Finding aid for the Anonymous Hungarian Jew diary 6071

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Title: Anonymous Hungarian Jew diary
Collection number: 6071
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Date (inclusive): 1944-1945
Abstract: Diary written by an unidentified Hungarian Jew. 66 entries from March 19, 1944 to January 17, 1945, describe the diarist's experiences while working for the Jewish Council in Budapest, as a prisoner of the Nyilas, working as a trench digger in the Labor Service, and his attempts to escape with a Swiss passport. Also included are photographs of the diarist's wife, Ilona, and son, Robi, who disappeared on December 17, 1944. The last entry in the diary is about Robi. Some significant historical events of the Hungarian Holocaust are mentioned, such as the decree mandating that Jews wear the Yellow Star, the organized looting, the total confinement of the Jewish population, and the deportations. Also included are 4 loose pages written as a statement for reparations for valuables that were stolen after October 23, 1944. Text is in Hungarian.

Acquisition
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Scope and Content
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Related Archival Materials
See also Hungarian Anti-Semitic legal documents, Collection no. 6070.

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