an, and in France. Also included are correspondence from the Molofsky family to Donald, letters from Donald's friend Zeev "Vivy" Siegel's parents to the Molofsky family, and various other letters.

Languages: English, Italian

Administrative Information

Access: Collection is open for use, but is stored offsite. Please contact the Reference Desk more than seven days prior to visit in order to request access.

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Acquisition information: The collection was donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2007 by Bonnie Molofsky Engel.

Accruals: Accruals may have been received since this collection was first processed, see archives catalog at collections.ushmm.org for further information.

Processing history: Michael Folkerts, March 2015

Biographical note

Donald Molofsky (1928-1960) served with the Machal (Volunteers from Abroad), assisting Jews who were seeking to immigrate to British Mandatory Palestine. He served as an engineer on the S.S. Exodus, after spending some time in France. Donald, along with his friend Zeev "Vivy" Siegel, vacationed in Naan, Haifa, and the French Riviera while working with the Machal.

Scope and content of collection

The Donald Molofsky collection contains mainly correspondence sent from Donald to his parents, from 1947-1948. Molofsky served as an engineer on the SS Exodus, but the correspondence does not contain much information about the voyage itself. The correspondence concerns details from Donald's time spent on vacation in Haifa, Na'an, and in France. Also included are correspondence from the Molofsky family to Donald, letters from Donald's friend Zeev "Vivy" Siegel's parents to the Molofsky family, and various other letters. Additionally, there are photographs and postcards from Donald while serving with the Machal (Volunteers from Abroad), but they date mainly his time in France, with one photo that actually depicts Donald's subsequent work on the Exodus. Also included are some newspaper and magazine articles concerning Palestine and the SS Exodus.

System of arrangement

The Donald Molofsky collection is arranged as a single series.

Indexing terms

Molofsky, Donald (1928-1960)
Siegel, Zeev.

Exodus 1947 (Ship)
Machal (Organization)

Na'an (Israel)
Haifa (Israel)
Marseille (France)

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Donald Molofsky collection, 1947-1960

Folder	Title
1	Correspondence – Donald Molofsky, 1947-1948
2	Correspondence – Molofsky family, 1948
3	Correspondence – Siegal family, 1947-1948
4	Correspondence – various, 1948-1960
5	Photographs and postcards, 1947

6	Publications, 1947-1960 [see also oversized folder]
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Oversized folders

Folder	Title
1	Publications, 1947-1960