K1193
Siegfried "Fred" Ruschin (1925-2008) Papers
[Jewish Community Archives]
ca. 1920s-2008
4 cubic feet

Personal records of Ruschin and his family, particularly relating to applications for restitution for losses in German under the Nazis; writings and other materials relating to Ruschin career as a librarian at Linda Hall Library; his volunteer work; and other interests, research, writing that he did.

BIOGRAPHY:

Siegfried Ruschin was born in Germany on May 18, 1925, the only child of Ludwig and Herta Ruschin. His family was persecuted by the Nazis, but escaped Germany in July 1939 and eventually arrived in Caracas, Venezuela, in September of that year. Though he was barred from public schools in Germany, in Venezuela he quickly learned Spanish and taught himself radio and television repair.

In 1956, he immigrated to Topeka, Kansas, with his parents following him the next year. They removed to Kansas City, MO in 1960. He became fluent in English, graduated from Washburn University in Topeka with a B.S. in Physics and earned a Master's in Library Science from Emporia State College. He had a distinguished career as Librarian for Collection Development at Linda Hall Library in Kansas City, Missouri from 1959 to 1993. After retirement, he was an active writer in the MCHE Memory Project. His mother preceded him in death in 1959. Siegfried lived with and cared for his aging father until his passing in 1986.

Siegfried Ruschin, died October 19, 2008. His obituary in the Kansas City Star (October 22, 2008) eloquently noted, “The breadth and depth of knowledge he had acquired, his amazing memory of even the smallest detail, his writing skills, his dedication to his aging father, his overcoming the many obstacles in his life, earned the love and respect of his family and many friends.”
PROVENANCE:

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DESCRIPTION:

The papers contain personal records of Siegfried Ruschin and his family, particularly relating to applications for restitution for losses in German under the Nazis. Also included are writings and other materials relating to Ruschin career as a librarian at Linda Hall Library; his volunteer work; and other interests, research, writing that he did. Some of the materials are written in German, Hebrew, or Spanish.

INVENTORY:

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Folder 3  Ludwig Ruschin [Restitution] 1954-1961
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Folder 5  Ludwig Ruschin [Restitution?] 1954-1965
Folder 6  Ludwig Ruschin “Restitution” 1959-1972 Part 1
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| Folder 8 | Ludwig Ruschin “Rucharstattung” “Reimbursement” |
| Folder 9 | Ludwig Ruschin “Nermogenacladen” 1955-1959 |
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| Folder 11 | Ludwig Ruschin “Restitution” 1973-1979 Part 1 |
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| Folder 15 | “Papa’s Notebooks” Ludwig? Personal Accounts/Expenditures 1958-1972 |
| Folder 16 | Herta Ruschin “Restitution” “Wiedergutmachung” 1958-1974 |
| Folder 17 | Hedy and Max Isenberg “Restitution” “Wiedergutmachung” 1957-1972 Part 1 |
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| Folder 19 | Clippings [R E Washburn-some articles by Ruschin] |
| Folder 20 | Articles by Siegfried Ruschin |

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| Folder 4 | Notes on Henry Heinrich Füssli (1741-1825) |
| Folder 5 | Miscellaneous Notes (clip) |
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| Folder 7 | “Notable 20th Century Scientist [Eliseo Fernandez] |
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