Henry Marx Collection in the Szloma Albam Library

Touro University Berlin, a Campus of Touro University New York, USA, is honoured to own the Henry Marx Collection. The private library of Henry Marx comprising nearly 1,300 volumes was donated by his widow Carin Drechsler-Marx to the Lander Institute for Communication about the Holocaust and Tolerance in 2006.

The journalist Henry Marx (November 3, 1911 - June 22, 1994) was born in Brussels. He lived from 1926 to 1937 in Berlin where he completed his secondary education and continued as a law student at the Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität (now Humboldt University).
When Hitler seized power in 1933, Henry Marx was barred from writing his final exam which would have completed his studies in law. On June 22, 1934, Henry Marx was denounced. The state police Gestapo arrested him and subsequently imprisoned him in the concentration camps of Oranienburg and Lichtenburg.

After his release he managed to immigrate to the United States where he became a member of the editorial staff of the *New Yorker Staats-Zeitung und Herold*, a newspaper established in 1834. At the same time, he studied literature, history and politics at Washington Square College, a part of New York University.

Henry Marx was a prominent figure in New York's German cultural circles and fostered a particular interest in the history of German theatre in exile. For more than 16 years he worked for the Goethe Institute in New York, advancing German-American understanding. During the last decade of his life, Henry Marx worked as editor in chief for the German-Jewish newspaper *Aufbau*, the third one in its six-decade history.

The Henry Marx Collection has been duly extended over time and currently consists of about 4,500 volumes covering subjects on American and German Jewry, history, persecution, resistance, exile, anti-Semitism, and the Holocaust. It serves the needs of the Master's program in Holocaust Communication and Tolerance at the Lander Institute.