

AARON TUNICK PAPERS, 1923-1946
2017.537.2

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Descriptive summary

Title: Aaron Tunick papers

Dates: 1923-1946

Accession number: 2017.537.2

Creator: Tunick, Aaron, 1904-1970.

Extent: .5 linear feet (1 box)

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Abstract: The collection primarily consists of family correspondence received by Aaron Tunick, originally of Stołpce, Poland (Stolbsty or Stowbtsy, Belarus), after he emigrated from Poland in 1934. The bulk of the letters (1936-1941) are from his siblings, and in particular Henja and Yitzhak. The letters discuss a deteriorating situation, loss of their businesses because they are Jewish, a rise in anti-Semitism, and an urgency to flee Poland. A small amount of biographical material consists of a birth certificate and a Zionist Organization of Poland identification card. Also included are photographs depicting Aaron and his family and friends in Stołpce, Poland and his life after immigrating to the United States.

Languages: Polish, Yiddish, English

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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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, August 2018

Biographical note

Aaron Tunick (born Aron Tunik, 1904-1970) was born in Stołpce, Poland (Stolbsty or Stowbtsy, Belarus) to Mordechai Tunik (1877-1942) and Freida Kharoz (1880-1942). He had eight siblings: Abraham (1902-1969), Menukha (1908-1942), Relka (or Erela, 1902 or 1908-1942), Khasja (1909-1942), Yitzkhak (1912-1942), Henja (1912-1942), Mania (1915-1942), and Tzvi (1928-1942). Mordechai was a merchant.

Aaron left Poland in 1934 to join his brother Abraham in Santiago, Chile. By 1935 he immigrated to the United States and settled in New York. He married Goldie Nitzberg (1902-1983) in 1937, whom he previously knew and had sponsored his immigration. They moved to Chicago by 1940 and had two children, Allen and Eileen.

Aaron and Abraham's entire family was murdered in the Holocaust in 1942.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The collection is arranged as three series.

Series 1. Biographical material, 1930, 1934

Series 2. Correspondence, 1923-1946 and undated

Series 3. Photographs, circa 1920s-1938

Folders are arranged alphabetically and documents are arranged chronologically.

Indexing terms

Topical Subject:

Jews--Belarus--Stoŭbtsy (Minskaia voblasts')

Geography:
Stoŭbtsy (Minskaia voblasts', Belarus)
United States--Emigration and immigration.

Genre/Form:
Photographs.
Correspondence.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1. Biographical material, 1930, 1934

Box/Folder	Title
1.1	Biographical papers, 1930, 1934

Series 2. Correspondence, 1923-1946 and undated

Box/Folder	Title
1.2	1923-1936
1.3	1937
1.4	1938
1.5	1939
1.6	1940-1946
1.7-1.8	Undated (2 folders)

Series 3. Photographs, circa 1920s-1938

Box/Folder	Title
1.9	Family and friends, 1912-1938
1.10	Loose photograph album pages, circa 1920s-circa 1930s