

JACOB RIEMER AND GUSTAWA ZABRAMNA PAPERS, circa 1933-2000
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Descriptive summary

Title: Jacob Riemer and Gustawa Zabramna Tenenbaum papers

Dates: circa 1933-2000

Accession number: 2019.555.1

Creator: Riemer, Jacob, 1912-1984

Additional creator: Tenenbaum, Gustawa Zabramna, 1913-2000

Extent: 14 folders

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Abstract: The Jacob Riemer and Gustawa Zabramna Tenenbaum papers document the separate stories of Jacob Reimer and his wife's cousin, Gustawa Zabramna Tenenbaum. Jacob Riemer's papers consist of letters his parents sent him from Europe following his immigration to the United States. Gustawa Zabramna Tenenbaum's papers include biographical materials, personal narratives, photographs, printed materials, and restitution files documenting her post-Holocaust recovery in Sweden, her immigration to the United States, and the lingering effects of her imprisonment at Auschwitz.

Languages: English, German, Swedish, Polish

Administrative Information

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Acquisition information: Barbara Krupat donated the Jacob Riemer and Gustawa Zabramna Tenenbaum papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2019. Barbara Krupat is the daughter of Jacob Riemer was Barbara Krupat's father. Gustawa Zabramna Tenenbaum was Barbara Krupat's mother's cousin.

Related materials: Barbara Krupat also donated a tag (2019.555.2) that had belonged to Gustawa Zabramna to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Accruals: Accruals may have been received since this collection was first processed. See archives catalog at collections.ushmm.org for further information.

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Biographical note

Jacob Riemer (1912-1984) was born in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, to Rywka Rachel (Kampler) Riemer (1884-1944) and Ruben Mendel Riemer (1879-1944). His parents were born in Tarnow, Poland, married in Frankfurt, and had three children. Jacob's older brother Joseph was born in 1910, and his younger sister Gustl was born around 1914. Jacob was arrested during Kristallnacht and sent to Dachau. He immigrated to the United States in December 1939 and settled in New York City. He married Anna Landau (1917-2008), a Jewish immigrant from Vienna, in June 1942.

Gustawa (Gerda) Zabramna Tenenbaum (1913-2000) was born in Sosnowiec, Poland, to David and Ruchla Landau. She was married to Moses Zabramny and had one son, Shalom. The Zabramny family were forced into the Sosnowiec ghetto following the German occupation of Poland. Gustawa's husband, child, and parents were rounded up during an Aktion, while she hid, and she never saw them again. She was sent to Auschwitz herself a few months later. She was liberated from Bergen Belsen in May 1945 and accepted an offer of transport to Sweden. The Red Cross helped her find an aunt and uncle who had immigrated to New York City, and she immigrated to the United States in 1949. She married Harry Tenenbaum (1912-2004), and the couple lived in Erie, PA.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The Jacob Riemer and Gustawa Zabramna Tenenbaum papers are arranged in two series.

Series 1: Jacob Riemer papers, 1940-1942

Series 2: Gustawa Zabramna Tenenbaum papers, circa 1933-2000

Indexing terms

Jews--Germany--Frankfurt am Main.

Jews--Poland--Sosnowiec.

Holocaust survivors--Sweden.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Personal narratives.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Reparations.

Letters.

Photographs.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Jacob Riemer, 1940-1942

Box/Folder	Title
1.1	Correspondence, 1940-1942

Series 2: Gustawa Zabramna Tenenbaum papers, circa 1933-2000

Box/Folder	Title
1.2	Biographical material: Gustawa Zabramna, 1948-1949
1.3	Biographical material: Gustawa Zabramna, 1952-1955, 1987
1.4	Biographical material: Henry Tenenbaum, 1976
1.5	Biographical material: Moses Zabramny, 1945-1952
1.6	Personal narratives, circa 1988
1.7	Photographs, circa 1933, circa 1992
1.8	Printed material, circa 1968-1993
1.9	Restitution: Affidavits, 1958-1969
1.10	Restitution: Germany, 1953-1970
1.11	Restitution: Medical, 1952-1970
1.12	Restitution: Narratives and notes, 1953-2000
1.13	Restitution: Sweden, 1946-1949
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