

# CLARA RUDNICK HOLOCAUST COLLECTION

## OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

**Repository:** Crandall Public Library – The Folklife Center  
Glens Falls, NY.

**Creator:** Clara Rudnick (1924 - )

**Title:** Clara Rudnick Holocaust Collection

**Dates:** 1985 - 2007

**Abstract:** This collection includes a copy of Clara Rudnick's presentation on her Holocaust experiences, newspapers articles about her presentation and her life, and many, many thank you cards written by students and teachers who heard her.

**Quantity:** .5 cu ft

**Identification:** Archives & Manuscripts: Personal and Family Collections

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Clara Rudnick, nee Harmetz, was 17 years old when the Nazis invaded her home in Swienciency, Lithuania. While Clara survived World War II and the massacre of Lithuanian Jews, her entire family – father, mother and four siblings - perished. After the war Clara married Abraham Rudnick, also a Holocaust survivor, and they eventually settled in Glens Falls, NY, where they owned a plumbing and heating business.

In 1981, following a Holocaust survivors reunion in Israel, Clara Rudnick started speaking about her Holocaust experience. She and other survivors were motivated to inform people of their personal history, in the face of Holocaust deniers and historical revisionists.

She spoke to college, high school, and grade school classes around the region and as far away as Pottstown, PA, as well as Hebrew School students.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

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## INDEX TERMS

**Topics:** Holocaust

World War (1939 – 1945)

**Places:** Glens Falls, Warren, New York  
Swienciancy, Lithuania near Vilnius  
Swir, Lithuania  
Mishaleikse Ghetto, Lithuania  
Vilna (Vilnius) Ghetto, Lithuania  
Kalisch, Great Poland/Lithuania  
Riga, capitol of Latvia  
Kaiserwald concentration camp, near Riga  
Stuthoff concentration camp near Danzig, now Poland  
Dachau concentration camp

**Important People:** Clara Harmetz Rudnick (1924 -  
Yossel Harmetz (1899 – 1944?)  
Chiyena Harmetz (1901 – 1941)  
Itzke Harmetz (1918 – 1941)  
Chiyeh Harmetz (1921 – 1941?)  
Avraminkeh Harmetz (1926 – 1941)  
Dorkeh Harmetz (1928 – 1941)  
Abraham Rudnick (1926 – 2013)  
Joseph Rudnick, son of Clara and Abraham  
Marvin Rudnick, son of Clara and Abraham  
Howard Rudnick, son of Clara and Abraham  
Mr.Buerstein

**Form/Genre:** Letters, MS, photos

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Preferred Citation:** Clara Rudnick Holocaust Collection  
The Folklife Center at Crandall Public Library  
Glens Falls, NY.

**Accession Information:** Donated by Clara Rudnick, 9 Rudley Drive, Queensbury,  
NY 12804; April 14, 2014

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## **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS**

1. Rudnick talk transcript 2007
2. Rudnick Shoah interview (2 CDs)

3. Rudnick and other Shoah newspaper clippings
4. Large folder of 'thank you's 1985 – 1999 (bulk 1996-1998)
5. Thank you note to Rudnick from J. Gleeson and class
6. Thank you note to Rudnick
7. Thank you note to Rudnick from Melanie Conklin
8. Thank you note to Rudnick from student Zoe Miller
9. Rudnick with students (unidentified) photo
10. Thank you notes to Rudnick, North Warren 8<sup>th</sup> grade 2002
11. Reschedule note to Rudnick from Linda Hales, HFHS 1997
12. Thank you note to Rudnick from Kerry Ethington, QCSD, 2005
13. Thank you notes to Rudnick, HFMS 2000
14. Rudnick, color photos of teacher and students, 32 photos
15. Thank you note to Rudnick, HFCSD, 2007
16. Thank you note to Rudnick from James McCarthy, SGFCSD, 2005
17. DVD and notes, Deanne Peters, Bolton Landing 2002, 2005
18. Response to Rudnick talk, 4 Bolton Landing CSD papers and one newspaper
19. 47 thank you notes on construction paper
20. Thank you notes to Rudnick from Pottstown, PA
21. 3 miscellaneous notes

Spiral bound notebook "Many Thanks" written by North Warren Central 8<sup>th</sup> Graders  
2000 - 2001