



Weisberg Family Collection,  
1928-1972  
(bulk dates: 1946-1972)

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### **Content Note**

The Weisberg Family Collection is composed of photographs, correspondence, ephemera, newspaper clippings, postcards and scrapbooks of Ruth “Shorty” Weisberg and her sister May Weisberg of Floral Park, New York, and their brother Leonard “Len” Weisberg and his wife Mildred Gordon Weisberg of Huntington Station.

### **Biographical Sketch**

The bulk of the collection contains the holdings of May Weisberg (1909-2004), a graduate of Flushing High School Class of 1928. May, who among other things worked as a Stage Manager for the American Theater Wing War Service during World War II at the legendary Stage Door Canteen in New York, kept the family scrapbooks of Leonard and Mildred’s wedding in 1948, Leonard’s work for MGM in the 1940s and the family’s vacations spanning three decades.

Ruth Weisberg (1895-1972), the eldest of the Weisberg siblings, lived with her sister May in Floral Park and served in the American Women’s Volunteer Service (AWVS) during World War II. The American Women's Voluntary Service was an organization based on a British program, called the Women’s Voluntary Service (WVS), which was formed to support the armed forces and civilians on the home front. Volunteers drove ambulances, organized mobile kitchens, and sold war bonds and stamps. AWVS workshops produced over one million articles of clothing for servicemen and civilians. Members also provided meals and babysitting services to women war workers, many of whom worked six days a week in defense factories and had to manage the demands of work and home life for the first time in their lives.

Leonard Weisberg (1906-1981) worked in the entertainment trade publication industry, mainly for MGM and published a trade magazine for them called *Trade Topics* during the 1940s. His career was temporarily interrupted in 1942 when he was called to serve in the Navy during World War II. Upon returning, he resumed his career working for MGM and shortly thereafter married Mildred Gordon (1908-1997) in 1948 who was writing a column called “Broadway Wings” for the now defunct *New York Morning Telegraph*. They spent their honeymoon on the Carolinas and upon returning moved to Mildred’s family “farm” in Huntington Station. After vacationing throughout Europe a few times during the 1950s, Leonard and Mildred moved to the town of Bell Lloch in northern Spain.

**Subjects:**

Air France  
Air India  
American Theatre Wing War Service  
American Woman's Volunteer Service  
Bell Lloch, Spain  
Broadway  
Catalina Island  
Colden, Charles S. (New York State Supreme Court Justice 1943-45, 1948-49)  
Film Industry (1940s)  
Flushing, Queens  
Huntington Station, Long Island  
Ladies Home Journal  
Menus (Airline, Cruise Ship, European)  
S.S. Rotterdam  
Tourism  
Trade Magazines, Film  
Vacations, Europe (England, France, Italy, Spain)  
Weddings (1940s)  
World War II

**Box 1**

**Folder**

**Description**

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| 1 | Ephemera - Moving Notice from Barmes, France to Bell Lloch, Spain, 1964<br>Birthday card, n.d.<br>Sales Ad, "Splinters" book anthology, n.d.<br>Flushing High School Commencement Program, Jan. 1928<br>Millpond Playhouse Program, "The Claque," May 1940  |
| 2 | Note - May Weisberg, Dec. 1938<br>Letter - Robert Brooks to May Weisberg, Aug. 19, 1947<br>Letter - May Weisberg to Peter Bayles, Oct. 26, 1948<br>Letter - New York State Supreme Court Justice Charles S. Colden to Mr. & Mrs. L. J. Weisberg, Jan. 7, 1949<br>Letter - Sonny to May & Ruth Weisberg. Apr. 26, 1958<br>Letter - Len Weisberg to May Weisberg, May 9, 1972 |

- 3 Ephemera - Two tickets Philharmonia Orchestra at Royal Festival Hall, Jun. 18, 1961  
Ephemera - Note from Picadilly Theatre, n.d.  
Pamphlet - (in French) Toledo, Spain, n.d.  
Pamphlet/Map - Hotel del Ciervo Locations, Spain, Sep. 15, 1959  
Pamphlet - Clinton Arms Hotel, Newark, England, n.d.  
Booklet - Maxim Fashion (in French), n.d.
- 4 Menu - S.S. Rotterdam Cruise ship, 1967
- 5 Menu - Air France, Sep. 21, 1958  
Menu - Air India, Aug. 25, 1962  
Menu - Air India, Sep. 19, 1962
- 6 Booklet – Majorca Coliseum - Barcelona, Spain, Sep. 13, 1959  
Booklet – Windsor Castle, n.d.
- 7 Clippings - Naval enlistment of Len Weisberg, 1942
- Box Office
  - Daily Motion Picture (two articles)
  - The Exhibitor
  - The Film Daily (two articles)
  - The Hollywood Reporter
  - Showmen’s Press Review
- 8 Ladies Home Journal Signs (4), 1983
- 9 Menu – Mediterraneo Gran Hotel, Spain, Sep. 13, 1959  
Menu – Ristorante La Mortola, Italy, n.d.  
Menu – Ristorante Oliviero, Italy, n.d.  
Menu – Camille Renault, France, n.d.  
Menu – Maxim’s, France, Aug. 30, 1958  
Menu – The Ivy, England, n.d.

**Box 2**  
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| 1  | Family Photos, n.d.  |
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| 6  | Family Photos, n.d.  |
| 7  | High School Notebook belonging to May Weisberg, 1928   |
| 8  | Postcards - Air India, 1964<br>Birthday Card, 1930   |
| 9  | Photos - Catalina Island, 1937   |
| 10 | Photos - Ruth Weisberg in American Women's Volunteer Service Uniform, c. 1942                  |
| 11 | Photo - Peter Bayles in Army Uniform, c. 1942  |
| 12 | American Theatre Wind ID Cards belonging to May Weisberg, 1944                                 |
| 13 | Wedding Announcement for Len and Mildred Weisberg<br>Christmas Card, n.d.<br>Ship Photos, n.d. |
| 14 | Postcards - European Vacation (England), 1959  |
| 15 | Postcards - European Vacation (France), 1959   |
| 16 | Postcards - European Vacation, 1971  |

**Box 3 – Oversize**

Scrapbook – Trade Topics Newsletter Samples and Correspondence, 1946

**Box 4**

Scrapbook – Wedding Photos and Cards – Leonard & Mildred Weisberg, 1948

Old Green Photo Album/Lock Box (empty)

**Box 5**

Scrapbook – European Vacation – Leonard & Mildred Weisberg, 1958