

**LARRY SHALIT (SCHALYT- TYKOTZKI) FAMILY ARCHIVE, 1918-1968**  
**2015.603.1**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Larry Shalit (Schalyt-Tykotzki) family archive

Dates: 1918-1968

Accession number: 2015.603.1

Creator: Shalit family (Berlin :Germany)

Extent: .5 linear feet (1 box)

Repository: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW,  
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Abstract: The collection contains correspondence, immigration papers, residence permits, identification papers and other related documentation regarding the immigration of Alexander and Sima Shalit, and their son Larry, from Berlin, Germany to the United States in 1934. Also included is earlier documentation from Russia (their country of origin), photographs, and correspondence and immigration documents from other relatives in Europe. Additionally, there is correspondence between Larry Shalit and his parents while he served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II.

Languages: English, Russian, French, Yiddish.

**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.

Physical access: Negatives in this collection are housed separately and are currently unavailable for researchers.

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

Processing history: Adam Fielding, August 2017; updated October 2019, September 2020

### **Biographical note**

Alexander Shalit (born Alexander Schalyt, 1895-1982) was born on 13 August 1895 in Vitebsk, Russia (now Vitebsk, Belarus). He had at least one brother, Norman. His family immigrated to Bialystok, Poland around 1900, and moved to the Free City of Danzig after World War I. He was a furrier by trade, and eventually moved to Berlin, Germany. Alexander married Sima Tykotzki (1898-1968), and their son Larry (1924-2009) was born on 22 October 1924. Disturbed by the rise of Nazism, the Shalits moved to Brussels, Belgium in 1933, and immigrated to the United States in 1934. They settled in Detroit, Michigan in 1935. During the 1930s and 1940s, the Shalits corresponded with other family members, including Sima's relatives in the Tucker family (originally Tykotzki) in England and France. During World War II, Larry served in the United States Army from 1943-1946.

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

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### **System of arrangement**

The collection is arranged as three series:

Series 1: Biographical material, 1918-1968

Series 2: Immigration, 1921-1945

Series 3: Correspondence, 1928-1967

Folders are arranged alphabetically and documents are arranged chronologically.

### **Indexing terms**

Person:

Shalit, Alexander, 1895-1982.

Shalit, Sima, 1898-1968.

Shalit, Larry, 1924-2009.

Corporate:

United States Army.

Topical Subject:

Emigration & immigration--United States.  
Emigration and immigration--Belgium.  
Jewish businesspeople--Germany--Berlin.

Geography:  
Berlin (Germany)  
Brussels (Belgium)  
Detroit (Mich.)

Genre/Form:  
Photographs.

## CONTAINER LIST

### Series 1: Biographical material, 1918-1968

Folder	Title
1	Civil registrations for Leipzig, Danzig, and Berlin, 1920-1928
2	Clippings and family papers, 1947-1963 and undated
3	Photographs: Shalit, Larry, circa 1930-circa 1944
4	Photographs: Tykotski, Schepsel gravestone, undated
5	Shalit, Alexander: Affidavit in lieu of passport, 1935
6	Shalit, Alexander: Identification papers, 1926-1934
7	Shalit, Sima: Eulogy, 1968
8	Shalit, Sima: Identification papers, 1918-1934
9	<i>Winckelmann Tabelle: Berlin</i> , 1931

### Series 2: Immigration, 1921-1945

Folder	Title
10	Brussels, 1933-1934
11	Malvina, Joseph and Sabbatai Sagall, 1941
12	Poretzky, Joseph and family visa applications and affidavits, 1941-1945
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15	United States, 1934-1940

### Series 3: Correspondence, 1928-1967

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17	Shalit, Alexander: Shalit, Sima, 1934-1949
18	Shalit, Alexander: Tucker, Kenneth, 1933
19	Shalit, Alexander: 1928-1959 and undated
20	Shalit, Alexander and Sima: Shalit, Larry, 1943-1944
21	Shalit, Larry: Shalit, Alexander and Sima, 1943-1944
22	Shalit, Sima: Poretzky, Joseph, 1952
23	Shalit, Sima: Tucker, Kenneth, 1952-1953
24	Shalit, Sima: 1944 and undated

25	Telegrams regarding "Abrasha", 1933-1934
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