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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Albert Rosenthal papers
Date(s)	1990-1995
Creator:	Rosenthal, Albert
Abstract:	The collection consists of a memoir and other papers of Albert Rosenthal, a Jewish native of Transylvania, a region of Romania, who survived imprisonment in Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen concentration camps during World War II.
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Biographical Note

Albert Rosenthal was born in Sighet, Transylvania, a region of Romania. In April 1944, when Rosenthal was 19, he was imprisoned in the Sighet ghetto along with his parents, sister, and other Jewish residents of Sighet. Shortly thereafter, the family was deported to Auschwitz, where Rosenthal's mother was killed immediately after arrival. Rosenthal and his father were sent from Auschwitz to a forced labor camp in Wolfsberg, Germany, where they remained for eight months.

In January 1945, the Rosenthals were forced to march to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp as Russian forces moved into the area. On the eve of Passover in April 1945, Albert Rosenthal's father died. Bergen-Belsen was liberated by British forces on April 15, 1945. Rosenthal was taken to a hospital under British control in Bergen, and then transferred to Sweden for further treatment.

Collection Overview

The collection consists of a memoir and other papers of Albert Rosenthal, a Jewish native of Transylvania, a region of Romania, who survived imprisonment in Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen concentration camps during World War II. Rosenthal's two-part memoir focuses on events in 1944 and 1945. Photocopied materials relate to 1995 ceremonies commemorating the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Nazi concentration camps.

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

- Rosenthal, Albert
- Auschwitz (Concentration camp)
- Bergen-Belsen (Concentration camp)

Subjects

- Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)
- Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Anniversaries, etc.
- Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Personal narratives
- Holocaust survivors--Romania
- World War, 1939-1945--Atrocities
- World War, 1939-1945--Concentration camps--Germany
- World War, 1939-1945--Concentration camps--Liberation
- World War, 1939-1945--Concentration camps--Poland

Places

- Transylvania (Romania)

Types of Material

- Correspondence
- Memoirs
- Photocopies
- Programs (documents)

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Acquisitions Information

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Processing Information

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Inventory

Folder 1

"Memories of the Holocaust," 1990, 1994

Albert Rosenthal's two-part memoir focuses on events in 1944 and 1945.

Folder 2

Programs and correspondence, 1995

Programs and correspondence related to the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of liberation of Nazi concentration camps. Included are programs from ceremonies in New York and Bergen-Belsen and an excerpt from the Book of Remembrance which lists Rosenthal and other prisoners of Bergen-Belsen.