

WEINSCHENK AND LEVI FAMILY PAPERS, 1876-1986
2013.508.1

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Descriptive summary

Title: Weinschenk and Levi family papers

Dates: 1876-1983 (bulk 1888-1942)

Accession number: 2013.508.1

Creator: Weinschenk family (Nuremberg :Germany)
Levi family (Stuttgart :Germany)

Extent: .5 linear feet (1 box, 1 oversize folder)

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Languages: German, English

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: Carol Weinschenk Opton and Joshua J. Vlasto donated the Weinschenk and Levi family papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2013, with an accretion in 2015. Carol and Joshua are the daughter and grandson of Margot and Paul Weinschenk.

Related archival materials: There is related material in the Levy and Weinschenk family collection 2013.508. Included are a folding pocket knife owned by a Jewish family who fled Germany; Certificate signed by President Truman in memory of Walter Lane (Levy) who fell during his service in Germany; two German cookbooks; a book of devotions; and a book about the history of the Windsbach region of Germany.

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

Processing history: Adam Fielding, November 2015

Biographical note

Margot (née Levi) Weinschenk (1912-1996) was born in Stuttgart, Germany to Nellie (née Strauss; b. 1888) and Max Levi (b. 1886). She had one brother, Walter (1915-1945), and married Paul Weinschenk in 1929. Paul Weinschenk (1909-1986) was born to Gisela (née Sundheimer; 1880-1980) and brewer Julius Weinschenk (1876-1930) in Nuremberg, Germany. He had one sister, Lilly (1904-1986), who married Sigmund Karl Kohnstamm. Both families left Germany in 1939 to escape Nazi persecution and immigrated to the United States and England. Margot and Paul settled in New York, and Max, Nellie, and Walter settled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Lilly, Sigmund, and Gisela immigrated to England. Max, Nellie, and Walter Levi would later change their last name to Lane. Walter joined the United States Army, and was killed in action in 1945.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The papers are arranged as four series: Series 1: Biographical material, 1876-1983; Series 2: Correspondence, 1929-circa 1980s; Series 3: Photographs, 1888-circa 1970s; Series 4: Printed material, 1925-circa 1980s. All series are arranged alphabetically. Oversize items are in OS 1, and consist of Lilly Kohnstamm's obituary and photographs of Margot and Paul Weinschenk in the luncheonette.

Indexing terms

Emigration & immigration--United States.

Jewish families--Germany.

Stuttgart (Germany)

Nuremberg (Germany)

Photographs.

CONTAINER LIST**Series 1: Biographical material, 1876-1983**

Folder	Title
OS 1	Kohnstamm, Lilly: Obituary, 1983
1	Weinschenk family: Biographical papers (copies), 1876-1930
2-3	Weinschenk family: Genealogy research, 1980-1983
4	Weinschenk, Gisela: Passport, 1939
5	Weinschenk, Margot Levi: Identification papers, 1912-1939
6	Weinschenk, Margot Levi: Loss of voting rights document, 1936
7	Weinschenk, Paul: Driver's license, 1927
8	Weinschenk, Paul: Restaurant purchase contract, 1939

Series 2: Correspondence, 1929-circa 1980s

Folder	Title
9	Weinschenk, Julius to Herr Stern, 1929
10	Weinschenk, Margot Levi and Paul to Lilly Kohnstamm, 1940-1942; circa 1980s

Series 3: Photographs, 1888-circa 1970s

Folder	Title
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12	Levi family, circa 1915-1942
13	Levi, Bertha, circa 1890s-circa 1900s
14	Levi, Max, 1911-1934
15	Levi, Max and Nellie, 1908-1958
16	Levi, Nellie, circa 1888-1936
17	Levi, Walter, 1923-1945
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19	Strauss family, 1888-1924
20	Stuttgart, Germany, circa 1920s-circa 1930s
21	Weinschenk family, circa 1900s-circa 1970s
22	Weinschenk, Margot Levi, 1912-circa 1940s
23	Weinschenk, Margot Levi and Paul, 1930-1932
OS 1	Weinschenk, Margot Levi and Paul: Luncheonette, New York, circa 1940s (Not Digitized)

24	Weinschenk, Margot Levi and Paul: Wedding day, 1929
25	Weinschenk, Paul, 1937-1939

Series 4: Printed material, 1925-circa 1980s

Folder	Title
26	Gemeindeblatt der Israelitischen Kultusgemeinde Nürnberg newsletter cover, 1974
27	Lawn and Tennis Club of Nuremberg member directory (copy), 1925 (Not Digitized)
28	Wochingerbräu Rotthalmünster beverage coaster, circa 1980s