

## HABER FAMILY PAPERS, 1897-CIRCA 1990

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### **Descriptive summary**

Title: Haber family papers

Dates: 1897-circa 1990 [bulk 1897-1954]

Accession number: 2015.236.1

Creator: Haber family (Vienna :Austria)

Extent: 11 folders, 1 oversize folder

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Abstract: The collection documents the Holocaust-era experiences of the Haber family of Vienna, Austria including Fritz Haber (Fred), who emigrated from Vienna, Austria with Eleanor and Gilbert Kraus, an American couple who negotiated the American immigration of fifty Jewish children from Nazi-occupied Vienna in May, 1939. Included are photographs and clippings of Fritz and the other children documenting their trip on board the *SS President Harding* and arrival to the United States; identification papers of Fritz's parents Joseph and Grete Haber; education and employment papers of Joseph; documents of Joseph's parents Hersch and Hinde Haber; and photographs of the Haber family in Vienna and in the United States after Fritz's parents and brother Henry immigrated to the United States by 1940.

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: The collection was donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by Fred Haber in 2015.

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

Processing history: Adam Fielding, May 2017

### **Biographical note**

Joseph Haber was born on 16 July 1893 in Vienna, Austria to Hersch (d. 1911) and Hinde Haber (née Messinger, b. 1865). He married Grete Raschdowitz (b. 1895) and they had two sons, Fritz (Fred, b. 1928) and Henry. Joseph worked in sales. After the German annexation of Austria, the Habers began searching for ways to emigrate. In May 1939, Fritz was selected to be one of fifty Jewish children in Vienna for whom American couple Eleanor and Gilbert Kraus negotiated American visas. They sailed out of Hamburg, Germany on 23 May 1939 on the *SS President Harding* and the children initially lived in the Brith Sholomville children's home, in Collegeville, Pennsylvania before being placed in foster homes. Fritz lived with a foster family in Philadelphia until he was reunited with his family in 1940 after they also managed to emigrate from Austria. Fritz would later go into business with his brother Henry.

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

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### **System of arrangement**

The collection is arranged as two series:

Series 1: Biographical papers, 1897-1954

Series 2: Photographs, circa 1914-circa 1990

Folders are arranged alphabetically and documents are arranged chronologically.

### **Indexing terms**

Person:

Haber, Joseph, 1893-

Haber, Grete, 1895-

Haber, Fritz, 1928-

Haber, Henry.

Kraus, Eleanor, -1989.  
Kraus, Gilbert, -1975.

Topical Subject:  
Jewish families--Austria--Vienna.  
Refugee children--Austria.  
Emigration and immigration--United States--1930-1940.  
World War, 1939-1945--Jews--Rescue--Austria--Vienna.

Geography:  
Vienna (Austria)

Genre/Form:  
Photographs.

## CONTAINER LIST

### Series 1: Biographical papers, 1897-1954

Folder	Title
1	Haber, Grete, 1938-1944
2	Haber, Hersch, 1901-1911
3	Haber, Hinde, 1897-1953
	Haber, Joseph:
4	Correspondence, 1941-1954
5	Education, 1905-1910
6	Employment, 1911-1938
7	Identification papers, 1910-1946
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### Series 2: Photographs, circa 1914-circa 1990

Folder	Title
8	Haber family, circa 1935-circa 1990
9	Haber, Fritz (Fred): <i>SS President Harding, 1939</i>
10	Haber, Joseph, circa 1914-circa 1950
11	Haber, Joseph and Grete, circa 1925-circa 1938