

Title: Porter, Jack Nusan Papers

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Abstract: Jack Nusan Porter (originally Nusia Jakub Puchtik) was born December 2, 1944, in the Ukraine to Jewish-Ukrainian partisan parents Faljga Merin and Srulik Puchtik. His parents resisted Nazi occupation during World War II. The family emigrated to the U.S. in 1946, Anglicized their name to Porter, and eventually settled in Milwaukee. Jack was involved with a Zionist youth movement while growing up and spent time in Israel. He returned to Milwaukee and earned a degree in sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He went on to obtain a Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 1971.

During the 1960s, Jack was active in groups such as the Students for a Democratic Society but left because they became too radical and anti-Semitic. In 1970, he and other Northwestern students founded the Jewish Student Movement to provide a forum that was “Jewish and progressive, Zionist and non-reactionary.”

He embarked upon a distinguished academic career. In addition to numerous publications on genocide-related issues, he was an assistant professor of social science at Boston University and research associate at Harvard's Ukrainian Research Institute. He also is a research associate at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University. In recognition of his work on genocide and his fight for the human rights of Kurds, Armenians, and Palestinians, Jack was nominated for a Nobel Peace prize in 2015. Jack also is an ordained rabbi and has served congregations in Massachusetts and Key West, Florida.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of newspaper clippings, publications, school notebooks/tests and other ephemera related to the Porter family, Jack’s academic career and his interest in Jewish affairs.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English, Hebrew

Arrangement:

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Irving and Faye Porter	1	1
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Washington High School, and UW-Milwaukee)		
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BOOKS:		
<i>Confronting History and Holocaust</i> (1983 and 2014 editions)	2	LOOSE
<i>Jewish Partisans: A Documentary of Jewish Resistance in the Soviet Union During World War II, Volume II</i>	2	LOOSE
<i>The Jew as Outsider</i>	2	LOOSE
<i>Sexual Politics in Nazi Germany</i> (20 th anniversary edition, 2011)	2	LOOSE
<i>Kids in Cults: Why They Join, Why They Stay, Why They Leave</i>	2	LOOSE
NOTE: <i>Milwaukee Memories: Milwaukee and Hollywood & Small Town Secrets</i> and <i>Freilich (Happy) Days Revisited: Growing Up Jewish in Ike's America</i> added to Library Collection		
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Jack Porter, Certificate of Completion, United Hebrew Schools 1957	OS SM "P"	