

Marie Meisel Cedars Papers, 1952-2006:

A Guide

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Dr. Marie Meisel Cedars

Title: Marie Meisel Cedars Papers, 1952-2006

Inclusive Dates: 1952-2006

Abstract: Almost half the collection consists of files of research Marie M. Cedars conducted on Albert Camus and Elie Wiesel. Several files include research on the Holocaust. Other files contain supplemental materials and correspondence related to Cedars research, correspondence with other authors including Elie Wiesel, draft copies of papers Cedars wrote, and some personal records.

Identification: AR34

Extent: 2.35 cubic feet

Shelf location: 6:B:2, 5

Language(s): Collection is predominantly in English; materials in French, German, and Hebrew are indicated at the series level.

Repository: Tarleton State University, Dick Smith Library, Archives and Special Collections, Stephenville, Texas

Biographical Note

Marie Meisel Cedars, the daughter of Harry and Leona Denaces Meisel, was born in Paris, France on November 29, 1920 but grew up in Brooklyn, New York. Her father, an attorney, also grew up in Brooklyn, New York but was born in Toledo, Ohio. He was an American soldier stationed in Paris during World War I. Cedars' mother was born in Arques, France and became a translator for the U.S. Army in Paris after World War I.

Cedars received a BA in art from the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York in 1946 and a BA in French and Spanish from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas in 1967. Her advanced degrees include a MA in French from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas in 1972 and a Ph.D. in French literature from the University of Texas-Arlington in Arlington, Texas in 1984. Her master's thesis was titled *Affirmation of Life: Analogous Ideas in Judaism and Albert Camus*. Her dissertation was titled *Speaking through Silence: The Art of Elie Wiesel*.

Cedars' work experience included being a display artist, an advertising artist, a fashion promoter, a copywriter, and a French instructor at Tarleton State University. During World War II she worked as a mechanical draftsman for Bell Laboratories and a designer-draftsman on the Atomic Energy Commission Project.

On May 23, 1943, Marie married a general surgeon, Nathan Cedars (1916-2013), in New York City. In 1952 they moved to Stephenville, Texas where Nathan was an associate of the Stephenville Medical and Surgical Clinic. They had five children, all of whom became physicians.

Marie died on February 26, 2001 in Fort Worth, Texas. Both Drs. Cedars are buried in Greenwood Memorial Park and Mausoleum in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. They were members of the Beth-El Congregation in Fort Worth.

Sources:

Tim Hawkins, "Memorial Page for Dr. Nathan Cedars," Find A Grave, added February 10, 2013. Accessed September 3, 2018. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104920254/nathan-cedars>

"Dr. Marie Meisel Cedars." *Stephenville Empire-Tribune* (TX), Mar. 2, 2001. NewsBank. <https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=WORLDNEWS&docref=news/130A8B0892B60230>. (Accessed October 16, 2018.)

Scope and Contents

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Much of the research consists of handwritten notes, but there are also newspaper clippings and some photocopies of journal articles and book chapters. Products resulting from the research and found in the collection include "Albert Camus and Elie Wiesel: Their Philosophical and Literary Links," "Silence and Against Silence: The Two Voices of Elie Wiesel," and *Speaking through Silence: The Art of Elie Wiesel*.

Organization

The Marie Meisel Cedars Papers, 1952-2006 are organized in two series:

- Series I. Research and resulting products (*materials in French and German are found in this series*)
- Series II. Papers (*materials in Hebrew are found in this series*)
 - a. Personal
 - b. Judaism
 - c. Correspondence
 - d. Other authors' works
 - e. Conference materials
 - f. Copyright documents
 - g. Future projects
 - h. Miscellaneous
 - i. Memorial

Rights and Access

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Physical Access Restrictions

None.

Technical Access Restrictions

None.

Publication Rights

Copyright restrictions may apply.

Index Terms

Persons

Camus, Albert, 1913-1960
Wiesel, Eliezer "Elie," 1928-2016

Organizations

The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity
Midwest Modern Language Association

Subjects

Judaism
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945), in literature

Administrative Information

Provenance

Unknown.

