Holocaust-related materials
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Upper Midwest Jewish Archives:
- **Amos S. Deinard papers** – Series 3 of the collection is comprised of pamphlets and publications related to topics that interested Deinard, namely anti-semitism and Zionism. Some of the titles are from the 1930s-40s and discuss the rising persecution of Jews in Germany under the Nazis.
- **Mount Zion Temple Oral History records** – includes eight oral histories from Holocaust survivors
- **Esther Winthrop papers** – reminisces on her Greek family, many who were lost during the Holocaust. Esther survived the war in Greece hidden and for a time in an orphanage.
- **Michael Engel oral history** – Engel was a Holocaust survivor; was interviewed by Rabbi Jonathan Perlman as part of his own Yom Hashoah project
- **Flori Loew papers** – Contains correspondence (in German) and personal papers during her flight from Germany under Nazi persecution, traveling to Italy and England before settling in Minneapolis.
- **Mary Markreich Schwarz collection** – includes passports and documents allowing her to leave Germany in 1938 for Trinidad and Tobago, from where she eventually immigrated to St. Paul
- **Jewish Community Relations Council records** – records documenting their efforts in providing Holocaust education via Tolerance Minnesota and in leading local Yom Ha’Shoah commemorations
- **Jewish Community Relations Council / Anti-Defamation League Holocaust Oral History project records** – This collection consists of taped oral histories and transcripts from Minnesota Holocaust survivors and liberators, a project funded by the Jewish Community Relations Council/Anti-Defamation League, which resulted in the publication *Witnesses to the Holocaust: an oral history* by Rhoda G. Lewin.

Social Welfare History Archives:
- **National Conference of Christians and Jews records** -- records document the efforts to reconcile Christian actions during the Holocaust and to commemorate the events of the Holocaust. The
records also contain information on genocide treaties, including the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in 1948.

- **Ollie Randall papers** – includes records for the Newark House of New Jersey Fellowship Fund for the Aged, a house that provided shelter and services for elderly survivors of the Holocaust

- **Herman Stein papers** – a leader in social work education, he worked with the American Joint Distribution Committee in Europe and North Africa in 1947 to assist survivors of the Holocaust and other displaced persons

- **Association for Voluntary Sterilization records** – clippings on sterilization in Nazi Germany and discussion of the impact on Nazi sterilization programs and its effects on sterilization movement in the US

- **Fred K Hoehler papers** - Director, Division of Displaced Persons, United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) 1944-1945. UNRRA related files dating from 1943-1953 document services for and repatriation of displaced persons, including displaced Jewish survivors of the war, as well as genocide prevention, displaced persons camps, and conditions of the Jewish community in Germany.


- **International Social Service, American Branch records** - United States Committee for the Care of European Children, Inc., 1945-1956 Rescue, transportation and foster care or adoption of children fleeing the war or post-war conditions in Europe. **Access Restrictions.**

- **United Way of Minneapolis records** - United States Committee on Care of European Children 1940-1942

**University Archives:**

- **Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum records** – a number of exhibitions touch upon the Holocaust

- **Robert Winston Ross papers** – Includes papers regarding his 1980 publication *So It Was True: The American Protestant Press and the Nazi Persecution of the Jews* which explores the theory that American Protestant churches were cognizant of the events surrounding World War II and the Holocaust.

- **Information Files Collection** – contains the files of the Center for Genocide and Holocaust Studies, and a personal biography of Gisela Konopka.

- **Max Lowenthal Papers** – includes files reflecting Lowenthal’s sponsorships of numerous European Jews who applied for travel visas during the Nazi rule in Germany and occupation of Poland and Hungary.

- **Robert O. Meyer papers** – details his emigration to the United States to join the Obstetrics and Gynecology department at the University of Minnesota after his position at the University of Berlin was eliminated in 1935 because of his Jewish ancestry

- **Gisela Konopka papers** - includes a talk given at the University of Minnesota--“Resisting the Holocaust: a personal account” focusing on Konopka’s formative experience with the Nazi resistance inside Germany, including time spent in a German concentration camp.

- **Voice to Vision** - a collaborative project that captures the extraordinary experiences of genocide survivors from different parts of the world. The stories of the survivors are transformed into works of visual art. Each art piece has been created through collaboration with a team of artists.
and genocide survivors. The art work, narratives, and video documentaries are all available online.

**Literary Manuscripts Collection:**

- **German Propaganda Collection** – the collection includes propaganda leaflets, newspapers, booklets, pamphlets, stickers and postcards distributed by various political parties in Germany, including the Nazi period.
- **World War Poster Collection** – includes German Election posters from 1932 including Nazi posters
- **Harold C. Deutsch papers** – a professor of History who worked as an interrogator of German war criminals at Nuremberg, this collection includes transcripts from Nazi interrogations

**Immigration History Research Center Archives**

- **Americans for Human Rights in Ukraine records** – Verbatim, unedited transcripts of the trial proceedings for the *State of Israel vs. John (Ivan) Demjanjuk* in the Jerusalem District Court, 1987-1988. Demjanjuk, a suspected Nazi war criminal, stood trial for operating a gas chamber at the Treblinka camp in Poland
- **Herbert Puupill papers** – This small collection includes a scrapbook detailing the trials of several Nazi war criminals, primarily Estonian Karl Linnase, who was extradited to the Soviet Union in 1987. Some Estonian language material is present. (IHRC3604)
- **Leo Grebler papers** – This collection is an autobiographical narrative which describes one Jewish family’s life in Nazi Germany, their escape to Switzerland in 1935 and their subsequent emigration to the United States. Grebler also reflects on acculturation, inter-Jewish tensions and Israel.
- **National Italian American Foundation records** – Series 9 is comprised of materials documenting the organization’s initiative to highlight the efforts of Italian officers to free or protect Jews living in areas occupied by the Italian Army during World War II. Some materials in Italian.
- **Yeshayahu Jelinek papers** – A professor whose courses included modern Jewish history and the Holocaust, Jelinek conducted research on immigrants from Eastern Europe. (IHRC1136)