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## COLLECTION ON HOLOCAUST FOUNDED AT SUNY-BINGHAMTON

A special collection of books, documents, and other scholarly materials pertaining to the Holocaust, in which millions of European Jews died during World War II, has been founded at the State University of New York at Binghamton.

Named in memory of Mrs. Moses (Belle) Margolis, a Binghamton-area resident for more than 50 years, the Belle Margolis Library Collection has received generous financial assistance from the Margolis family and friends.

Mrs. Margolis came to Binghamton in 1923 from Poland with her husband, the Rev. Moses Margolis. Reverend Margolis has long been associated with Temple Israel, which was located in Binghamton for many years before moving to its current site in Vestal in 1968.

The Margolis' lost 32 close relatives in the Holocaust.

The idea for the collection came from Mrs. Helen Smelser of San Francisco, the Margolis' daughter. She is also the Collection's principal contributor.

The Collection will include standard works, principally in English, designed to support undergraduate instruction in the history of the Holocaust, and will also supplement research materials in the University's Judaic Studies Program. Part of the collection will consist of original source materials in Russian and Yiddish. Additional acquisitions, aimed at supporting graduate studies, will be contingent upon further contributions to the collection.

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It is also stipulated that a certain percentage of funds raised will be used to purchase works written by women.

"Contributions from the public will be accepted with great appreciation," said Gerald D. McLain, director of alumni/foundation development. Checks should be made payable to the SUNY-Binghamton Foundation with a note attached directing the gift to the Margolis Collection. Contributions are tax deductible, he said.

George H. Stein, distinguished teaching professor of history, will head a faculty committee which will acquire the Collection. Mr. Stein is an authority on modern Europe, particularly modern Germany.

The limited-circulation collection will be housed in a partially enclosed alcove in the College-in-the-Woods Library. Community residents, as well as students, faculty, and staff of SUNY-Binghamton will be invited to take advantage of the collection.