

GREIF FAMILY PAPERS, 1925-2009
2014.490.1

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Descriptive summary

Title: Greif family papers

Dates: 1925-2009 (bulk 1925-1980)

Accession number: 2014.490.1

Creator: Greif family (Bucharest :Romania)

Extent: .5 linear feet (1 box, 4 oversize folders)

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Abstract: The collection documents the pre-war and post-war lives of Ignacy and Izi Greif (née Korn) of Romania. Included are pre-war photographs of the Greif and Korn families in Romania; post-war documents relating to Ignacy and Izi's engineering education and careers in Romania; naturalization certificates of Ignacy and Izi; and writings of Ignacy's relative Yehuda Hersch Stempler. Photographs include depictions of Ignacy's high school classmates in Romania and Izi's brother Hari.

Languages: Romanian, English, 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 Claudia Greif in 2014. She donated an accretion in 2016.

Related materials: The Greif family papers are part of the Klara Stempler Greif family collection. Related artifacts are 2014.490.2-10. A Romanian prayer book belong to Ignacy Greif has been transferred to the library.

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, June 2017

Biographical note

Ignacy Greif (born Ignatz Michel Greif, 1920-2012) was born on 4 September 1920 in Kolomea, Poland (present-day Kolomyia, Ukraine) to Hersch Peretz Greif (1882-1965) and Chaia Itta Stempler (later Klara Stempler Greif, 1881-1946). Hersch and Klara married in Kolomea in 1910. Ignacy had one brother, Maximilian (1912-1980). In the early 1920s, the Greifs moved to Romania.

Ignacy went to Bucharest, Romania in 1939 to study electro-mechanical engineering. In 1940 Jews were no longer allowed to attend school. From 1940-1944 he was a forced-laborer in Bucharest. Ignacy resumed his studies in 1945. He graduated in 1948 and married Izi Korn the same year. They had one daughter, Claudia. Both Ignacy and Izi worked as engineers. In 1973 the family immigrated to the United States, settling in San Francisco, California.

Izi Greif (born Izi Korn, 1923-2008) was born on 6 May 1923 in Romancăuți, Romania to Solomon (1899-1983) and Lea (née Koifman, 1897-1967) Korn. She had one brother, Hari Korn (1927-2010). Her family later moved to Piatra Neamț, Romania. She stopped attending high school in 1940 after Jews were no longer allowed to attend. She resumed her schooling in 1945, and studied engineering in Bucharest.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The collection has been arranged as two series:

Series 1: Biographical material, 1952-2009

Series 2: Photographs, 1925-1978 and undated

Folders are arranged alphabetically, and documents are arranged chronologically.

Indexing terms

Person:

Greif, Ignacy, 1920-2012.

Greif, Izi, 1923-2008.

Greif, Claudia.
Greif, Maximilian, 1912-1980.
Korn, Solomon, 1899-1983.
Korn, Lea, 1897-1967.
Korn, Hari, 1927-2010.

Topical Subject:
Jewish families--Poland.
Jewish families--Romania.
Emigration and immigration--United States.
Jews--Romania--Bucharest.
Engineering students.

Geography:
Bucharest (Romania)
Kolomyja (Poland)

Genre/Form:
Photographs.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Biographical material, 1952-2009

Box	Folder	Title
1 OS	1 1	Greif, Ignacy: 1956-1980
1 OS	2 2	Greif, Izi: 1952-1980
1	3	Greif, Maximilian: Jewish Center in Romania census card, 1952
		Stempler, Jehuda Hersch:
1	4	<i>Imrei Yehudah: Essays on the Study of Shulchan Aruch Hilchos Shechitta</i> , 2009
OS	3	Writings, undated; with accompanying letter, 1966 [both photocopies]

Series 2: Photographs, 1925-1978 and undated

Box	Folder	Title
1	5	Grave of Yehuda Hersch Stempler, undated
1	6	Greif, Claudia, 1954-circa 1956
1	7	Greif, Ignacy, 1938-circa 1940
1	8	Greif, Izi, 1948
1	9	Greif, Maximilian, circa 1950
1	10	Korn family, circa 1929
OS	4	Korn family wedding, Czernowitz, Romania, 1939
1	11	Korn, Hari, 1927-circa 1945
1	12	Korn, Lea, 1925-1930
1	13	Korn, Solomon, 1978