

## **Guide to the Generations of the Shoah - Nevada Records**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Generations of the Shoah - Nevada
<b>Title:</b>	Generations of the Shoah - Nevada Records
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00720
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately 2001 to 2020
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.64 Cubic Feet (1 box, 1 oversized box)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.31 Linear Feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	993 Digital Files (Transferred electronically; no physical carrier)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	308 Digital Files (0.448 GB) DOC, JPEG, PDF, XSLX
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Generations of the Shoah - Nevada (GS-N) records (approximately 2001-2020) are mainly comprised of meeting notes, correspondence, fliers, event programs, speeches, planning documents, scrapbooks, exhibit panels, and educational materials created by GS-N president Esther Finder and collaborators in the Las Vegas, Nevada Jewish community and the international Holocaust education and remembrance community. The collection also includes personal stories of Holocaust survivors and their families, which are recorded in virtual books, publications, videotaped interviews, and Las Vegas, Nevada filmmaker Brett Levner's videos: <i>Holocaust Survivors Reflect</i> and <i>Passing the Torch</i> .

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Background

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Generations of the Shoah – Nevada (GS-N) was established in Las Vegas, Nevada in October 2010 as a group for the children and grandchildren of Holocaust (Shoah) survivors. GS-N supports local Holocaust survivors, educates community members about the history of the Holocaust, and works to ensure that the legacy of the Holocaust is not "forgotten, denied, or re-written." The group collaborates with Yad Vashem to help with the Pages of Testimony project, an effort to record the names of the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust. GS-N provides a place for members to discuss their personal experiences as children of

survivors. It also provides online forums, book discussions, and programs such as writing workshops and speaker training workshops.

Source:

"Home." *Generations of the Shoah – Nevada*. Accessed May 6, 2015. <http://gsnevada.net/>.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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Materials are arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research. Portions of this collection are digital and available online at <http://d.library.unlv.edu/cdm/search/searchterm/MS-00720>. Advance notice and arrangements are required for access to some digital files. Some materials in this collection are restricted and noted at the file level. Please contact Special Collections and Archives for more information.

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## Acquisition Note

Materials were donated between 2015 and 2020 by Esther Finder; accession numbers 2015-066, 2017-135, and 2020-102. Also in 2015, Brett Levner and Ary Mirochnik donated digital surrogates, but retained the original items; accession numbers: 2015-076 and 2015-100.

## Processing Note

Materials were processed by Emily Lapworth in 2015. Some items in this collection are digital surrogates. In 2020, Tammi Kim minimally processed the 2020 accession and updated the finding aid in ArchivesSpace.

## Existence and Location of Originals

Some items in this collection are digital surrogates. The donor retained the original items.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Holocaust survivors
- Jews -- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Jews -- Societies, etc.
- Photographs

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Esther Finder correspondence, approximately 2001 to 2013	box 01
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Memorable Moments book, featuring a page written by Esther Toporek Finder, 2003	box 01
Meeting notes, approximately 2010 to 2012	box 01
GS - N meeting agendas, working files for events and programs, correspondence, lesson plans and handouts for March of the Living (MOTL) educational programs, correspondence, 2009-2015	digital file 00

Physical Description: 111 Digital Files (0.029 GB) JPEG, PDF

Scope and Contents Note: These digital records from 2009 to 2015 were mainly created by Esther Finder in her work as president of Generations of the Shoah - Nevada. Materials include correspondence, articles and essays, meeting agendas and notes, photographs, drafts of speeches, fliers, informational documents, planning documents for conferences and events, and Holocaust education materials. Also included are emails sent and received by Finder, which function as the organization's main method of communication, in lieu of a printed newsletter.

Brett Levner <i>Passing the Torch</i> documentary videos and working files, 2012 Physical Description: 231 Digital Files Files are digital surrogates. Scope and Contents Note: Materials include final cut of video and interviews with Esther Finder, Raymonde Fiol, and Stephen Nasser.	digital file 00
Fliers and event programs, approximately 2012 to 2015	box 01
Brett Levner <i>Holocaust Survivors Reflect</i> project videos and working files, 2013 Physical Description: 406 Digital Files Files are digital surrogates. Scope and Contents Note: Materials include final cut of video, interviews with 21 Holocaust survivors, and working files such as video production files and introductions and questions for the survivor interviews.	digital file 00
Video footage of interviews with Joe Frank and Gary Rosenthal, 2013 Physical Description: 354 Digital Files Files are digital surrogates.	digital file 00
Speech transcript and certificates, 2013	box 01
"Nellis hosts Holocaust Remembrance Week," article in <i>Bullseye</i> , the Nellis, Creech and NTTR newspaper, volume 64 number 16, 2014 April 25	box 01
"Holocaust Education Seder for Clark County students and teachers" newspaper article by Esther Toporek Finder in the Las Vegas Israelite, 2014 May 02	box 01
"The Next Generation," essay by Esther Toporek Finder in <i>Past Forward</i> , the USC Shoah Foundation magazine, 2014	box 01
Generations of the Shoah International conference videos, 2014 Physical Description: 2 Digital Files Files are digital surrogates. Scope and Contents Note: Materials consist of two videos of speakers at the conference, Mark Weitzman and Michael Berenbaum.	digital file 00
Holocaust survivor virtual books, 2014 Physical Description: 71 Digital Files (0.0632 GB) DOC, PDF, XSLX Restricted: Some materials are restricted and will not be open for access until January 01, 2089.	digital file 00
<i>Memory Reconstruction: A Sacred Culture Rebuilt</i> by Lori Shocket, 2015 Scope and Contents Note: Book signed by author, featuring pages about Harry and Faye Toporek and Raymonde Fiol	box 01
"Preserving Our Legacy Project" scrapbook, 2019	oversized box 02
Pop-up banner traveling exhibit panels, 2020	digital file 00

Physical Description: 126 Digital Files (0.356 GB) PDF