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Processing Information

Finding aid prepared by Phyllis Kinnison, 2018. Revised by Amanda Pape
 October 16, 2018.

Note to the Researcher

The collection is processed, but advance notice is required with time allowed to retrieve materials from offsite storage before conducting research. There may be occasions when staffing or weather conditions may prevent retrieval of the records. For more information, contact Librarian/Archivist Phyllis Kinnison at pkinnison@tarleton.edu.

Container List

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series Title and Folder Contents (with dates)</u>
6:B:2	1	1	Research and resulting products: Andre Neher, undated
		2	Research and resulting products: Anne Gibson, 1986
		3	Research and resulting products: notes from <i>The Vision of the Void</i> by Michael Berenbaum, undated
		4	Research and resulting products: book review – <i>Le Crépuscule, au Loin (Twilight)</i> by Elie Wiesel, undated
		5	Research and resulting products: Brigitte-Fanny Cohen – <i>Elie Wiesel: Qui êtes-vous?</i>
		6	Research and resulting products: Camus/Wiesel – biographies, undated
		7	Research and resulting products: Outline for “Albert Camus and Elie Wiesel: Their Philosophical and Literary Links,” undated
		8	Research and resulting products: Camus/Wiesel – Introduction, undated
		9	Research and resulting products: Camus/Wiesel – Confronting the Absurd, undated
		10	Research and resulting products: Camus/Wiesel – Revolt: contending with a silent God, undated
		11	Research and resulting products: Camus/Wiesel – Working through a resolution, undated
		12	Research and resulting products: Camus/Wiesel – What one can do now: a plan of action, the writer’s duty, undated
	2	1	Research and resulting products: Camus/Wiesel – Wiesel quotes, Camus, Wiesel refers to Camus, undated
		2	Research and resulting products: Camus/Wiesel – Links, undated
		3	Research and resulting products: Camus/Wiesel – Where Camus and Wiesel differ, undated

		4	Research and resulting products: Camus/Wiesel – Conclusion and Nobel Prize, 1987, undated
		5	Research and resulting products: Camus/Wiesel – first rough draft, undated
		6	Research and resulting products: Camus/Wiesel – first draft, undated
		7	Research and resulting products: Camus/Wiesel – first version, undated
		8	Research and resulting products: Camus/Wiesel – miscellaneous, undated
		9	Research and resulting products: Camus/Wiesel – notes already used, undated
		10	Research and resulting products: Camus/Wiesel – notes, undated
		11	Research and resulting products: Camus/Wiesel – other authors, 1987, undated
		12	Research and resulting products: Camus/Wiesel – paper- “Albert Camus and Elie Wiesel: Their Philosophical and Literary Links,” undated
	3	1	Research and resulting products: Camus/Wiesel – related research notes, undated
		2	Research and resulting products: Wiesel, undated
		3	Research and resulting products: clippings, 1985-1989
		4	Research and resulting products: Cynthia Haft, undated
		5	Research and resulting products: Elie Wiesel
		6	Research and resulting products: The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, 1988-1980, undated
		7	Research and resulting products: Sidra DeKoven Ezrahi – <i>By Words Alone: The Holocaust in Literature and Holocaust Literature in European Languages</i> , 1973, undated
		8	Research and resulting products: Harry James Cargas, 1989-1990, undated
		9	Research and resulting products: Holocaust bibliography, undated
		10	Research and resulting products: Holocaust, Judaism, Israel, 1988-1990, undated
		11	Research and resulting products: Holocaust – revisionism, 1989
		12	Research and resulting products: Israel, 1987-1988
		13	Research and resulting products: Walter A. Kaufmann – <i>Critique of Religion and Philosophy</i> , undated
		14	Research and resulting products: Lawrence L. Langer – excerpts from <i>The Holocaust and the Literary Imagination</i> , undated
		15	Research and resulting products: magazine and journal articles, 1987, 1989, undated
		16	Research and resulting products: Marie – notes
		17	Research and resulting products: miscellaneous definitions, undated
		18	Research and resulting products: miscellaneous – dissertation, undated
		19	Research and resulting products: miscellaneous writings re: Cunneen paper notes, undated
		20	Research and resulting products: Passover talk or article

