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Inventory of the David Grabin Papers, 1930-1999

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	David Grabin papers
Date(s)	1930-1999
Creator:	Grabin, David, 1919-2004
Abstract:	Images, memoir, and newspaper clippings of David Grabin, a Holocaust survivor imprisoned at several camps during World War II. Images include negatives, slides, photocopies, and digital images of family photographs Grabin carried throughout the war. Grabin's memoir details his experience as he was separated from his family and moved from camp to camp, ending at Theresienstadt.
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Language of Material:	Materials in English and Hebrew

Biographical and Historical Note

David Grabin (1919-2004) was born in Łódź, Poland, where he lived his parents, two brothers, a sister and brother-in-law, and their two children. Germany invaded Łódź in September 1939, and in July 1940, his entire family was deported and eventually imprisoned in the Łódź ghetto. Grabin was separated from his family and forced to work at multiple camps throughout Eastern Europe and Germany, including Kaiserwald and Buchenwald. The last camp he was sent to was Theresienstadt, which was liberated by the Russians less than two weeks after his arrival. After being liberated, Grabin returned to Łódź and was reunited with his oldest brother in 1945. None of his other family members survived.

Collection Overview

Images, memoir, and newspaper clippings of David Grabin, a Holocaust survivor imprisoned at several camps during World War II, including Buchenwald, Kaiserwald, and Theresienstadt. Images include negatives, slides, photocopies, and digital images of family photographs Grabin carried throughout the war. Grabin's memoir details his experience as he was separated from his family and moved from camp to camp, ending at Theresienstadt.

Collection Arrangement

Materials are described at the folder level.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

Names

Grabin, David, 1919-2004
Theresienstadt (Concentration camp)

Subjects

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Poland--Personal narratives
Holocaust survivors
World War, 1939-1945--Atrocities
World War, 1939-1945--Concentration camps--Germany
World War, 1939-1945--Concentration camps--Latvia
World War, 1939-1945--Concentration camps--Poland

Places

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Types of Material

Black-and-white negatives
Black-and-white slides
Clippings (information artifacts)
Digital images
Facsimiles (reproductions)
Memoirs
Photocopies

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Acquisitions Information

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Processing Information

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Inventory

Folder 1	<p>"The life during the horror Nazi years, 1939-45," undated</p> <p>Grabin's memoir, which details his family's deportation from Slesin and his many subsequent camp locations in Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Germany, and Czechoslovakia.</p>
Folder 2	<p>Photographs, 1930-1949</p> <p>Photocopies of photographs of Grabin, family, and friends. Photographs are mostly pre-war and taken in Slesin, Poland. Includes photographs of Grabin while he was in labor camps in Poland in 1940 and 1941. Descriptions of each photograph are included.</p>
Folder 3	<p>Negatives, 1930-1949</p> <p>Negatives and digital images of photographs in folder 2.</p>
Folder 4	<p>Slides, 1930-1949</p> <p>Slides of photographs in folder 2.</p>
Folder 5	<p>Facsimiles, 1934-1941, 1949</p> <p>Facsimiles of select photographs in folder 2.</p>
Folder 6	<p>Newspaper clippings, 1968, 1981-1999</p> <p>Clippings in English and Hebrew describe events of the Holocaust in Poland and Buchenwald and Grabin's religious life in Richmond, Virginia. Also includes an invitation to the 1999 Kristallnacht Memorial Service at the Emek Sholom Holocaust Memorial in Richmond, one of the first Holocaust memorials in North America.</p>