

SALPETER FAMILY COLLECTION, circa 1930s-1983
2015.322.1

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Salpeter family collection

Dates: circa 1930s-1983

Catalog number: 2015.322.1

Creator: Salpeter family (Düsseldorf, Germany)

Extent: 1 box

Repository: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW, Washington, DC 20024-2126

Abstract: The Salpeter family collection consists of biographical and genealogical information regarding the Salpeter family of Düsseldorf, Germany. The collection includes correspondence, dated 1937-1942, sent between the Salpeter family in Germany and Poland, and Klara Salpeter, who had immigrated to the United States in 1938. Photographs of the Salpeter family include candid and studio portraits of Oskar Salpeter, Brunhilde Salpeter, Klara Salpeter, Rieka Salpeter, Dorothea Salpeter, and Charlotte Salpeter. All members of the Salpeter family, except Klara Salpeter, perished in the Holocaust.

Languages: German, English, Polish

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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Related materials: Oral history with Claire Greenwald (Klara Salpeter) conducted on May 10, 2017 (2017.208.1 / RG-59.030.0937).

Processing history: Katelynn Vance, December 2019

Biographical note

Ojser Salpeter (Oskar, b. 1884) was born on January 20, 1884 in Radomyśl, Poland (present-day Ukraine). Brunhilde Salpeter (Bronia/Breindl, née Issler, b. 1891) was born on April 28, 1891 in Radomyśl. Oskar and Brunhilde Salpeter married in Dortmund, Germany on August 26, 1919. They moved to Düsseldorf, Germany where their four daughters were born: Klara Salpeter (May 30, 1923-), Rieka Salpeter (Rika, November 8, 1925-), Dorothea Salpeter (Dora, February 24, 1928-), and Charlotte Salpeter (Lotte, April 8, 1930-). In 1938, Klara Salpeter immigrated to the United States. On October 29, 1938, the Salpeter family was forced out of Germany into Poland, along with thousands of other Polish Jews. The family was forced to travel from town to town including Poznań, Tarnów, and Mielec. Klara Salpeter last heard from her family in late 1941. They are presumed to have perished in either Belzec or Auschwitz concentration camp.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The Salpeter family collection is arranged in three series.

Series 1: Biographical materials, 1939, 1958-1983

Series 2: Correspondence, 1937-1942, undated

Series 3: Photographs, circa 1930s

Indexing terms

People:

Salpeter, Brunhilde.

Salpeter, Charlotte.

Salpeter, Dorothea.

Salpeter, Klara, 1923-

Salpeter, Oskar.

Salpeter, Rieka.

Topics:

Children.

Families.

Holocaust survivors.

Holocaust victims.

Holocaust victims--Germany.
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)
Jews--Germany.
Jews--Poland.
United States--Emigration and immigration.

Geography:

Germany.
Poland.

Genre / Form:

Correspondence.
Identification documents.
Passports.
Photographs.

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Series 1: Biographical materials, 1939, 1958-1983

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1.1	Salpeter family, circa 1958-1983
1.2	Klara Salpeter, Polish passport, 1939

Series 2: Correspondence, 1937-1942, undated

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Series 3: Photographs, circa 1930s

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