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## **Jenny Kamnitzer papers 1988.1286**

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**Title:** Jenny Kamnitzer papers

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**Contributing Institution:** Tauber Holocaust Library

**Language of Material:** Multiple languages

**Storage Unit:** Archives Box 5

**Physical Description:** 1.0 Folder(s)

**Date (inclusive):** 1939-1947

**Language of Materials note:** Materials are in German, English and Chinese.

**Abstract:** This collection comprises documents relating to the emigration of a German Jew, Jenny Kamnitzer, from Nazi Germany to Shanghai, China in 1940, and her subsequent emigration to the United States in 1947.

**Creator:** Kamnitzer, Jenny

**Related Archival Materials note**

There are numerous collections in the Tauber Holocaust Library's archives which document the experiences of German and Austrian Jews who lived in Shanghai during the war years. Consult archivist for more information.

**Scope and Contents note**

The collection is comprised of documents relating to the wartime experiences of Jenny Kamnitzer, a German Jew who fled Nazi Germany for the relative safety of Shanghai, China, including her stay in Shanghai during the war years, and her successful emigration from Shanghai to San Francisco after World War II.

**Biographical/Historical note**

The collection documents the experience of German and Austrian Jews forced to flee from Germany and Austria during Hitler's Third Reich. Denied admittance to most countries, thousands of German and Austrian Jews found their way to Shanghai, where visas and passports were not required until the Japanese occupation. After 1941, the occupying Nazi-aligned Japanese ghettoized the Jewish refugees in Shanghai into an area known as the Shanghai Ghetto.

Jenny Kamnitzer was born in Langen, Germany on July 13, 1880. In 1940, when she emigrated to Shanghai, she was living in Hamburg. Papers in the collection indicate that Siegfried Kamnitzer (date of birth July 26, 1908), donor of the papers, left Germany for Shanghai in 1939; it is likely that Mrs. Kamnitzer followed him there. In 1941, while living in Shanghai, Mrs. Kamnitzer began the process of applying for emigration to the United States. She was admitted to the United States in San Francisco, California on March 19, 1947.

**Preferred Citation note**

Jenny Kamnitzer papers, 1939-1947, Tauber Holocaust Library - JFCS Holocaust Center, San Francisco, California

**Custodial History note**

The Jenny Kamnitzer papers were donated to the Holocaust Center of Northern California by Mr. Siegfried Kamnitzer.

**Conditions Governing Use note**

There are no restrictions to use for this collection.

**Conditions Governing Access note**

There are no restrictions to access for this collection.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Kamnitzer, Siegfried

Immigration records

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Shanghai (China) -- Emigration and immigration

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Women immigrants -- United States

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**Jenny Kamnitzer German immigration records**

**Jenny Kamnitzer Reisepass (Passport) 1940**

**Jenny Kamnitzer Kennkarte 1940 May 20**

**Jenny Kamnitzer Umzugsgutverzeichnis (official list of items taken upon leaving Germany) 1940 June 20**

**Jenny Kamnitzer Meldeschein (Registration) 1940 October 17**

**Jenny Kamnitzer Shanghai records**

**Jenny Kamnitzer Card of Identification, issued by the International Committee for the Organization of European Immigrants in China, Shanghai 1940 September 13**

**Jenny Kamnitzer Resident Certificate, Shanghai Undated**

**Jenny Kamnitzer letter from the American Consul in Shanghai, China regarding immigration visa 1941 June 17**

**Jenny Kamnitzer International Certificates of Inoculation and Vaccination 1946**

**Jenny Kamnitzer immigration documents - affidavit, Receipt of Application for Naturalization, photograph 1947**

**Siegfried Kamnitzer document**

**Siegfried Kamnitzer Abmeldung (Notice of Departure), Frankfurt, Germany for Shanghai 1939 April 15**