

## **AJLKICHEN AND FLEICHAKER FAMILIES PAPERS, 1923-2015**

### **2016.534.1**

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#### **Descriptive summary**

Title: Ajlkichen and Fleichaker families papers

Dates: 1923-2015 [bulk 1923-1953]

Accession number: 2016.534.1

Creator: Ajlkichen (Family : Brussels, Belgium)

Additional creator: Fleichaker (Family : Opole, Poland)

Extent: .5 linear feet (1 box)

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Abstract: The collection documents the Holocaust-era experiences of the Ajlkichen family of Brussels, Belgium, including the efforts of Kiwa Ajlkichen and his wife Tcharna Fleichaker to hide their children Roza and François, and the deportation of their daughter Dora in 1942 and her murder at the Auschwitz concentration camp. Documents include identification papers, a polish passport, correspondence, a family book, a personal narrative describing Roza's experiences, and material related to the family's effort to learn the fate of Dora. Photographs include prewar family photographs of the Ajlkichen family in Brussels and the Fleichaker family in Poland; wartime photographs of Roza and François in hiding at the Château de Beloeil; Georges Dath, one of the counsellors who cared for Roz and François at Beloeil; and post-war family photographs in Belgium.

Languages: French, English, Hebrew, 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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Acquisition information: The collection was donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by Rosie Ajlkichen Leibman in 2015.

Related archival materials: Rosie Leibman also donated a sketchbook with 6 pieces of art created by her sister Dora prior to her deportation in 1942 (2016.534.2 a-h). Material related to Rosie Ajlkichen Leibman's husband Jacques Leibman can be found in the Lajbman family papers (2002.304.2)

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, November 2017

### **Biographical note**

Roza Ajlkichen (later Rosie Ajlkichen Leibman) was born on 25 January 1933 in Opole, Poland to Kiwa Ajlkichen (b. 1895) and Tcharna Fayga Fleischaker (b. 1904). She had two sisters, Dora (1926-1942) and Ida (1930-1931), and one brother, François (later Efraim Ajlkichen, b. 1936). Kiwa was a tailor living in Brussels, Belgium when he met Tcharna, and after they married in 1925 they operated a clothing business there.

After the Germans invaded Belgium in May 1940, the family fled by train to Auterive, Haute-Garonne, France with other refugees. They returned to Brussels in September 1940. In August 1942, Dora received a letter conscripting her to forced-labor in Germany. She was deported on 15 August 1942. Kiwa and Tcharna then briefly paid money to a family outside of Brussels to hide Roza and François, but they were mistreated and only remained there for two months. The family managed to stay hidden in their house, only leaving at night for food and supplies. By 1943, many of their neighbors had been deported. After several failed attempts to place Roza and François in safe houses, Tcharna arranged for them to go to a Christian orphanage in Longlier under the false identities of Rosa and François Demien.

In the fall of 1943 the children were sent to the Château de Beloeil, a castle owned by the Prince of Ligne that was opened to orphaned children during the war. While she was there, she befriended Georges Bath, one of the counsellors there. She was baptized while in hiding, and he was her godfather. After Belgium was liberated in September 1944 Roza and François were reunited with their parents in Brussels. The family did not learn until after the war that Dora was deported to the Auschwitz concentration camp where she perished. They immigrated to the United States in 1951 on the *SS Île de France* and settled in New York. François joined the United States Army and later immigrated to Israel. Roza married Jacques Leibman, who was also a hidden child in Belgium.

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

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### **System of arrangement**

The collection is arranged as two series:

Series 1: Biographical material, 1926-2015

Series 2: Photographs, 1923-1953

Folders are arranged alphabetically and documents are arranged chronologically.

### **Indexing terms**

Person:

Ajlkichen, Kiwa, 1895-?

Ajlkichen, Dora, 1926-1942.

Ajlkichen, François, 1936-?

Leibman, Rosie, 1933-?

Fleischaker, Tcharna Fayga, 1904-?

Topical Subject:

Holocaust survivors--Belgium.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Belgium--Brussels.

World War, 1939-1945--Children--Belgium.

World War, 1939-1945--Deportations from Belgium.

Hidden children (Holocaust)--Belgium.

Geography:

Brussels (Belgium)

Belœil (Belgium)

Genre/Form:

Photographs.

Personal narratives.

## **CONTAINER LIST**

### **Series 1: Biographical material, 1926-2015**

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>
1	Ajlkichen, Dora, 1935-2015
2	Ajlkichen, Kiwa, 1940-1951
3	Ajlkichen, Roza, 1936; 1950
4	Ajlkichen, Roza: Correspondence with Andree Herscovici, 2003
5	Ajlkichen, Roza: Personal narrative, circa 1991
6	Family book (Commune de Saint-Josse-ten-Noode), 1926
7	Fleischaker, Tcharna, 1949

**Series 2: Photographs, 1923-1953**

Folder	Title
8	Ajlkichen, Dora, circa 1929-circa 1942
9	Ajlkichen family: Belgium, 1923-circa 1939
10	Ajlkichen family: Belgium, 1945-1946
11	Ajlkichen, Kiwa, circa 1926
12	Ajlkichen, Roza: Beloeil, Belgium, 1944
13	Dath, Georges, 1953
14	Fleichaker, Tcharna, circa 1942
15	Fleichaker family, circa 1925-1939