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Julius Buchwald Collection

Correspondence 1940-1966

Grossberg, Mimi

Julius Buchwald

Briefkopf eines Briefes
an meinen Bruder Julius Buchwald
und Schwägerin Lily.

Nov, 23rd, 1944

They arrived here
Jan. 3rd 1945 (46?)

Dear Children

It got me awfully mad to read that in case you will be still in England by Christmas you will have to go to London then, for Lily's ~~Uncle's~~ wedding. Don't you dare doing that! Don't you remember that one night's lonely raider just machingunning that very street where Julius was, when he last went to London? It was the time before last time, I remember, because the last time must have been when you went there for your visas. Allright, if you go for such a reason, or, if you or anyone else, would take chances to further the war-effort. But to go there for pleasure means certainly lack of a feeling of responsibility towards those who are very much concerned about you! I don't get mad easily, anymore, but this time I am good and mad. Don't forget, that it is not always a matter of life and death, but that people can get maimed or blind which is worth than a sudden death. So, please, be reasonable! and Don't think that this means that I will be interfering with your affairs if you get here - unless you ask me for advice - but this is an entirely ~~at~~ different story - I want you to get here alive and healthy and not to make last minute experiments.

Sorry you will come with so much luggage! Are you sure you will need so many things? It is almost impossible to get apartments now and you may have to store most of it which may cost you a lot of money. It used to be a Dollar a piece per month and may be even more, now. I don't know anyone who came here with more than 4 big cases, but most people had two only, besides their handluggage. The transport probably costs you as much as when you buy here - don't you think so? Couldn't you leave things with mother and have them sent after, when the war is over and when you can store them in your own apartment? Everything is alright with me - but this is a sound warning to you and based upon what I heard from people who came over and talk so from their own experience? I also think it isn't nice to use up too much space on a boat now, as they have to transport a lot more vital things.

Don't worry, if you can't bring me the stamps I asked you for. It was a suggestion only and is completely unimportant. A "Sadene Zure".

I almost wish this letter would not reach you anymore. I can't describe with what feelings I'm looking forward to your coming here. It still sounds like a fairy-tale to me.

This is Thanksgiving-Day and we have a lot to thank for - especially for the Re-election of this administration!

Love, *Muri, & Corbet*

what ever you decide?

*Please, return
1st class*

4/25/60

**JULIUS BUCHWALD
OVERSEAS STAMPS
BOX 536, CHURCH ST., N.Y. 8, N.Y.**

Name **Mrs. Mimi Grossberg**
75 Wadsworth Terrace
Address **New York 33 N.Y.**

*Prof. mettes Pindler
au mich, als ich noch
Briefmarken
sammele.*

Quantity	Cat. No. and Description	Amount
	<p>Dear Mimi: Thanks for your letter and many happy returns. I did get the MOZART requiem, Verdi was a slip of the Typewriter as I am much better acquainted with Verdi. (By far his best work)</p> <p>I really do not have stamps in bulk, since everything is kept in stock books, and from there transferred either to approval books - 2 enclosed - or to stock listed in pricelists. Choose from the 2 books whatever you like and disregard the retail prices. I do not know who circulates the silly rumor that I specialize in Thailand. If you look at the lists sent to Herbert you will find just 2 items. I AM specialized in better British Colonials, and that's what the 2 books are about. I remember that you have some basic collection in this field.</p> <p>It is very hard to say how much you need of a certain stamp. That depends on the value, purpose and demand. It may amount from 3 to several hundred. If you have some stamps in quantity which you think are good, let me have a list with Scott numbers, and I will tell you either what I can pay in cash or, if you prefer, how much in exchange you can choose on approval. Provided that the stamps fit into a certain pattern and I can use them at all. This is not to say that I do not deal in all Foreign. My next list will include about 450 Europe Commemoratives and Semi-Postals. I do not deal in new issues as this requires a great lot of capital with no assured profits. I think this answers all your questions. I want to warn you on this 1st Day business. Dealers are soaking off stamps from 1st day covers which they bought in bulk at a Pappenstiel. As well as the silly Sheet & Plate block business which is only good for Uncle Sam.</p> <p>Love, <i>Julius</i></p>	

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N103 13 COLLECT=CPR HALIFAX NS 2 719P

JAN 2 PM 8 46

MIMI GROSSBERG=

75 WADSWORTH TERRACE = 68407

JULIUS BOCHWALD ARRIVED THIS AFTERNOON LEAVING HALIFAX

TOMORROW MORNING AT SEVEN FIFTEEN=

J NATHANSON.

