

JACOB KRIEGEL PAPERS, CIRCA 1914-1970
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Descriptive summary

Title: Jacob Kriegel papers

Dates: circa 1914-1970 (bulk 1939-1958)

Accession number: 2017.110.1

Creator: Kriegel, Jacob, 1896-1970.

Extent: .83 linear feet (2 boxes)

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Abstract: The collection documents the efforts of American Jacob Kriegel, originally of Nadworna, Poland, to assist with family and friends in Poland and Israel trying to immigrate to the United States during the Holocaust and afterwards. The bulk of the collection contains affidavits written by Kriegel, wartime financial and related documents including his efforts to help other local businesses encourage their workers to purchase war bonds, and correspondence. There is significant correspondence from Anna and Max Hutt, his only relatives in Europe, along with their daughter Zimmia, who survived the Holocaust. Other correspondence relates to Kriegel's involvement with Zionist movements. Also included are a few family photographs.

Languages: Polish, German, English, Hebrew

Administrative Information

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Biographical note

Jacob Kriegel (1896-1970) was born in Nadworna, Poland (then a part of Austro-Hungary) on February 12, 1896 to Privah and Chume Elchanan Kriegel. Between 1915 and 1918 Jacob served in the First World War. In his first year of service Jacob was severely wounded. As a consequence of his injury Jacob was sent to a school for officers and eventually became a quartermaster.

In 1920 he emigrated from Poland to the United States with his parents and two siblings, Max, and Clara (later Trauben). On October 22, 1922 Jacob married Annette Silberschlag (1901–1956) whose family had also immigrated to the United States in 1920 from Stryj. The couple went on to have two children, a daughter Rita and a son Sheldon. The Kriegels resided in New York City where Jacob became a manager at the Metropolitan Life Company and remained involved in Jewish social and cultural life, both locally and abroad. Throughout the interwar period Jacob kept in correspondence with relatives and loved ones in Europe. As a consequence of this communication Kriegel became aware of Nazi persecution targeting Polish Jews within the Reich as well those who lived in Poland following German occupation in 1939.

From the late 1930s through the early 1940s Jacob offered various forms of aid to those who remained behind and suffered materially as a consequence of Nazi persecution. In addition to financial support Jacob provided affidavits to a number of associates hoping to flee Europe for the United States. While some of those Jacob helped were able to emigrate, others with whom he corresponded perished during the Holocaust.

After the war Jacob offered assistance to displaced persons and survivors seeking to rebuild their lives in the postwar era. During the postwar years Jacob became involved with groups such as the The United Jewish Appeal and the Zionist Organization of America. As a part of this charitable work Kriegel later traveled to Israel with his second wife Regina Goldfield (1907–2003), who was herself a Holocaust survivor, on several occasions.

Biographical note by Kassandra LaPrade

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The collection is arranged as three series:

Series 1: Affidavits, 1937-1956

Series 2: Correspondence, 1924-1970 and undated

Series 3: Other papers, circa 1914-1957

Folders are arranged alphabetically and documents are arranged chronologically.

Indexing terms

Person:

Kriegel, Jacob, 1896-1970.

Corporate:

Topical Subject:

Affidavits.

Refugees, Jewish--Poland.

Emigration & immigration--United States.

Zionism.

Jewish businesspeople--United States.

Geography:

Poland.

Israel.

New York (N.Y.)

Genre/Form:

Photographs.

Affidavits.

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Series 1: Affidavits, 1937-1956

Box	Folder	Title
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1	6	Burstyn family, 1939-1940
1	7	Delman family, 1948
1	8	Financial and related documents, 1943-circa 1950
1	9	Hirschberg family, circa 1947
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Series 2: Correspondence, 1924-1970 and undated

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1	38	Nebenzahl family, 1957-1960
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2	1	1924-1947
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Series 3: Other papers, circa 1914-1957

Box	Folder	Title
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2	6	Receipts, 1934-1957
2	7	Speeches, circa 1946-circa 1956
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