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Abstract: Joseph Jedeikin was born in Kobe, Japan to a Russian mother and Latvian father. After living in Switzerland as a child, his family moved to Shanghai in 1940 to escape German persecution against Jews which they felt would eventually reach them if they stayed in Europe. The family lived in the French Concession, and Jedeikin attended the Public and Thomas Hanbury School before graduating in 1945 and leaving China in 1946 to attend university in America. The collection consists of Jedeikin’s membership card for the local Y.M.C.A. in Shanghai, and the armband worn by Jedeikin as a member of the Foreign Pao Chia during World War II.

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Biographical Information:
Joseph (Joe) Jedeikin was born in 1927 in Kobe, Japan to a Russian mother and Latvian father. His family, who were Jewish, moved to Zurich, Switzerland in 1930, where they lived for ten years. At the outbreak of World War II, Jedeikin's father feared that Switzerland would fall to Germany like Austria and Czechoslovakia, so he decided to flee Europe with his family. After a failed attempt to immigrate to the United States, the family moved to Shanghai in 1940 and settled in the French Concession, where Jedeikin attended the Public and Thomas Hanbury School for Boys. As Latvians, the family was not interned during the war, but Jedeikin was forced at age 17 to serve in Shanghai’s Foreign Pao Chia as an air warden, patrolling the city on lookout for B-29 bomb strikes. After graduating from school in 1945, Jedeikin was accepted into the University of California at Berkeley, and he left Shanghai in 1946 for the United States. He attended Berkeley for two years, then transferred to the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, where he earned a Juris Doctor degree in 1951 and began practicing law in the San Francisco area, where he still lives today.

Scope and Contents
The Joseph Jedeikin Collection consists of Jedeikin’s membership card for the local Y.M.C.A. in Shanghai, and the armband worn by Jedeikin as an air raid warden for the Foreign Pao Chia during World War II.

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