

Building plans for the Beth Jacob Synagogue on Henry Street [architectural drawing] – 1919-1922.



PART OF	Benjamin Brown fonds Jewish community building plans and drawings series
LEVEL	File
FONDS	49
SERIES	1
FILE	2
MATERIAL FORMAT	architectural drawing
DATE	1919-1922
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	136 architectural drawings : pencil, some hand col., watercolour, on linen weave and tracing paper ; 100 x 90 cm or smaller
ADMIN HISTORY/BIO	<p>The Henry Street Beth Jacob Synagogue was founded by Toronto's Polish-Jewish Community, as the successor of an older, smaller synagogue on Elm Street. It was the first synagogue in Toronto that was designed by a Jewish architect, Benjamin Brown. Located at 23 and 23 ½ Henry Street, the synagogue was dedicated in 1922, at a cost of \$156,000, and could accommodate up to eight hundred worshippers. It was built in Romanesque style and was notable for its stained glass windows and retractable roof that was used on Sukkoth. It also contained a vaulted ceiling capped by a large dome and four smaller ones. The building was eventually sold and converted into a church. It is the current site of the Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church.</p>
SCOPE AND CONTENT	<p>File consists of architectural drawings of Beth Jacob Synagogue. Contained within are basement, floor, stairwell and roof plans, load plans, sections, and elevation drawings. Also included are detailing of windows, the Ark, entrances and other structures and objects.</p>
NOTES	<p>Most of the drawings are stored in four rolls, the remainder are encased in five sheets of Melinex. Due to the fragility of these drawings, the medium, extent and sizes of them are based on the descriptions compiled by Steve Speisman. It is recommended that a conservator examine these drawings.</p>
NAME ACCESS	Beth Jacob Synagogue (Toronto, Ont.)
SUBJECTS	Synagogues
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PHYSICAL CONDITION	Some drawings are frayed and torn.
PLACES	Henry Street (Toronto, Ont.)
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions