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GROSSBERG=

Jan. 3rd, 1946

75 WADSWORTH TERR NYK=

ARRIVE GRAND CENTRAL STATION 8 10 PM THURS=

JULIUS BUCHWALD.

8 10 PM.

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DEC 20 18=NEWYORK NY 29 1143A

DEC 29 PM 12 09

MRS EDITH GROSSBERG=

75 WADSWORTH TERR=

JULIUS LILLY BUCHWALD EXPECTED TO ARRIVE UNITED STATES
SHORTLY. WE NOTIFIED HIAS 425 LAFAYETTE ST. TO RECEIVE THEM=
G V SAXL NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE.

HIAS 425 SAXL.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Zedhört

Brief von Julius

an mich von 1940,

betreffend Deutschlands Situation

in was ich davon meiner
Freunde, ~~seiner Frau~~

✓ Grett sagen soll!

Sehr interessant

Ist schon im Zerfallen...

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Liebe Mimi, wie ich Dir bereits mitgeteilt hatte, ist Emil in London und ist es mir schliesslich gelungen ihn auf Grund wiederholter Telefongespraeche fuer einen Weekendbesuch herzubringen. Ich glaube, es ist notwendig Dich ueber verschiedenes zu informieren damit Du weissst, was Du davon Grete mitzuteilen gedenkst und ueberhaupt ist Deine Sache. Ich bin ziemlich sicher, dass er mir nicht die vollen Umstaende, wie sie zwischen ihm und Grete bestehen mitgeteilt hat (er redete sehr viel herum), aber das sendert nichts an den bestehenden Tatsachen, wie ich sie nicht allein von ihm weiss. Er sagte mir, Grete habe nicht die Moeglichkeit, die Schiffskarte fuer ihn aufzubringen und sein Bruder, wie er mir mitteilte hat noch eine dringende Schuld abzuzahlen und verdient sehr wenig. Ich habe Dir nun vorerst diesbezuglich einiges politisches mitzuteilen. Das Committee (und das von ihm abhaengige Camp) hat sich verpflichtet zehntausend Freiwillige fuer ein Pioniercorps zu stellen, das nach Frankreich geht (Vorerst angeblich nicht an die Frontlinie) fuer diesen Kuhhandel erhalten sie die Haelfte ihrer Expensen (sie stehen momentan finanziell sehr schlecht, da ungefaehr achttausend Dienstmaedeln seit Kriegsausbruch arbeitslos sind, die sie unterstuetzen muessen) vom Governement. (Einzelheiten sind bereits in die Presse durchgesickert, die ihr moeglicherweise auch dort gelesen habt.) Das wirkt sich nun in der Praxis so aus, dass keine Fahrkarten fuer Amerika mehr zur Verfuegung gestellt werden und die Leute zu zwingen beizutreten, indem man ihnen alle Unterstuetzung entzieht. (Von Polak hat Dir bestaetigen lassen koennen, dass er inzwischen zum recruiting office vom Bloomsburyhouse vorgeladen wurde, obwohl er 25£ sich selbst bezahlt hat.) Emil moesste mindestens 30£ haben, da im Camp derausgeuebte Druck ein viel strengerer ist und sie gar nichts dazugeben. Er hofft die restlichen loef sich selbst zusammenzuschurren. Soweit ueber Tatbestaende.
Als Emil mir zum ersten mal darueber erzaehte, war er vollkommen niedergedrueckt und hatte alle Hoffnung aufgegeben, jemals hinueber zu kommen. Er war in jenem Zustand in den man die Leute versetzt, um sie zum jeinen zu veranlassen. Er weiss dabei sehr wohl, wie alle im Camp, dass, wenn er von den Nazis gefangen wird, er als Deserteur bestraft werden wuerde. Trotzdem hat er sich mit dem Gedanken bereits ziemlich angefreundet, einzuruecken. So gutich konnte, habe ich ihm alles ausgeredet und ihm klargemacht, dass vor allem das wichtigste ist, dass er hinueber kommt und wie man bei seinem Beruf annehmen kann, verdient. Alles andere laesst sich regeln und abzahlen. Ich vermut, dass Grete nicht die richtige Energie aufbringt (sie hat sicher auch schwer zu arbeiten), um die Angelegenheit zu seinen Gunsten zu erledigen. Sie soll sich nichts aufs Committee (bzw. Camp, denn die Campleute duerfen mit dem Committee nicht direkt in Verbindung diebeueglich treten) verlassen, denn das ist unter den jetzigen Umstaenden eine loo:l Chance. Ob sie die technische Moeglichkeit hat, zuzugreifen, kann ich selbstverstaendlich nicht beurteilen. Er hat mir viele Stunden ueber die Verhaeltnisse im Camp erzaeht und nach diesen Erzaehlungen muessen die Leute zum gresoen Teil bereits drueckt, krank oder Verbrecher geworden sein. Es ist wirklich haarstraechend

Julius Buchwald

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4/25/66

Dear Mimi:

Thank you for your invitation for your lecture this Thursday which, unfortunately, I cannot attend this time.

I am in the process of moving to Hopatcong for the Summer, about the end of the week, making necessary several trips. I cannot ask Lily to come, because she comes home late from office every day, and is too tired to go out during the week.

So, maybe some other time. Lily has tried to interest some of our friends, but so far without success. I hope that you will have good results. Regards to Norbert. With best wishes from Lily and me,

Julius

Julius Buchwald

25-37 83RD STREET
JACKSON HEIGHTS
NEW YORK CITY

June 8th 1954

Dear Mimi:

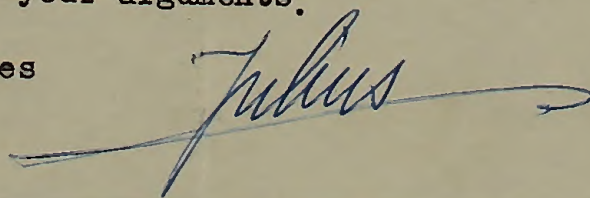
You offered me repeatedly to return my part of the stamp collection, and, since I do collect for some time now, I want to make use of this offer. It is, naturally, very difficult to trace what belongs to me, but I have thought the matter over, and found the following compromise proposal which would not in any appreciable way decimate your collection which I endeavoured so much to build up.

- 1) I want outright back only my Czech stamps, that would be probably to around 1938.
- 2) You lend me for picking your doubles, and I mean ALL of them, because I am still missing the most common stamps of many countries, f.i. Austria, Yugoslavia, Poland, Switzerland, and many Overseas countries, and there are also glaring gaps in my U.S.A. and Great Britain.
I would also appreciate, if you could include some old catalogue which you have discarded.
- 3) When you have everything together, bring it please to Mr. & Mrs. Gruenbaum, 108, Elmwood St., Apt. 43, just around Broadway, that is just a few blocks from you. Tel. Nr. Lo 7-7497, please, call before to make sure they are home. They are some of my closest friends, and have my full confidence.
- 4) I will try to go through the stamps as fast as possible (the last 2 weeks in June f.i. I am off), and then find a way to return them to you immediately.

This, naturally, brings up the question, why I do not want to take up any personal contacts with you, a position which you so vigorously maintain. Besides various other reasons which are not so difficult to guess, the main reason is that you personally make me always nervous and on edge, even more so on the phone. Just to remind you of your last call: I had the car running outside the house, and anybody could have jumped into it and driven away. I would not even have been insured for theft in that circumstance, I told you that I could not talk to you then and now, but you insisted on talking on and on.

I hope, this will convince you how hopeless our relationship is. We are just talking past each other, there are practically no areas of agreement or of common interest. If you think otherwise, I will be glad to READ your arguments.

Love and best wishes



GROSSBERG
75 Wadsworth Terrace
New York 40.

I started this letter 11 days ago -
always changing it and adding
and hesitating. It's such a

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June 15, 1954. strange
situation.

If there are
some unkind things in it -
I believe I also should express
myself - for once - openly.

Lieber Julius!

Um beim Ende zu beginnen, hätte es Dich nur ein Wort
gekostet, unsere Tel.Konversation sofort zu beenden. Z.B.,
"Du, meine Car steht unten offen u. kann gestohlen werden, ich
werde Dich abends zurückrufen!" Glaubst Du, ich hätte
nicht sofort aufgehängt? Aber Gedankenleserin bin ich nicht.
Ich glaube auch so nicht, dass unsere "Konversation" e i n e
Minute überschritten hat, aber nachdem sie Dich sooo nervös
machte, versteh ich, dass sie Dir zu lang vorkam. Ich wollte
Dir damals nämlich etwas unterbreiten, resp., eine Besprechung
für etwas in die Wege leiten, das Dich wahrscheinlich gefreut
hätte, bin aber natürlich inzwischen völlig auf anderes Geleise
übersiedelt.

Du irrst, ich wollte und will nicht etwa einen Verkehr
mit Dir einleiten, obwohl ich dachte, dass man ja einmal im
Jahr einem Bruder zum Geburtstag gratulieren kann, ohne sich
etwas zu vergeben. Also befürchte keinerlei Angriffe in dieser
Richtung. Es ist wunderbar, wenn wir alles so lassen, wie es ist. (X)

Dass wir keine gemeinsamen Interessen haben, ist zwar
nicht wahr, im Gegenteil, wir haben mehr als so manche Leute,
aber unsere Einstellung zu allem ist eine grundverschiedene.
Und das muss der Grund sein, dass Du in meiner Gegenwart so
"on edge" bist. Ich bin immer still - aber Du fühlst das durch.

Auch meine Gefühle haben einen Riss bekommen. Schon
lange zurück hat das begonnen, nur habe ich es immer zu ver-
drängen versucht. Da war die Sache mit den französischen Brief-
marken. Du konntest einen frz. Schachpreis im Wert von fünf
Dollar nicht in bar bekommen, so machtest Du quasi ein Ge-
scha "ft mit dem Geburtstag Deiner Schwester und übergabst
mir im August diese Marken mit dem Bemerkn: "Das ist Dein
Geburtstagesgeschenk"; - also 8 Monate voraus, damit Du nicht
etwa dann, am Geburtstag noch etwa nochmals einen Dollar oder
so für Deine einzige Schwester auszugeben haben würdest, Deine
Schwester, die bestimmt die Letzte ist, der es darauf ankommt,
materiellen Vorteil aus etwas zu ziehen, die aber grossen
Wert darauf legt, e r f r e u t zu werden, nicht a b g e -
s p e i s t! Das EINZIGE Schwester benütze ich nur, weil
es bei einer grossen Geschwistermenge eher zu verstehen wäre,
wenn man nicht zu viel Geschichten machen kann, nicht aus Sen-
timentalität. Und Du wunderst Dich, als ich nachher, oben
bei der Tante, degutiert bis zum Russersten, wie ich war, vor-
schlug, von nun an Geburtstagsgeschenke nicht mehr zu geben, ...
Ganz zuletzt hat sich aber auch noch was Nettes zugetragen,
ich will hoffen, dass ohne Dein Wissen! Heute sehe ich die Sach
ja bereits von der S E H R komischen Seite, aber damals...
Wie Du Dich vielleicht erinnerst, habe ich Trude seinerzeit
gesagt, als ich ihr Hüte richtete, dass ich das sehr gerne auch
aus reiner Gefälligkeit mache, dass ich aber Briefmarken dafür
immer gerne nähme. So kam sie ein paar Tage vor, oder nach, meinm
1953er Geburtstag zu mir mit einem dicken Paket Marken. Und
mit ihren sämtlichen Hüten, und ich nähte für sie mehrere Stun-
den, eigentlich weit über das, was man aus Gefälligkeit für
irgendwen tut, eigentlich auch viel mehr, als es ein anständiger
Mensch aus Gefälligkeit annehmen würde. Und d a n n sagte
sie: "Die Marken sind Dein Geburtstagsgeschenk vom Julius."
Glaub mir, es war lustig. A wonderful experience. So hab
ich wenigstens mein Geburtstagsgeschenk abgearbeitet...

