

## **SENDZISCHEW AND MOTTES FAMILY PAPERS, CIRCA 1918-1995**

### **2015.594.1**

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#### **Descriptive summary**

Title: Sendzischew and Mottes family papers

Dates: circa 1918-1995

Accession number: 2015.594.1

Creator: Sendzischew family (Sosnowiec :Poland)

Additional creator: Mottes family (Sosnowiec :Poland)

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Abstract: The Sendzischew and Mottes family papers primarily contain biographical papers, restitution claims, and photographs of Holocaust survivors David and Sala Sendzischew of Sosnowiec, Poland. The biographical papers are chiefly identification papers, marriage certificates, and immigration and naturalization documents. Also included is a testimonial statement from Sala, and letter to her from a soldier who helped her during the war. The photographs include family members and friends of the Sendzischew and Mottes families; David, Sala, and Israel Jacob Sendzischew; a photograph album of the family from Erding, Germany; and two photographs of David with a council of survivors in Sosnowiec.

Languages: German, English, Polish, Hebrew, French

#### **Administrative Information**

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Related collections: Oral history interview with Sala Sendzischew's sister Charlotte Jacobowitz, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 1995.A.1261.642.

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, December 2015

### **Biographical note**

David Sendzischew (1918-1997) was born in Sosnowiec, Poland to tailor Jacob and Eva Sendzischew. He had two siblings. He worked as an electrician at the beginning of World War II, and was sent in around late 1939 to the Funfteichen sub-camp of Gross Rosen concentration camp in Poland. He contracted leg infections there, and through the help of a camp doctor, he was able to survive. Around the end of 1944, he escaped from the camp and headed back to Sosnowiec. He was captured by the Russian army, but managed to escape. Upon returning to Sosnowiec, he learned that his home had been taken by neighbors. After the war, he joined a council of survivors to help returning Jews in Sosnowiec. David's parents and siblings were also taken to concentration camps. Everyone but his sister Mary was killed.

Sala Mottes (b. 1923, later known as Sally) was born in Sosnowiec to tailor Israel and Esther Mottes. She had one sister, Cesia (later Charlotte) and one brother, Abram (b. 1929). The family went into hiding at the beginning of the war, but were turned in by their neighbors in 1943. Israel, Esther, and Abram were sent to Auschwitz concentration camp where they were killed. Sala and her sister, Cesia, were sent to the Grünberg sub-camp of Gross Rosen concentration camp. Sala worked in the kitchen, and they escaped in 1945 with the aid of a German soldier. They went back to Sosnowiec.

David and Sala, who knew each other prior to the war, reunited in Sosnowiec, and they were married on May 1, 1945. They moved to Erding, Germany and worked in the blackmarket smuggling money and alcohol. They had a son, Israel Jacob (1946-1992), in 1946. They immigrated to the United States in 1949 and settled in Brooklyn, New York.

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

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### **System of arrangement**

The Sendzischew and Mottes family papers are arranged as two series. Series 1: Biographical material, 1946-1995; Series 2: Photographs, circa 1918-circa 1980s. Both series are arranged alphabetically.

**Indexing terms**

Person:

Sendzischew, David

Sendzischew, Sala

Sendzischew, Israel

Topical Subject:

Restitution and indemnification claims (1933-)

Emigration & immigration--United States--1940-1950.

Holocaust survivors--Poland.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Poland--Sosnowiec (Województwo Śląskie)

Gross-Rosen (Concentration camp)

Geography:

Sosnowiec (Poland)

Erding (Germany)

Genre/Form:

Photographs.

Photograph albums.

**CONTAINER LIST**

**Series 1: Biographical material, 1946-1995**

Box	Folder	Title
1	1	Marriage certificates and ketubah, 1948-1949
1	2	Restitution papers, 1954-1995
		Sendzischew, David:
1	3	Identification papers, 1946; 1949
1	4	Immigration papers, 1950; 1955
		Sendzischew, Israel Jacob:
1	5	Birth certificates and announcement, 1946; 1949
1	6	Identification papers, 1949
1	7	Naturalization certificate, 1959
		Sendzischew, Sala:
1	8	Identification papers, 1946; 1949
1	9	Immigration papers, 1950; 1955
1	10	Letter and photograph from soldier, circa 1946
1	11	Testimony, circa 1990s

**Series 2: Photographs, circa 1918-circa 1980s**

Box	Folder	Title
1	12	Danziger, Felix, circa 1946

1	13	Jadzia, Sosnowiec, Poland, 1945
1	14	Krellman, Yola, Moshe, and unidentified cousin, circa 1940s; 1952
1	15	Lieberman family, Sosnowiec, Poland, 1941
1	16	Mottes, Israel and Esther, circa 1930s
1	17	Mottes, Sala, Cesia, and Abram, circa 1924-circa 1930
1	18	Pariser, Isaac, circa 1940s
1	19	Sendzischew, David, circa 1918-circa 1940s
1	20	Sendzischew, David with council of survivors, Sosnowiec, Poland, 1947
1	21	Sendzischew, David and Sala, 1946-1947
2	1	Sendzischew, David, Sala, and Israel Jacob, Erding, Germany, photograph album, 1946-1947
1	22	Sendzischew family, 1920-1947
1	23	Sendzischew, Sala, 1937-1948; circa 1980s
1	24	Sendzischew, Sala and Israel Jacob, 1947