
Dr. Walter Feuereisen papers 1988.1045

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Title: Dr. Walter Feueisen papers

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Language of Material: German

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Date: 1940-1943, 1962

Language of Materials note: Materials are in German. English translations of some items are available.

Abstract: The collection is comprised of certificates, postcards, and copies of letters belonging to Dr. Walter Feueisen Chief Medical Officer of the Jewish Kultusgemeinde in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Document dates range from 1940-1943. Also included are mimeographed notices dated 1962, confirming dates and times of deportation of Dr. Feueisen and his wife Marianne, and another family, the Altensteins. The collection documents the experiences of Dr. Feueisen, his family and friends during the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia, their deportation and ultimate fate.

Creator: Feueisen, Walter, Dr.

Conditions Governing Use note

There are no restrictions to use for this collection.

Preferred Citation note

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Conditions Governing Access note

There are no restrictions to access to this collection.

General note

According to the donor, the letters written by Dr. Feueisen were left with the janitor of the building in which he lived, along with other letters, and were recovered to Mr. Fenner. The letters in this collection are copies; originals are in the Weiner Collection, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel.

Biographical/Historical note

Dr. Walter Feueisen was born on May 11, 1902 and died in Auschwitz sometime after his transport there on October 23, 1944. During the years of the Holocaust, Dr. Feueisen was a physician living in Prague, Czechoslovakia and involved in the Jüdische Kultusgemeinde. His wife Marianne was also a physician.

Dr. Feueisen's mother and other family lived in Brno. These family members were deported to Theresienstadt (Terezin) on March 23, 1942. Drs. Feueisen were considered vital to the community and lived in Prague until their deportation to Theresienstadt on July 8, 1943. All family members were deported to Auschwitz in late October 1944, where they perished.

Scope and Contents note

The collection documents the experiences of Dr. Walter Feueisen, a Jewish physician living in Prague, Czechoslovakia during the years of the Holocaust. It comprises postcards, certificates, and letters written during 1941-1943.

The bulk of the collection lies in three long, descriptive letters written by Dr. Feueisen to his brother, Erwin Fenner, in which he details the conditions under which Jews lived in occupied Prague. These heartfelt letters describe the hardships endured, and the fear of deportation and uncertainty under which Jews struggled. He describes raids in which his father was captured, ongoing transports on which family and close friends are sent to unknown locations, and the painful separation of family members. The last letter was written on April 7, 1943; Dr. Feueisen and his wife Marianne were deported in July 1943.

The collection also includes postcards written by friends to Dr. Feueisen from the Lodz ghetto and Theresienstadt (Terezin) concentration camp, and several certificates of transit issued to Dr. Feueisen, allowing him to travel through the city in order to fulfill his work obligations. Two mimeographed copies sent to Erwin Fenner in 1962 from the Council of Jewish Religious Communities in Bohemia and Moravia document the deportation to Theresienstadt and then to Auschwitz of Dr. Feueisen and his wife, and of family members Viktor, Elizabeth, Anna and Felix Altenstein.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Fenner, Erwin

Jüdische Kultusgemeinde Prag.

Mauthausen (Concentration camp).

Theresienstadt (Concentration camp).

Brno (Czech Republic) -- History -- 20th century

Certificates -- Prague
Correspondence
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945) -- Lodz
Jewish ghettos -- Lodz
Jewish physicians -- Czechoslovakia
Jews -- Persecutions -- Poland -- Lodz
Jews, Prague
Lodz (Poland)
Postcards -- Lodz
Prague (Czech Republic) -- Social life

Dr. Walter Feuereisen postcards 1941-1943

Language of Material: German

Postcard from Felix Altenstein, Theresienstadt, 1942 April 6

Language of Material: German

Language of Materials note: English translation of German available.

Postcard from Lise Shansky, Litzmannstadt (Lodz) Ghetto, 1941 February 4

Language of Material: German

Postcard from Litzmannstadt (Lodz) Ghetto, 1943 February 20

Language of Material: German

Dr. Walter Feuereisen certificates 1940-1943

Language of Material: German

Dr. Walter Feuereisen notices 1962

Language of Material: Czech

Language of Materials note: Notices are bi-lingual, in Czech and German.

General note

Documents are mimeographed copies.

Dr. Walter Feuereisen letters - 1941-1943

Language of Material: German

General note

These letters are typescript copies of original letters, which were donated by Erwin Fenner, Dr. Walter Feuereisen's brother, to the Weiner Library, London, England.

Dr. Walter Feuereisen letter to Erwin Fenner probably October 1941

Language of Material: German

Language of Materials note: English translation of German available.

Dr. Walter Feuereisen letter to Erwin Fenner 1942 March 21

Language of Material: German

Language of Materials note: English translation of German available.

Dr. Walter Feuereisen letter to Erwin Fenner and Anny 1943 April 25

Language of Material: German

Language of Materials note: English translation of German available.

