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**A Finding Aid to the  
Memoirs of Holocaust Survivors in Canada  
Collection**

**Manuscript Collection No. 645**

## Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Memoirs of Holocaust Survivors in Canada
<b>Dates</b>	1985-2002
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS-645
<b>Repository</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Wewryk, Kalmen Braitstein, Marcel Halpern, Nahum Gutman, Jacob Lecker, Marcus Svarc, Rose Ickovits Weiss Kotkowsky, Charles Charmatz, K. Shtibel, Rachel Schwartz-Somlo-Foti, Irene Romer Romer, Pal Simon, Agnes Tiger, Dolly Jacobs, David Finkielman, Marian Zylberberg, Perec Smilovic, Sam Kron, Meyer Aspler, Minna Gutman, Hyman Gutman, Myra Phillipson-Levy, Rachel Reich, Miriam Savin, Andrew Schacter-Rogel, Koineh Schwartz, Veronika Wildutschinsky-Trepman, Babey Zimmerman, Michael Rodak-Izso, Helen Gregus, Emery Salamon, Andrew Zilversmit, Guenther Vertes, Leslie Citrome, Alexandre Kujawski, Benjamin Rotbart, Nelli Zylbering, Abraham Fink, Gerta Shtibel, Adam Fuchs, Adam Miller, Gabriel Frankel-Zaltzman, Paula Bilich, Lev Stenge, Margrit Rosenberg Kovesi, Vera
<b>Extent</b>	0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)
<b>Language of the Material</b>	English

## Administrative Information

**Biographical Sketch** This project originated in the early 1990s when faculty members at the Canadian Jewish Studies Department of Concordia University of Montreal, Quebec, Canada set out to collect unpublished memoirs of Holocaust survivors living in Canada. The memoirs focus on the war period (1939-1945) but contain information about the survivor's post-war experience. Some memoirs were written in Yiddish but were later translated into English. With support from a grant from the Concordia University in Canadian Jewish Studies, limited numbers of published volumes were distributed to Canadian university libraries and Holocaust centers in other countries. These memoirs have also been distributed on the Internet <<http://migs.concordia.ca/survivor.html>>

<b>Scope and Content</b>	Memoirs of Canadian Holocaust survivors, gathered as part of the Series of Holocaust Survivor Memoirs in Canada sponsored by Concordia University.  a publication of the Concordia University chair in Canadian Jewish Studies and the Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies.
<b>Arrangement</b>	The collection is arranged in one (1) series: A. General.
<b>Terms of Access</b>	The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.
<b>Preferred Citation</b>	Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Memoirs of Holocaust Survivors in Canada Collection and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:  [Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-645. Memoirs of Holocaust Survivors in Canada Collection. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<b>Provenance</b>	Received from Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec, 1999-2002.
<b>Processing Information</b>	Processed by Melinda K. McMartin, June 2001; updated December 2001.

## Index Terms

**Subjects** Holocaust survivors / Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945) / Jews -- Canada  
**Media** Autobiographies / Oral histories

## Series A. General, 1985-2002

### Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Volume 1. To Sobibor and Back: An Eyewitness Account [contains account of Kalmen Wewryk], 1999  
Box 1. Folder 2. Volume 2. Five to Ten: Story of a Hidden Child [contains account of Marcel Braitsten], 1994 May  
Box 1. Folder 3. Volume 3. From Slavery to Freedom [contains account of Nahum Halpern], 1999  
Box 1. Folder 4. Volume 4. A Survivor's Memoir [contains account of Jacob Gutman], 1999  
Box 1. Folder 5. Volume 5. I Remember [contains account of Marcus Lecker], 1999  
Box 1. Folder 6. Volume 6. Forces of Darkness [contains account of Rose Ickovits Weiss Svarc], 2000  
Box 1. Folder 7. Volume 7. Remnants [contains account of Charles Kotkowsky], 2000  
Box 1. Folder 8. Volume 8. Nightmares [contains account of K. Charmatz], 2000  
Box 1. Folder 9. Volume 9. Memoirs from Hungary [contains accounts of Gisele Schwarts-Somlo-Foti, Irene Romer, Pat Romer, Agnes Simon, and Dolly Tiger], 2000  
Box 1. Folder 10. Volume 10. Remember Your Heritage [contains account of David Jacobs], 2001  
Box 2. Folder 1. Volume 11. Out of the Ghetto [contains account of Marian Finkielman], 2001  
Box 2. Folder 2. Volume 12. This I Remember [contains account of Perec Zylberberg], 2001  
Box 2. Folder 3. Volume 13. Buchenwald 56466 [contains account of Sam Smilovic], 2001  
Box 2. Folder 4. Volume 14. Through the Eyes of a Needle [contains account of Meyer Kron], 2001  
Box 2. Folder 5. Volume 15. Witnesses Speak, An Anthology [contains account of Minna Aspler, Hyman Gutman, Myra Gutman, Rachel Phillipson-Levy, Miriam Reich, Andrew Savin, Konieh Schacter-Rogel, Veronika Schwartz, and Babey Wildutschinsky-Trepman], 2001

Box 2. Folder 6. Volume 16. How I Survived the Wars and Peace [contains account of Michael Zimmerman], 2002

Box 2. Folder 7. Volume 17. The Last Chance to Remember [contains account of Helen Rodak-Izso], 2002

Box 2. Folder 8. Volume 18. Occupation and Liberation; Aftermath; Post- War Years Remembrances [contains account of Emery Gregus], 2002

Box 2. Folder 9. Volume 19. Childhood in Times of War [contains account of Andrew Salamon], 2001

Box 2. Folder 10. Volume 20. From Holland and Back [contains account of Guenther Zilversmit], 1985

Box 2. Folder 11. Volume 21. Can You Stop the Wind? My Autobiography [contains account of Leslie Vertes], undated

Box 2. Folder 12. Volume 22. 50 ans de Ma Vie [contains account of Alexandre Citrome], 2002

Box 2. Folder 13. Volume 23. My Long Road to Freedom [contains account of Benjamin Kujawski], 2002

Box 2. Folder 14. Volume 24. The Violin Shtibel, Rachel [contains account of Rachel Shtibel], 2002