

Otto Isakower and Salomea Isakower Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Otto Isakower and Salomea Isakower Papers

Span Dates: 1880-1975

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1900-1975)

ID No.: MSS57315

Creator: Isakower, Otto, 1899-1972

Creator: Isakower, Salomea, b. 1888

Extent: 3,000 items ; 6 containers ; 2.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English and German

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Psychoanalyst and writer, Otto Isakower. Physician, Salomea Isakower. Correspondence, writings, biographical data, and other material pertaining primarily to the work of Otto Isakower and to the history of psychoanalysis during his lifetime.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Federn, Paul--Correspondence.

Freud, Anna, 1895-1982--Correspondence.

Freud, Sigmund, 1856-1939--Correspondence.

Isakower, Otto, 1899-1972.

Isakower, Salomea, 1888- Otto Isakower and Salomea Isakower papers. 1880-1975.

Jones, Ernest, 1879-1958--Correspondence.

Koller, Carl, 1857-1944--Correspondence.

Lewin, Bertram David, 1896- --Correspondence.

Nunberg, Herman, 1884-1970--Correspondence.

Schaeffer, Albrecht, 1885-1950--Correspondence.

Organizations

Allgemeines Krankenhaus (Vienna, Austria)

Wiener Psychoanalytische Vereinigung.

Subjects

Dreams.

Psychoanalysis--Austria--Societies, etc.

Psychoanalysis.

Occupations

Authors.

Physicians.

Psychoanalysts.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Otto Isakower, psychoanalyst and writer, and Salomea Isakower, physician, were given to the Library of Congress by Mrs. Abraham Tulin, Hadassah, the Sigmund Freud Archives, Inc., and the estates of Otto Isakower and Salomea Isakower, 1977-1982. An additional item was given by the Sigmund Freud Archives in 1984 and was originally processed as part of the Sigmund Freud Papers, from which it was transferred in 1990.

Processing History

The papers of Otto Isakower and Salomea Isakower were arranged and described in 1985. The collection was expanded and revised in 1991, and the finding aid was revised in 2008.

Transfers

Photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of the Isakower Papers.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Otto and Salomea Isakower is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Otto and Salomea Isakower are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Otto Isakower and Salomea Isakower Papers, Sigmund Freud Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Otto Isakower

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> |
|--------------|---|
| 1899, June 2 | Born Vienna, Austria |
| 1923 | M.D., University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria |
| 1923-1929 | Resident physician, Wiener Allgemeines Krankenhaus, Vienna Austria |
| 1924-1938 | Member, Vienna Psychoanalytic Society |
| 1932-1938 | Lecturer, Vienna Psychoanalytic Institute (vice-director, 1934-1938) |
| 1938 | Married Salomea Rettych Gutman Immigrated to England |
| 1938-1940 | Psychoanalytic practice, Liverpool, England Editor, <i>Gesammelte Werke Sigmund Freuds</i> |
| 1940 | Immigrated to the United States |
| 1942 | Licensed to practice medicine, State of New York |
| 1972, May 10 | Died New York, N.Y. |

Salomea Isakower

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> |
|--------------|---|
| 1888, Nov. 3 | Born Oswiecim, Poland |
| 1914 | M.D., University of Cracow, Cracow, Poland |
| 1914-1918 | Resident physician, Wiener Allgemeines Krankenhaus, Vienna, Austria |
| 1916 | Red Cross service, World War I |
| 1919-1924 | Voluntary physician, psychiatric and neurological institute, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria |
| 1921 | Divorced Felix Gutman (marriage date unknown) |
| 1924-1926 | Psychoanalytic study, Berlin, Germany |
| 1938 | Immigrated to England Married Otto Isakower |
| 1940 | Immigrated to United States |
| 1949 | Member, New York Psychoanalytic Society Licensed to practice medicine and surgery, State of New York |

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Otto Isakower (1899-1972) and Salomea Isakower (1888-1949) span the years 1880-1975, with the bulk of the items concentrated in the period 1900-1975. The collection focuses on the work of Otto Isakower, a Freudian psychoanalyst who studied and practiced in Vienna, Austria, until immigrating to England and then the United States between 1938 and 1940. Included in the papers are correspondence, writings, miscellaneous biographical data, and other material pertaining to the work of Otto Isakower and to the history of psychoanalysis during his lifetime.

Among the prominent correspondents in the collection are Paul Federn, Anna Freud, Ernest Jones, Bertram David Lewin, and Herman Nunberg. Notable also are photocopies of Sigmund Freud letters to Carl Koller, 1880-1887, and to Albrecht Schaeffer, 1939. An item of special significance is a notebook containing minutes of meetings of the Vienna Psychoanalytic Society for the years 1923-1924. Other topics of interest include papers relating to the Isakowers' immigration and resettlement, a patient case file from the Wiener Allgemeines Krankenhaus, and dream material collected by Otto Isakower.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

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