

BLUE CARD, INC. RECORDS, 1940-2015
2016.161.1

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Descriptive summary

Title: Blue Card, Inc. records

Dates: 1940-2015

Accession number: 2016.161.1

Creator: Blue Card Inc.

Extent: 5.17 linear feet (7 boxes, 1 oversize box)

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Abstract: The collection contains correspondence, minutes of meetings, brochures, news clippings, and printed material, documenting the history of The Blue Card, Inc., in particular its role as a New York-based charity that aided Jewish-German emigres who had fled Europe during the Holocaust. The collection includes minutes, by-laws and articles of incorporation from its inaugural meeting in September 1943; minutes of membership, board of directors, and executive committee meetings; newspaper and magazine clippings about the organization; correspondence, chiefly related to donations to the organization; and publicity and promotional material created by the organization, including holiday calendars, postcards, brochures, and the examples of the namesake "blue card" that donors received following their contributions, among other materials.

Languages: English, German

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 Blue Card, Inc. records were donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by the Blue Card, Inc. in 2015.

Related materials: Blue Card, Inc. also donated 9 reels of microfilmed records of donations to the organization, 1949-1966.

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 and Brad Bauer, June 2016

Biographical note

The Blue Card was established by the Jewish community in Germany in 1934, as a means of helping Jews in Germany who were being persecuted by the Nazi regime through the loss of jobs, the confiscation of Jewish-owned businesses, and other measures. In 1939 The Blue Card was re-established in the United States, with the aim of assisting Jewish refugees who had fled Europe due to Nazi persecution. In 1943 the organization was formally incorporated in the state of New York as a charitable organization.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The Blue Card, Inc. records are arranged alphabetically as 4 series:

Series 1. Organizational files, 1941-2001

Series 2. Correspondence, 1942-2001

Series 3. Publicity, 1940-2015

Series 3. Photographs, 1940-2015

Indexing terms

Corporate:

Blue Card, Inc.

Topical Subject:

Jewish refugees--New York (State)--New York.

Jews--United States--Charities.

World War, 1939-1945--Refugees.

Holocaust survivors--United States.
Holocaust survivors--Services for--United States.

Genre/Form:
Photographs.

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1	4	Blue Card history, circa 1950s-2001
1	5-6	Board of directors annual meeting, 1964-1986
1	7	Board of directors meeting minutes, 1941-1996
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2	4	<i>Former Jewish Communal Property in Germany: A Questionnaire Survey</i> , circa 1948
2	5	Incorporation meeting minutes and by-laws, 1943 September 16
2	6	Microfilm insurance, 1950-1969
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