		21	Research and resulting products: quotes from Wiesel, undated
		22	Research and resulting products: further work on Wiesel and Holocaust, undated
		23	Research and resulting products: Robert McNee Brown's review on Wiesel's <i>Le Cinquieme Fils</i> , 1985
		24	Research and resulting products: "Silence and Against Silence: The Two Voices of Elie Wiesel," undated
		25	Research and resulting products: silence of God, undated
		26	Research and resulting products: silence of the world, 1980, undated
6:B:5	4	1-2	Research and resulting products: <i>Speaking through Silence: The Art of Elie Wiesel</i> (thesis), copy 1, 1984
		3-5	Research and resulting products: <i>Speaking through Silence: The Art of Elie Wiesel</i> (thesis), copy 2, 1984
		6	Research and resulting products: <i>Speaking through Silence</i> – sections, undated
		7	Research and resulting products: talk on Jewish ceremonies, traditions, and symbols, undated
		8	Research and resulting products: talk on <i>Silence</i> (Elie Wiesel) at Joys of Jewish Learning, December 7, 1989
		9	Research and resulting products: <i>Twilight, Le Crépuscule, au loin</i> , undated
		10	Research and resulting products: universal appeal, universal message, undated
		11	Research and resulting products: Wiesel, undated
	5	1	Research and resulting products: Wiesel and Holocaust clippings
		2	Research and resulting products: Wiesel article for Joe Cunneen, undated
		3	Research and resulting products: Cunneen and <i>Cross Current</i> , 1985-1986
		4	Research and resulting products: Wiesel (B'nai B'rith 1985)
		5	Research and resulting products: Wiesel – <i>CBS Evening News with Dan Rather</i> , January 13, 1988
		6	Research and resulting products: Wiesel notes, undated
		7	Research and resulting products: Wiesel talk for Jewish Center, undated
		8	Papers: Personal, 1985, 1989-1990, undated
		9	Papers: Personal: Marie – curriculum vitae, undated
		10	Papers: Judaism
		11	Papers: Judaism – Chanuko, 1952, 1972, undated
		12	Papers: Judaism – Sunday School materials
		13	Papers: Correspondence – Judy Suther, 1979-1980, 1985-1986, 1988, undated
	6	1	Papers: Correspondence – Michael Kuelker, 1987, 1989, undated
		2	Papers: Correspondence – Barry Green (re: Cedars' dissertation), 1986
		3	Papers: Correspondence – Princeton University Press (re: dissertation permission), 1986
		4	Papers: Correspondence – Pat Haskell, 1986

		5	Papers: Correspondence – re: dissertation, 1983, 1985, undated
		6	Papers: Correspondence – Ralph L. Starling, 1989
		7	Papers: Correspondence – re: Wiesel books at Tarleton, 1988-1989
		8	Papers: Other people’s works – paper – “From Night to Twilight: A Philosopher’s Reading of Elie Wiesel,” by John K. Roth
		9	Papers: Other people’s works – sermon – “Swords into uzzis? Spears into kefir [sic] jets?” by Rabbi Ralph D. Mecklenburger, December 9, 1986
		10	Papers: Conference materials – 1989 Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, 1988
		11	Papers: Conference materials – Midwest Modern Language Association, 1987
		12	Papers: Copyright documents – Certificate of Copyright Registration for dissertation, 1987
		13	Papers: Future projects, undated
		14	Papers: Future projects – What Elie Wiesel means to Jews, undated
		15	Papers: Miscellaneous
		16	Papers: Memorial – Dr. Marie M. Cedars Memorial Holocaust Lecture Series, 2006