

**DAVID WEYL DIARIES, 1942-1945**  
**2017.523.1**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: David Weyl diaries

Dates: 1942-1945

Accession number: 2017.523.1

Creator: Weyl, David, 1873-1948.

Extent: .5 linear feet (1 folder, 1 book enclosure)

Repository: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW,  
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Abstract: The collection consists of three diaries kept by David Weyl, originally of Erkelenz, Germany, documenting his Holocaust experiences after fleeing Germany to the Netherlands in 1939. The diaries chronicle his deportations to the Westerbork and Theresienstadt concentration camps and span 1942-December 1945. They also include notes on family history and addresses.

Languages: German, Dutch

**Administrative Information**

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Acquisition information: The collection was donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by Shirley A. Heiman in 2017. Shirley is the granddaughter of David Weyl.

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Processing history: Adam Fielding, January 2018

### **Biographical note**

David Weyl (1873-1948) was born on 11 October 1873 in Erkelenz, Germany to Anselm (1831-1897) and Flora (née Leffmann, 1844-1919) Weyl. He had 15 siblings: Albert (1864-1937), Friederika (1866-1935), Henrietta (b. 1867), Helena (1869-1942), Johanna (1871-1871), Moritz (1872-1936), Bernhard (1875-1930), Louis (1876-1934), Julia (1878-1878), Emanuel (1879-1879), Lina (1880-1907), Jakob (1882-1942?), Louise (1883-1944), Julius (1884-1884), and Rosa (1887-1950). David's father Anselm owned textile stores in Erkelenz and Kleve. After Anselm died, David and his brother Louis took over the business. Their Kleve store was sold to Leonhard Tietz AG in 1928.

David married Sofie Jonas (1886-1936) in 1906 and had two children, Hans (1907-1997) and Trude (later Trude Heiman, 1911-1994). Hans immigrated to Arnhem, the Netherlands in 1933. He was deported to Westerbork in 1942 along with his wife Margot and their daughter Eva. All three survived the Holocaust. Trude immigrated to the United States in 1938 with her husband Walter Heiman while she was pregnant with their son John. They settled in St Louis, Mo.

After the outbreak of World War II in 1939, David fled to the Netherlands. He was deported to the Westerbork concentration camp and then to Theresienstadt in 1944. After liberation, he immigrated to the United States in 1946 to live with his daughter Trude in St. Louis. David died in 1948 from tuberculosis which he contracted in Westerbork.

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

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### **System of arrangement**

The collection is arranged as one series.

### **Indexing terms**

Person:

Weyl, David, 1873-1948.

Corporate:

Westerbork (Concentration camp)

Theresienstadt (Concentration camp)

Topical Subject:

Holocaust (1939-1945)--Personal narratives.

Holocaust survivors.

Jews--Germany.

Refugees, Jewish--Netherlands.

Geography:  
Netherlands.

Genre/Form:  
Diaries.

### CONTAINER LIST

Box/Folder	Title
BE 1	1942-1944
1.1	1945 August-September
	1945 October-December