Das bringt mich übrigens auf die Marken zurück, die Du
verlangst.

x n. sagte es seien hauptsächlich Marken von Dito im Päckchen
n. liess mich quasi verstehen, Du habest sie ihre für mich gegeben,
wegen der Hüte, die sie sich richten liess...
Solche "smarte" Sachen - - - - - sind leider
gelegentlich vorgekommen, nur kann ich mich jetzt an
kein Bsp. sonst erinnern.

(X) obwohl es ein unentworfenes Anspiel ist, wenn man einen
Freund mit einem unentworfenes Anspiel...
sind - das ist mein einziges Anliegen dafür - ich kann da
nicht nichts sagen. Wenn ich etwas
kann können muss, dann kann es gehen auch ohne
Biel gehen. Was sollst Du dich quälen?
Altes

I want to make it clear from the beginning that there exists no claim ~~upon~~ your part as to my stamps, that I resent the way you order me what to do, what to return, what to lend you for picking, where to bring it (!!!), etc.

When I still liked you, when you still behaved like a brother, I offered you part of the collection - not because you had a claim on it, but because I felt you liked to play with them almost as much as I do. You then declined. To-day you behave pretty strange, ~~absolutely~~ like a person who dislikes me. Why should I be so good to you?

I always found it quite natural that you gave me whatever stamps you could get, as I had found it natural to help you in big and small things (I am sure I gave as much of my time ~~and~~ in securing your affidavits, going to Washington, fixing hats for Dilly, Trude and Mother - I am sorry that I have to be so indelicate to mention such things but your letter sounds as if you were generous even, in demanding so little only... Last, not least - don't forget that I ~~also~~ had to bring you other stamps back for Hassberg. What really can I owe you?)

I also want to refreshen your memory as to the stamps you left with us in Vienna. You had to abandon them because they had not been looked over by the Nazis and ~~you~~ you gave them to Norbert as a Gift. He could not do anything with them either, for the same reason, so at our sudden departure he left them with a cousin who finally took them to Australia (none of them having any value!) and who sent them to us to this country as a token of his gratitude for having sent food parcels to his relatives in Poland. So they seem to be well our property, little as they represent in value.

Now, that I made this clear, I feel better. So much better, that I decided to let you have your Czechoslovakian stamps back because you seem to be the only person who has the talent to make the ~~of~~ what you have begun there. This is a specialty collection and can only belong to the person who conceived it. Through the years, I never used any of these varieties for trading. Single pieces though, are removed, but only into the "Album" - which means the Scott pages which are coming along too. The pages go till 1938. So do the stamps.

Also, and out of my free will, I went through my duplicates, which are pretty poor and exhausted and took out whatever I think I can afford, ~~letting~~ letting you have whatever possible of the older European stamps which are hardly available anymore, but Scott still values them 2¢ and therefore I wouldn't get much for them in trading, anyway. So, why shouldn't you have them. But why should you start collecting so many countries? It's mere craziness, nowadays where everybody specializes. Rather let Gimbel's advise you on what format paper to begin laying out your Czechosl. for exhibiting purposes and go about it with time and a little money.

I have a 1950 European Scott which I am glad to send along. The British I gave to Emil a long time ago, sorry.

I will make a package of all this and leave it with Brunners. As you have a car you can get it from them any evening or Saturday and I will have it arranged so they will not ask you any questions at all.

I wish you luck!

Brunners' Tel# is LO 7-5660.

I forgot: Sat. they usually go away.
So it would be best to fetch the stamps some weekday night.
You call them up around 9 p.m. for the following evening, or so. My super is seldom in so I wouldn't want to leave anything here for you, and Poppers you may not want as you possibly might run into me.