REGINA AND HALINA GOLDWAG PAPERS, circa 1895-2008
2014.426.1

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Descriptive summary

Title: Regina and Halina Goldwag papers

Dates: circa 1895-2008 (bulk 1944-1949)

Accession number: 2014.426.1

Creator: Rosenberg, Halina, 1918-2013.

Additional creator: Goldwag, Regina, 1894-1972.

Extent: .5 linear feet (9 folders)

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Abstract: The collection documents the Holocaust-era experiences of Regina (née Zak) Goldwag and her daughter Halina (later Halina Rosenberg), both of Warsaw, Poland. Both women survived the war under the false identities of Polish non-Jews Jadwiga and Halina Orlowska. Documents of Halina Goldwag include wartime documents under the false identity used while she was a forced-laborer in several concentration camps in Leipzig, immigration papers, and restitution documentation. Photographs include pre-war family photographs of the Zak and Goldwag families, post-war photographs of Halina and Regina in the displaced persons camp in Göppingen, Germany, and depictions of Regina and Halina’s immigration to the United States onboard the SS Marine Flasher in 1946.

Languages: Polish, English, German, Hebrew

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 by Annlee Herbstman, Bert Rosenberg, and Mark Rosenberg in 2014.

Related materials: Also donated are a metal pin badge, a German Rentenmark, and two luggage tags used by Halina and Regina Goldwag during their immigration to the United States (2014.426.2-2014.426.5). Halina has given oral history interviews to the USHMM (1989.346.155 | RG Number: RG-50.031*0155) and the USC Shoah Foundation.

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, January 2018

Biographical note
Halina Goldwag (1918-2013, Later Halina Rosenberg) was born on 3 March 1918 in Warsaw, Poland to Regina (1894-1972, née Zak, later Regina Epstein) and Moses Goldwag. Regina was the daughter of Chana (d. 1939) and Moshe Zak. Halina had one brother, Arie. Her parents separated while she was a child, and she, Arie, and Regina lived with Regina’s mother. Halina’s father, grandmother, and grandfather all died prior to World War II.

After the German invasion of Poland in 1939, Regina, Halina, and Arie were sent to the Warsaw ghetto. Arie fled to the Soviet Union and eventually ended up in Palestine. Regina and Halina obtained the false identities of non-Jews Jadwiga and Halina Orlowska which they used to survive in Warsaw. In 1944 they were deported to Leipzig, Germany where they were forced-laborers, first in the Meier & Weichelt ammunition factory and then the Dr. Gaspary & Co. Aktiengesellschaft.

After liberation, Halina and Regina went to a displaced persons camp administered by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) in Göppingen, Germany. In 1946, they immigrated to the United States on board the SS Marine Flasher. They both settled in Illinois. Halina married Harry Rosenberg and they had three children: Mark, Bert, and Annlee.

Scope and content of collection
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System of arrangement
The collection is arranged as two series.
Series 1: Biographical material, 1944-2008
Series 2: Photographs, circa 1895-1947

Folders are arranged alphabetically and documents are arranged chronologically.

**Indexing terms**

**Person:**
Goldwag, Regina, 1894-1972.
Rosenberg, Halina, 1918-2013.

**Corporate:**
Marine Flasher (Ship)

**Topical Subject:**
Holocaust Jewish (1939-1945)--Poland--Warsaw.
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Survivors.
Forced labor--Germany--Leipzig.
Displaced persons camps.
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Reparations.
Jews--Poland--Warsaw.

**Geography:**
Warsaw (Poland)
Göppingen (Germany)
United States--Emigration and immigration.

**Genre/Form:**
Photographs.

**CONTAINER LIST**

**Series 1: Biographical material, 1944-2008**

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