



Guide to the Gilbert Yarchever oral history interviews

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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents Note

Oral history interviews with Gilbert Yarchever conducted by Claytee White on April 03, 2006 and April 07, 2006 for the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. Yarchever opens his interview by discussing his childhood in Pennsylvania and what growing up during the Depression was like. He then describes looking for employment and the discrimination he experienced for being Jewish. Yarchever then recalls his move to Washington, D.C. in December of 1939. He recalls the atmosphere of the city at the brink of World War II and later describes how the city of D.C. reacted to the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He describes his arrival in North Africa and how he helped smuggle Jews out of Eastern Europe and into Jerusalem for safety during the war. He details the mechanics of smuggling operation and the testimonies he took of some refugees. He then talks about his military service which started when he was rescued from a sinking boat in the Suez Canal. He then describes living in Hawaii during and after the war and how the island changed after the war. Yarchever ends his interview with a discussion on why he moved to Las Vegas, Nevada and his involvement in the local community. Digital audio and transcript available.

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- World War, 1939-1945
- Jews
- Jewish refugees
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