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Identification card

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Collection: MONTREAL HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL CENTRE (MHMC-01)

Niveau de description: Item

Genre de document: textual record

Collation: Identification card : Cardboard : Printed, Typed : Ink : blue, black, white ;
Ht: 13 cm x W: 18 cm

Autre information pour le titre: Documentary Artifact

Dates ultimes: July 01, 1946

État: Good

Language: English

Notes:

1 page, double-sided. Folded once vertically to create four panels. Square b&w photograph of cardholder affixed at top right. Document is an identity card for Bella Herling, issued by the Feldafing Displaced Persons Camp. Personal details on left side, indicating that she was born September 25, 1925 in Suchedniów, Poland, and was imprisoned in Cz?stochowa concentration camp. Narrative: Bella (Beila, Bela) Herling and Mayer (Majer, Meyer, Meir) Abramovitch (Abramovitz, Abramowicz, Abramowitz) were the parents of the donor, Toby Herscovitch. Bella was born in Suchedniów, Poland on September 25, 1925, the youngest of a family of ten children. Her parents and five siblings were murdered in the Holocaust. Bella and three of her sisters survived the war working as slave labourers in an ammunitions factory in Skarzysko-Kamienna. They were liberated by Russian troops on January 16, 1945, and made their way to the Feldafing Displaced Persons Camp, where they reunited with a brother who had survived Auschwitz. Bella volunteered for nursing training by a Jewish refugee agency, and worked as a nurse in the camp from 1946 to 1948. In 1948, she joined her sister Paula in Toronto, where she worked as a nurse's aide and married Mayer, a fellow survivor who she had known from Feldafing. Born November 10, 1914 in Vilna (Vilnius), he was the sole survivor of a family of six children. He lived in the Vilna ghetto and worked in a factory making window panes for German barracks; he was later sent to a labour camp in Tallin, Estonia, and then to Stutthof concentration camp. In the final days of the war, he escaped from a subsequent transfer to Dachau concentration camp and was liberated. He spent three months sick in a hospital and ended up in Feldafing, where he was active in the "Amchu" or "AMCHO" theater group, part of the Jewish Labour Committee. He lived for a year in France, and immigrated to Canada in May, 1949. Bella and Mayer moved to Montreal in 1950 and opened a fabric store. Mayer passed away in 2001, and Bella in 2014.

No d'acquisition: 2014.10.01

Vedettes de noms: Herscovitch, Toby

Access géographique: Feldafing, Germany, Europe

Archives / Archival Descriptions

Généalogie:

Dépôt d'archives: Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre

