

## **Hana Green**

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Green, recipient of a Claims Conference Fellowship and research funding from Jacob Nyman '01, explores the experiences of Jewish women who passed as Aryan gentiles during the Holocaust. Centering the experiences and identity transformations of Jewish female passers, Green considers the deeper implications of the broader phenomenon of passing during the Holocaust and explores what it meant to pass under the guise of a false identity *in extremis*. The project evaluates diverse case studies of Jewish women passing in various regions and settings across Europe during the Holocaust and assesses the ways they navigated survival on a day-to-day basis in this context

Green's early research shows the centrality of movement amongst passers and suggests that imposing national or even regional frameworks on the study of passing neglects the fluidity and necessarily ambulatory nature of survival by passing. Her project offers a truly singular *Alltagsgeschichte* (everyday history), and the unique perspective of Jewish witnessing from "the Aryan side." During summer 2020, Green discovered several unpublished testimonies, letters, and musings of German-Jewish women who lived 'underground' lives. These materials provide astonishing insights into the day-to-day life of Jewish passers in Germany and underscore several critical themes including the important role of contingency, social networks, and gender identity.

Green began her archival research remotely studying oral histories from the Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies and the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive, as well

as several digitized collections from the Wiener Holocaust Library, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and the Center for Jewish History. In fall she began in-person archival research with research trips to the Center for Jewish History in New York, the Vienna Wiesenthal Institute in Austria, and the Leibniz Institute for Contemporary History's Center for Holocaust Studies in Munich. A Conny Kristel Fellowship from the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI) funded her three-week residency as a fellow at the Vienna Wiesenthal Institute and the Bundesarchiv in Berlin. Green currently holds a one-year research grant from the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) which is supporting her research stay in Germany. Awarded the 2021 Fritz Halbers Fellowship, Green plans to conduct research in the Leo Baeck Institute in New York City in fall 2022.