

RG-16: FAMILY HISTORY
RG -16. 01: POSNER COLLECTION

This is a collection of correspondence, documents, postcards, and family photograph of Sarah and Ralph Posner.

Provenance: Sarah and Ralph Posner, 925 N. Sierra Bonita Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90046
Donated to the Museum by Sarah and Ralph Posner, native of Czestochowa, Poland

Organization: Collection is divided on the following sub-collections: Personal Correspondence including letters and postcards; Family and Friends Photograph in Poland in ca 1946; Family and Friends Photographs in the USA; Family and Friends Photographs while in Travelling; Papers with regard to celebrations, anniversaries, parties; Personal Documents (Passports).

Language: Yiddish, English, Polish

Historical/Bibliographical Note: Ralph and Sarah Posner apparently resided before the war in Czestochowa, Poland. No documents in the Collection refer to the war-period or its aftermath. The photographs dated by 1946 with the captions in Yiddish allow to assume that in 1946 the family still resided in Czestochowa. The photographs are overall group pictures of the meetings of the Jewish Polish Cooperative Association, as well as of family and friends circle. All pictures of this group are dated by 1946. Apparently in 1946 the Posner family arrived in the United States. The US Passport was issued to Ralph Posner on 28 March 1946. It was valid for one year. Sarah Posner was included in his passport. The bulk of the family, relatives, and friends pictures taken in the United States relates to the 1960s and 1970s.

No.	Language	Document/ Artifact	Description	Translation/ Content
16.01.1	Yiddish/ Hebrew	Letter	sent from Poland to S. Posner in Los Angeles	
16.01.2	Yiddish/ Hebrew	12 Pieces of paper	Probably songs	
16.01.3	Yiddish/	Letter	from R. Posner in Los Angeles to Sarah	

	Hebrew		Posner in Illinois (1969)	
16.01.4	Yiddish/ Hebrew	Letter	From R. Berys in Buenos Aires (Uruguay?) to R. Posner in Los Angeles	
16.01.5	Yiddish/ Hebrew	Letter	From Poland to S. Posner in Los Angeles	
16.01.6	Yiddish/ Hebrew	Letter	From Mr. & Mrs. J. Kagel in Wilmington, Del., to R. Posner in Los Angeles	
16.01.7	English	Letter	From Mrs. Sam Scherman in Denver, Colorado to Ralph Posner in Los Angeles (1958)	She went to Paris and met her daughter and two grandchildren. She's a second cousin of the daughter and will give him more information if wanted in a second letter
16.01.8	Yiddish/ Hebrew	Letter	From R. Berys in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to R. Posner in Los Angeles (1973)	
16.01.9	Yiddish/ Hebrew	Letter	From R. Posner in Los Angeles to Sarah Posner at someone else's house in Morton Grove, Illinois (1969)	
16.01.10	Yiddish/ Hebrew	Letter	From M. Solomon in Chicago to Mr. & Mrs. R. Posner in Los Angeles (1965)	
16.01.11	Yiddish/ Hebrew	Letter	From A. Safran in Miami Beach, Florida, to Sarah Posner in Los Angeles	"The Helen Mar" residential building letterhead
16.01.12	English	Letter	From M. Isabelle Martin in Nice, France, to Mr. & Mrs. Posner in Los Angeles (July 15, 1974)	A letter from a grandchild to her grandfather. She writes about a former correspondence. She's in her last year at school. The grandmother is ill and her mother takes care of her. She writes about holidays and asks them where they wanna go this year.
16.01.13	Yiddish/	Letter	From C Levinson in Chicago, Ill., to R.	

	Hebrew		Posner in Los Angeles	
16.01.14	English	Letter without envelope	To Aunt Sarah and Uncle Sam (May 12, 1976)	The writer of the letter is sorry to hear that her aunt and uncle are both ill. He/She also writes about children, the parents' grave, etc.
16.01.15	Yiddish/ Hebrew, English	Letter	From Louis Solomon in Miami, Florida, to Sarah & Ralph Posner in Los Angeles	The majority of the letter is in Yiddish/Hebrew. Only a hotel receipt from Tel Aviv is in German and English and a New Year's card is in English
16.01.16	Hebrew, Name	Portrait	Portrait of Mendele Moicher Sforim (1836-1917)	
16.01.17	Yiddish/ Hebrew, Polish	Letter	From B. Coasilewsky (?) in Poland to Sarah and Ralph Posner in Los Angeles (1972)	One newspaper article is in Polish
16.01.18	English	Newspaper article	From the Daily World (October 8, 1977)	"Jewish scholar visits USSR and comes home impressed", about a professor of Hebrew who went to Russia, about Jewish life in the USSR
16.01.19	English	Text	Water gate bug	Lyrics for the song "Water Gate bug". Words by David Arkin
16.01.20	Yiddish/ Hebrew	4 pages of text		
16.01.21	-	Photographs	A lot of post-war photographs	Mostly family photographs, including an album
16.01.22	English	Register of the people who attended Ralph Posner's Memorial	2 pages, one has a painting on front and the other one is a list of 6 names who attended the memorial service of Ralph Posner presented by Mount Sinai Memorial Park	

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16.01.23	Polish	Card		
16.01.24	English	US passport	Issued to Ralph Posner on Jan 11, 1973, expired on Jan. 10, 1978	Some seals from Israel
16.01.25	English	US passport	Issued to Ralph Posner on March 28, 1946, expired on Mar 28, 1947	Visas for France, Switzerland, and Poland
16.01.26	Polish	Invitation to the Commemorating ceremony in Czestochowa in respect of the 7 th anniversary (1942-1949) of Jewish annihilation.	R. Posner and spouse are invited to the commemoration ceremony taking place on 4 th October 1949 at the Jewish Cemetery in Czestochowa. Commemoration ceremony is organized by the Jewish Regional Committee and the Main Executive Office of the Landsmannschaft of Czestochowa.	
16.01.27		Black and White photographs	Taken in Czestochowa, Poland in 1946	Captions in Yiddish
16.01.28		Black and White and Color photographs	Taken in the US and while travelling, dated by 1950s, 1960s, 1970s.	Family anniversaries, gatherings with friends, architectural landscapes on travel are depicted on this photographs