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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

Extent: 2 containers

Extent: .4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English and German

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

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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 LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Jung, C. G. (Carl Gustav), 1875-1961--Correspondence.

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Kirsch family--Correspondence.

Kirsch, James.

Wolff, Toni--Correspondence.

Subjects

Antisemitism.

Jungian psychology.

Psychoanalysts--Correspondence.

Occupations

Jungian analysts.

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

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Biographical Note

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

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

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Correspondence Adler, Gerhard, 1956 Family, 1951 Jung, C. G., 1928-1937, 1948-1961 <i>See also Restricted</i> (4 folders) Jung, Emma, to Hilde Kirsch, 1953-1955 Jung, Marianne, 1930 Miscellaneous, 1951-1955, 1963, 1975, undated 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)