Memoirs of Lyubov Tartakover about her husband Shulem-Yankel Leibovich, Holocaust survivor

RG-31.048

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Memoirs of Lyubov Tartakover about her husband Shulem-Yankel Leibovich, Holocaust survivor

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**Biographical Note**

Solomon Mavritsovich Lebovich (nee Shulem-Yankel) was born on May 5, 1929 in Czechoslovakia, and was sent as a teenager to Auschwitz/Birkenau Concentration camp in 1944. He survived the many selections, although many in his family did not. He was forced to work moving and piling corpses of family and friends. He spent time in various camps including: Buchenwald, Theresienstadt, Gross-Rosen, Mauthausen, and finally, Dachau. He was later liberated by American forces in 1945. He moved to Israel with his wife, Lubov Tartakover, in 1972, where he lived until his death in 1996.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

The collection contains the memoir "Gray Shaking Shadows", hand-written by Solomon Mavritsovich Lebovich's wife, Lubov Tartakover. The memoir covers Solomon Mavritsovich Lebovich's time in a series of camps from 1944 to 1945, deportation to Birkenau - Auschwitz, his experiences in Buchenwald, Gross-Rosen and other concentration camps, liberation and repatriation. Also includes one photograph and three drawings.

**System of Arrangement**

This collection is arranged into 18 chapters.

**Indexing Terms**


Auschwitz (Concentration camp)

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945) -- Personal narratives.
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945) Prisoners and prisons -- Europe.
Jews -- Ukraine -- Memoirs.

**Inventory:**

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