

Kolekcja Hersza Wassera, 1939-1946

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Custodial History

Existence and Location of Originals: The original records are held in the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in New York, Record Group 225. Hersch Wasser secretly shipped documents from the Ringelblum Archives from communist Poland to France trying to save them that way. Digital copies of documents were made out of microfilms handed over to the Żydowski Instytut Historyczny im. Emanuela Ringelbluma (ŻIH) in Warsaw by YIVO in NY. Digital collection was sent to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, International Archival Programs in 2009 and later transferred to the Museum Archives. For more information contact the Żydowski Instytut Historyczny im. Emanuela Ringelbluma, ul. Tłomackie 3/5, 00-090 Poznań, Poland. Tel. 011 48 22 827 92 21. More information about this repository can be found at www.jewishinstitute.org.pl.

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Related Materials

USHMM Archives, RG-15.079M, Konspiracyjne Archiwum Getta Warszawskiego: Archiwum Ringelbluma: Underground Archives of the Warsaw Ghetto: Ringelblum Archives, 1939-1943.
The Oneg Shabes-Ringelblum Archive Catalog and Guide. Edited by Robert Moses Shapiro and Tadeusz Epsztein, Introduction by Samuel D. Kassow, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Washington D.C., Indiana University Press, Bloomington and Indianapolis, 2009.

Scope and Content of Collection

The collection consists of diaries, eyewitness accounts, testimonies, essays, official and underground publications, documents from the Jewish councils (Judenrats). The materials pertain to Jewish communities, ghettos, labor camps and to Jews living illegally on the "Aryan side". Materials on the Warsaw Ghetto include a manuscript diary and other notes by Emanuel Ringelblum. Essays by other members of the Oneg Shabat group on topics related to conditions in the ghetto, such as: black market, street trade, smuggling, working, performing arts, child beggars, ghetto folklore, sanitary conditions, mortality, the Jewish police, the Judenrat, self-help organizations, child care. Materials on the Warsaw Ghetto uprising in April 1943 include testimonies, reports in the Polish underground press, a communication from the Polish Home Army (Armia Krajowa, AK) to the Jewish Fighters' Organization (Żydowska Organizacja Bojowa, ŻOB) about support for the uprising. Materials on other communities consist mostly of eyewitness accounts and diaries from Chełm, Ciechanów, Częstochowa, Dąbie, Garbatka, Góra Kalwaria, Gorlice, Kaunas (Kowno), Krośniewice, Kutno, Legionowo, Łódź, Lubicz, Lublin, Lwów, Ostrowiec, Otwock, Piotrków, Płock, Płonsk, Serock, Słonim, Sokół Podlaski, Torczyn, Vilna. Eyewitness accounts of the early labor camps for Jewish prisoners in Budzyn, Łowicz, Osiedle Osów, Pustków, Tyszowce. A testimony about the first death camp in Chełmno near Łódź.

Indexing Terms

Ringelblum, Emanuel--1900-1944.
Wasser, Hersz--1912-1981.
Gutowski, Eliahu--1900-1943.
Żydowska Organizacja Bojowa (Poland)
Poland--Polskie Siły Zbrojne--Armia Krajowa.
Jewish ghettos--Poland.
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Poland--Personal narratives.
Warsaw (Poland)--History --Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, 1943.
World War, 1939-1945--Jewish resistance—Poland--Warsaw.