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**Inventory of the Devorah
Urgeshevitz Radin Papers, 1928-2005**

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Devorah Urgeshevitz Radin papers
Date(s)	1928-2005
Creator:	Radin, Devorah Urgeshevitz, 1910-2000
Abstract:	Images, photocopies of passports and other government documents, and other papers of Devorah "Dorothy" Urgeshevitz Radin, a Jewish nurse who fled Lithuania in 1939. Images include photocopies and digital images of Radin, her family members, and friends taken from her scrapbooks.
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Biographical Note

Devorah "Dorothy" Urgeshevitz [later changed to Hirsh] Radin (1910-2000) was born in Lithuania to a devout Jewish family. She was educated in Catholic schools, the only option available at the time, and attended a Red Cross nursing school. She worked as a nurse at a Jewish hospital in Kaunas, the Lithuanian capital. In 1937, after visiting the World's Fair in Paris, she began to think it was unsafe for Jews to remain in Europe. Though she had reservations about leaving Lithuania, she successfully bribed officials to hurry her visa application along, and in 1939 she bought a ticket to the United States aboard the SS *Nieuw Amsterdam*. While she was able to escape and join her sister and two of her brothers, other relatives who remained in Lithuania—her mother, another of her brothers, two of her brothers' wives, and their children—were all shot and thrown in a communal grave.

After Urgeshevitz's arrival in the United States, she signed up for an English class, realizing that she would need to speak English in order to work as a nurse. In an effort to further assimilate into American culture, she changed her name from Devorah Urgeshevitz to Dorothy Hirsh. Before the start of World War II, she met Samuel Radin (formerly Radinsky), a doctor and fellow Lithuanian who had come to America in 1910 at the age of eight. After serving in the U.S. Army in India and Burma from 1941-1945, he returned home and resumed his friendship with Urgeshevitz. They married in 1946.

Collection Overview

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Collection Arrangement

Materials are described at the folder level.

Restrictions

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Search Terms

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Names

Radin, Devorah Urgeshevitz, 1910-2000

Subjects

Forced migration--Lithuania
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Lithuania--Kaunas
World War, 1939-1945--Lithuania--Kaunas

Places

Kaunas (Lithuania)

Types of Material

Digital images
DVDs
Photo CDs
Photocopies

Administrative Information

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Acquisitions Information

Materials were donated in 2005 by Barbara Radin Fox, Devorah Urgeshevitz Radin's daughter.

Processing Information

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Inventory

Folder 1	Biographical information, 2005, undated Includes notes from conversations with Radin's daughter, Barbara Radin Fox, by Karen Tannenbaum, field researcher for the Holocaust Archives, and brief biographies of Radin written by her daughter and herself.
Folder 2	Identification photocopies, 1928-1946, 1995, 2005, undated Includes photocopies of Radin's Lithuanian and American passports, photocopies of Radin's and her husband's United States certificates of naturalization and marriage license, and photocopies of Radin's diplomas, transcripts, and Lithuanian nursing license.
Folder 3	Correspondence photocopies, 1959-1972, undated Photocopies of correspondence, including letters in Yiddish to Radin from her sister-in-law in Lithuania.
Folder 4	Photograph album photocopies, 1928-1943 Photocopies of pages and loose photographs from Radin's photograph album showing her as a student in high school and nursing school, with family and friends, and on vacation in Palanga and Kraziai in Lithuania, and at the World's Fairs in Paris and New York. These images have been scanned and are available on CD and DVD.
Folder 5	Photograph album photocopies, 1928-1944 Photocopies of pages and loose photographs from Radin's photograph album showing her with family and friends. These images have not been scanned and the photocopies are the only copies of these images.
Folder 6	Digital images, 1928-2005 Printouts of scans of photograph album and other papers. Digital images on CD and DVD are included.