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Inventory of the Minnie Tewel Baum Papers, 1938-1941

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Minnie Tewel Baum papers
Date(s)	1938-1941
Creator:	Baum, Minnie Tewel, 1898-1985
Abstract:	The collection consists of letters, telegrams, and other papers relating to Minnie Tewel Baum's unsuccessful efforts to aid her cousin, Malie Landsmann, and her family, in escaping Nazi Germany. Included is a photograph of Malie Landsmann, her husband, Chaim, and their daughters, Ida and Peppi.
Extent:	0.25 linear feet (2 folders)
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Language of Material:	Materials in English and German

Biographical Note

In 1938, Minnie Tewel Baum, a resident of Camden, South Carolina, was contacted by Malie Landsmann, a cousin living in Berlin, Germany. Landsmann sought Baum's assistance to help her and her family escape Nazi Germany. Baum and Landsmann corresponded for three years, during which Baum tried to find ways for the Landsmann family to immigrate to America. Baum researched travel arrangements, obtained affidavits, and investigated immigration to other countries, including Cuba. None of these efforts was successful, and in June 1941, Baum received the last of Landsmann's letters.

Collection Overview

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Collection Arrangement

Materials are described at the folder level.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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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

Baum, Minnie Tewel, 1898-1985
Landsmann, Malie

Subjects

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Personal narratives
World War, 1939-1945--Atrocities
World War, 1939-1945--Jews--Rescue

Places

Berlin (Germany)

Types of Material

Black-and-white negatives
Black-and-white photographs
Black-and-white slides
Correspondence
Photocopies

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Minnie Tewel Baum papers, College of Charleston Libraries, Charleston, SC, USA.

Acquisitions Information

Materials were donated in 2011 by Ann Meddin Hellman on behalf of her mother-in-law, Irene Hellman.

Processing Information

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Inventory

Folder 1

Correspondence, 1938-1941

Included are letters to Minnie Baum from Malie Landsmann; from Baum's sisters, Fannie Tewel Adlestein and Rose Tewel; and from various organizations, including the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society of America, and the Coordinating Refugee Committee of South Carolina. A single photograph of the Landsmann family is also included.

Folder 2

Photocopies, slides, and negatives, 1938-1941

Included are photocopies of the correspondence in folder 1, and slides and negatives of the photograph of the Landsmann family.