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Collection Summary

Title: James Kirsch Papers
Span Dates: 1928-1975
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1928-1961)
ID No.: MSS86079
Creator: Kirsch, James
Extent: 125 items ; 2 containers ; .4 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English and German
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Jungian analyst. Correspondence with Carl Jung and members of Jung's inner circle, and other papers relating to Kirsch's career.

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
Jung, C. G. (Carl Gustav), 1875-1961--Correspondence.
Kirsch family--Correspondence.
Kirsch, James.
Wolff, Toni--Correspondence.

Subjects
Antisemitism.
Jungian psychology.
Psychoanalysts--Correspondence.

Occupations
Jungian analysts.

Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of James Kirsch, Jungian analyst, were given to the Library of Congress by his son, Thomas Kirsch, in 2016.

Other Repositories
A collection of correspondence between Kirsch and Jung is at the Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule in Zurich, Switzerland.

Related Material
Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the papers of Carl Jung as well as the papers of other Jungian analysts.

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Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, James Kirsch Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1901</td>
<td>Born, Guatemala, to a German Jewish merchant family</td>
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<td>1907</td>
<td>Family returned to Berlin, Germany</td>
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<td>1907-1922</td>
<td>Educated in Germany, medical degree from Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany</td>
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<tr>
<td>1922</td>
<td>Returned to Berlin, Germany; began practice of psychiatry</td>
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<tr>
<td>late 1920s</td>
<td>Began Jungian analysis with Toni Sussman, Berlin, Germany</td>
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<td>1929</td>
<td>Began analysis with Carl Jung and Toni Wolff, Zurich, Switzerland</td>
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<td>1930</td>
<td>Lectured at the Jung club in Zurich, Switzerland, on the &quot;Modern Jew in Germany&quot;</td>
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<td>1933</td>
<td>Moved to Palestine when Hitler came to power in Germany</td>
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<td>1935-1940</td>
<td>Lived and practiced in London, England</td>
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<td>1941-1989</td>
<td>Lived and practiced in Los Angeles, Calif.</td>
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<td>1947</td>
<td>Founded the C. G. Jung Institute of Los Angeles, Calif.</td>
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<td>1989, Mar. 19</td>
<td>Died, Los Angeles, Calif.</td>
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Scope and Content Note

The papers of James Kirsch, Jungian analyst, span the years 1928-1975 and include correspondence with Carl Jung, Toni Wolff, other Jungian analysts, and miscellaneous papers relating to Kirsch’s career. The papers are in English and German. Kirsch was one of Jung’s earliest pupils and established a practice in Berlin in the 1920s. After witnessing Hitler’s rise to power in the early 1930s, Kirsch, a Jew, moved to Palestine in 1933. Having heard rumors of Jung’s alleged antisemitism and pro-Nazi sympathies, Kirsch initiated what became a series of letters with his mentor questioning statements that had been attributed to Jung that appeared anti-Semitic and Jung’s involvement with various organizations. Their correspondence, which ceased during the war, renewed after the war when Kirsch had moved to Los Angeles, and continued for the remainder of Jung’s life. The papers also contain correspondence with Toni Wolff and other members of Jung’s inner circle, as well as family members. The miscellany includes news clippings and printed matter. The letters between Kirsch and Jung were included, with English translations, in The Jung-Kirsch Letters, 2011, edited by Ann Conrad Lammers (London: Routledge).
Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material and name of correspondent.
## Container List

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| **BOX 1** | Correspondence  
  Adler, Gerhard, 1956  
  Family, 1951  
  *See also Restricted*  
  (4 folders)  
  Jung, Emma, to Hilde Kirsch, 1953-1955  
  Jung, Marianne, 1930  
  Schmid, Marie-Jeanne, to Hilde Kirsch, 1951  
  Wolff, Toni, 1929-1937, 1949-1953, undated  
  (2 folders)  
  Miscellany, 1933, 1951-1962, undated |
| **BOX R 2** | Restricted  
  Correspondence  
  Jung, Carl, 1949, 1952 (Container 1)  
  (2 folders) |