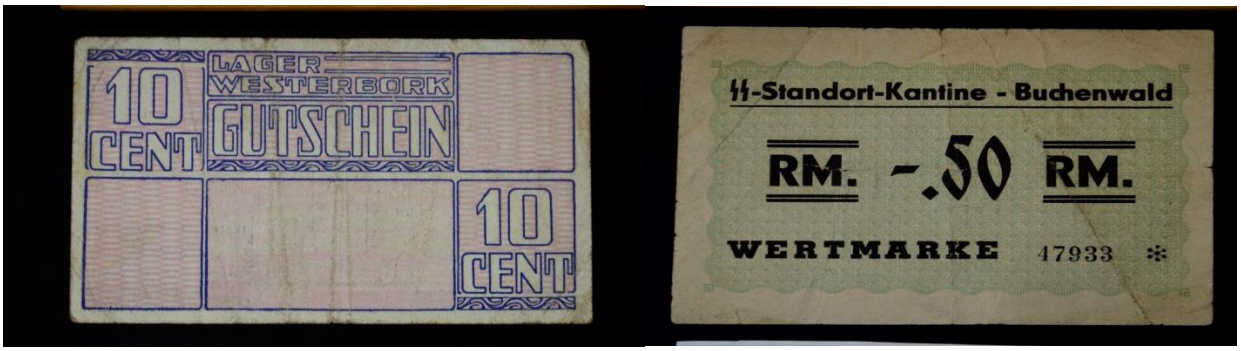
Robert Messing ('59) Holocaust Numismatic Collection

The Robert Messing ('59) Holocaust Numismatic Collection contains an assortment of monetary notes and coins related to the Holocaust. Coins and notes from various concentration camps and ghettos, including Lodz, Theresienstadt, Westerbork, Mittelbau and Buchenwald.



It also contains various numismatic miscellany, such as Nazi coins, an Anne Frank commemorative coin, and a bond from the German Conversion Fund for Foreign Debt. Also included are a handful of relevant documents and journals, many of which have been recently copied. These copies are included in the collection.

A paper written by Marisa G. Natalie detailing the exact nature of this currency and its role in the Holocaust is contained with the finding aid for your reference.

Economic Violence During the Holocaust: Concentration Camp and Ghetto Money As a Tool of Genocide

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Though there are some kinds of notes that fall under the heading of "concentration camp and ghetto money", such as notes printed by resistance movements; the currency contained in this collection is only that which was issued by the Nazi regime.

HGS concentrator Marisa Natale '17 catalogued and researched the collection as a LEEP Project. She was awarded the Arthur and Rochelle Belfer Undergraduate Fellowship in Holocaust Studies to carry out her work as a summer internship under the direction of Professor Thomas Kühne and Dr. Mary Jane Rein. Her research paper entitled, "Economic Violence During the Holocaust: Concentration Camp and Ghetto Money As a Tool of Genocide" and the finding aid created by Marisa and Robert Messing are in Clark's Digital Commons.

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For links to media regarding the Robert Messing ('59) Holocaust Numismatic Collection see below.

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