

Drew University Center for Holocaust/Genocide Study Collections
Nuernberg-Fuerth Survivors Group Collection
Finding Aid

Creator: Frank A. Harris
Title: Nuernberg-Fuerth Survivors Group Collection
Dates: 1999-2007
Abstract: This collection contains material related to the Nuernberg-Fuerth Survivors Group. The Group is made up of survivors, children of survivors, and grandchildren of survivors of the Holocaust. The Group holds regular organized gatherings and reunions and produces yearly newsletters.
Extent: 1 box, 0.5 linear feet
Languages: English
Repository: Drew University Library, Madison NJ

Historical Note

The Nuernberg-Fuerth Survivors Group began in the late 1970s under the leadership of Frank A. Harris. Harris, born Franz Hess in Furth in 1922, began reaching out to current and former residents of Nuernberg-Fuerth in search of those who survived the Holocaust. Harris originally touched base with about 60 Jewish citizens who had lived in the area during World War II and survived the period of the Holocaust. He began sending out a yearly newsletter to the survivors and their descendants in 1976. From 60 newsletter recipients in 1977 to more than 1,200 members as of 2012, the Group has grown considerably over the years. The purpose of the group is to reunite Jewish families and friends who dispersed from the area during and after the war.

In addition to the newsletter, Harris began organizing regular reunions of the group members starting in July, 1978. That event was held in Monticello, NY and gathered together more than 200 survivors and their families coming from nearly a dozen countries worldwide. There have been eight additional reunions since the first one, with each gaining in attendance from the one that preceded it. As of 2012, the Group was represented by five generations of survivors and their descendants spanning five continents.

Scope and Content Note

The Nuernberg-Fuerth Survivors Group Collection is part of the larger group of archival collections from the Drew University Center for Holocaust/Genocide Study. The collection includes copies of the yearly newsletters from 2001-2007, printed information about the 1999 and 2005 reunions, and videotapes of the events of the 1999 reunion. The materials were donated to the Drew University Center for Holocaust/Genocide Study by Frank Harris on behalf of the Nuernberg-Fuerth Survivors Group Collection.

Arrangement

Series I. Printed Materials
Series II. Visual Media

Administrative Information

Acquisition

Donated by Frank A. Harris to the Drew University Center for Holocaust/Genocide Study, 2005. Drew University Center for Holocaust/Genocide Study Collections transferred to Drew University Library, 2014.

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- Witold Szymanski Collection
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- New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education, Trenton, NJ
- Leo Baeck Institute, New York City, NY
- Sara & Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center, Stockton University, Galloway, NJ

Index Terms

People

Harris, Frank A. (Franz Siegmund Hess), 1922-

Subjects

Children of Holocaust survivors (lcsh)
Grandchildren of Holocaust survivors (lcsh)
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945) (lcsh)
Holocaust survivors (lcsh)
Jews—History—20th century (lcsh)
Nazi Holocaust (lcsh)
World War, 1939-1945 (lcsh)

Document Types

Newsletters (aat)
Video recordings (aat)

Container List

Series I. Published Documents

Series Description and Arrangement: Series I Printed Materials contains newsletters and handouts related to the Nuernberg-Fuerth Survivors Group. The handouts are for the 1999 and 2005 group reunions. The yearly newsletters span the years 2001 to 2007. All items in the series are arranged in chronological order. Please note that this series is housed in the same box as Series II, described below.

Box 1

Nuernberg-Fuerth Four Generation Turn of the Century Reunion handout, 1999
Nuernberg-Fuerth Survivors Group Newsletter, 2001-2005
Nuernberg-Fuerth Five Generation Reunion handout, 2005
Nuernberg-Fuerth Survivors Group Newsletter, 2001-2005
Nuernberg-Fuerth Survivors Group Newsletter, 2005-2007

Series II. Visual Media

Series Description and Arrangement: Series II Visual Media contains five VHS tapes. The first four tapes highlight the events of the Four Generation Turn of the Century Reunion that took place in June, 1999. The fifth video is part one of a series of videos highlighting the 2002 Global Multi-Generation Reunion; additional parts of the series are not included in the collection. The tapes are arranged chronologically. Please note that this series is housed in the same box as Series I, described above.

Box 1

Nuernberg-Fuerth: Four Generation Turn of the Century Reunion, June 1999, Tape 1
Nuernberg-Fuerth: Four Generation Turn of the Century Reunion, June 1999, Tape 2
Nuernberg-Fuerth: Four Generation Turn of the Century Reunion, June 1999, Tape 3
Nuernberg-Fuerth: Four Generation Turn of the Century Reunion, June 1999, Tape 4
Part 1: 2002 Global Multi-Generation Reunion