

## **Leonard and Edith Ehrlich collection**

### **Introductory note by Anatol Steck, Project Director in the International Archival Programs Division of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum:**

These summary transcription notes of the digitized interviews recorded by Leonard and Edith Ehrlich in the 1970s as part of their research for their manuscript about the Jewish community leadership in Vienna and Theresienstadt during the Holocaust titled "Choices under Duress" are a work in progress. The project started in April 2016 and is ongoing. The summary notes are being typed while listening to the recordings in real time; this requires simultaneous translation as many of the interviews are in German, often using Viennese vernacular and/or Yiddish terms (especially in case of the lengthy interview with Benjamin Murmelstein which the Ehrlichs recorded with Mr. and Mrs. Murmelstein over several days in their apartment in Rome and which constitutes a major part of this collection). The summary notes are intended as a tool and a finding aid for the researcher; researchers are strongly encouraged to consult the digitized recordings for accuracy and authenticity and not to rely solely on the summary notes. As much as possible, persons mentioned by name in the interviews are identified and described in the text; however, as persons are often referred to in the interviews only by last name, their identification is sometimes based on the context in which their names appear within the interview (especially in cases where different persons share the same last name). In case of the interview with Benjamin Murmelstein, unless specifically stated at the beginning of the tape by Leonard Ehrlich, it is not always clear whether a particular interview segment continues in the correct order or, as the interview was recorded over several days, a particular interview segment continues where the interview was concluded on the previous day. It is possible that the individual interview segments are not in their correct order. – Washington, D.C., July 2016

#### **RG-50.862\*0012**

**An unidentified individual reads aloud excerpts of historical documents that were transcribed into English**

**Oral history interview with Marian Gerber Greenberg**

#### **RG-50.862.0012.01.08.mp3**

An unnamed person - does not appear to be Leonard Ehrlich or Edith Ehrlich unless the quality of the recording is such that it has altered the sound of the voice - reads aloud historical documents that were transcribed into English.

Sound quality: Very good

#### **RG-50.862.0012.02.08.mp3**

An unnamed person - does not appear to be Leonard Ehrlich or Edith Ehrlich - reads aloud historical documents that were transcribed into English.

Sound quality: Poor

**RG-50.862.0012.03.08.mp3**

An unnamed person - does not appear to be Leonard Ehrlich or Edith Ehrlich - reads aloud historical documents that were transcribed into English.

Sound quality: Mediocre

**RG-50.862.0012.04.08.mp3**

An unnamed person - does not appear to be Leonard Ehrlich or Edith Ehrlich - reads aloud historical documents that were transcribed into English.

Sound quality: Mediocre

**RG-50.862.0012.05.08.mp3**

An unnamed person - does not appear to be Leonard Ehrlich or Edith Ehrlich - reads aloud historical documents that were transcribed into English.

Sound quality: Mediocre

**RG-50.862.0012.06.08.mp3**

An unnamed person - does not appear to be Leonard Ehrlich or Edith Ehrlich - reads aloud historical documents that were transcribed into English.

Sound quality: Poor

**RG-50.862.0012.07.08.mp3**

An unnamed person - does not appear to be Leonard Ehrlich or Edith Ehrlich - reads aloud historical documents that were transcribed into English.

Sound quality: Poor

**RG-50.862.0012.08.08.mp3**

Interview with **Marian Gerber Greenberg**, who worked closely with Henrietta Szold, the founder of the Hadassah, the Woman's Zionist Organization of America, and its Youth Aliyah to help rescue thousands of Jewish children from Nazi Germany. Born in Philadelphia, she died at the age of 89 on February 24, 1987. [Source: New York Times]

Recording starts with Leonard Ehrlich stating: "Tape number two. Interview with Marian Greenberg, July 27, 1982"

Sound quality: Good