

Solomon Edell fonds [multiple media] – [ca. 1900]-2010.



PART OF	Solomon Edell fonds
LEVEL	Fonds
FONDS	4
MATERIAL FORMAT	multiple media
DATE	[ca. 1900]-2010
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	3.1 metres of textual records and other material

Sol Edell (1919-2000) was a prominent member of the Toronto Jewish community who initially pursued a career as a pharmacist and was later founder and president of the property development company, Elmdale Investments. He held positions as board member or chair in a wide variety of religious, educational and social service organizations and institutions both in Canada and Israel. In Toronto, these included: Clanton Park Synagogue, Adas Israel Synagogue, Jones Avenue Cemetery, Canadian Jewish Congress and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (formerly Toronto Jewish Congress, and now the United Jewish Appeal Federation of Greater Toronto).

Edell was born in Toronto on 5 March 1919, the son of Pesach and Molly Edell. He attended Harbord Collegiate and graduated from the Toronto College of Pharmacy, University of Toronto, in 1943 while on leave of absence from the army. He was enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces during the Second World War and served in the signal corps.

After he completed his army service, he opened Edell's Drug Store at 1978 Queen Street in Etobicoke in 1948, the first shomer Shabbat drug store in the city. He operated a second store at 494 Spadina Avenue in the late 1940s. In 1955 the Queen Street location was expropriated by the City of Toronto. Subsequently, Edell founded Elmdale Investments, the company which built and managed the Elmhurst Plaza in Etobicoke. He reopened the drug store, which was renamed Elmhurst Drugs in the plaza. He also invested in two retail textile stores, Deltex Drapery and Dodd's Drapery which had been founded by group of businessmen including his cousin Israel Edell.

In 1952 he married Dolly Weinstock, the daughter of Moishe and Sylvia Weinstock. They lived in the newly developed suburb of North York with their four children: Ethel, Simcha, Malka and Joseph. After 10 years of marriage, Dolly died and in 1966, he married Celia Rogen Hoffman.

Sol Edell was a founding member and first president of the Clanton Park Congregation. He was actively involved in the construction of the synagogue and its development. He continued to be affiliated with Shomrai Shabbos where his grandfather Rabbi Yosef Weinreb had been the rabbi. He was also involved with Adas Israel, the synagogue in Hamilton where his wife Celia had been an active member.

He was chair of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region -- Toronto Jewish Congress Archives Committee, which subsequently became the Ontario Jewish Archives. During his tenure, the archives was responsible for the reconstruction of the Kiever Synagogue which had been built in the early 1900s but had fallen into a state of disrepair by the 1960s.

Sol Edell was also involved in a number of Zionist organizations. He was the founding chair of the Aliyah Support Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, whose mandate was to assist Torontonians who had moved to Israel and ease their transition into Israeli society. He was also an active member of the Mizrachi organization and its affiliated institutions. Another one of Sol Edell's interests was ensuring the preservation of local cemeteries. He was president of the Jones Avenue Cemetery and on the board of Pardes Shalom and the Bathurst Lawn Cemetery, Clanton Park section.

SCOPE AND CONTENT	<p>Fonds consists of records documenting Sol Edell's business activities, community involvement and personal life. Included is correspondence, meeting minutes, photographs, financial records, legal records, publications, audio-visual material, invitations, newspaper clippings, artifacts, lists, reports, speeches, and architectural drawings.</p> <p>The fonds is organized into the following eleven series: Personal; Edell's Drug Store and Elmhurst Pharmacy; Elmdale Investments; Deltex Drapery and Dodd's Drapery; Adas Israel Synagogue; Clanton Park Synagogue; Shomrai Shabbos; Aliyah; Cemetery and funeral home; Historical materials; and, Activities and organizations.</p>
NOTES	Physical description note: includes 739 photographs, 232 architectural drawings, 11 audio cassettes, 9 audio reels, 13 film reels, 7 videocassettes, 4 slides, 1 plaque, 4 badges, and 1 key.
NAME ACCESS	<p>Edell Solomon, 1919-2000</p> <p>Clanton Park Synagogue (Toronto, Ont.)</p> <p>Edell, Dolly</p> <p>Edell, Celia</p> <p>Edell's Drug Store</p> <p>Elmhurst Pharmacy</p> <p>Jones Avenue Cemetery</p> <p>Canadian Jewish Congress/ Toronto Jewish Congress Archives</p> <p>Aliyah Support Committee</p>
SUBJECTS	<p>Business</p> <p>Pharmacists</p>
ACCESS RESTRICTION	Partially closed. Researchers must receive permission from the OJA Director prior to accessing some of the records.
PHYSICAL CONDITION	<p>The bulk of the architectural drawings are currently being stored rolled up. They should be flattened and encapsulated in melinex.</p> <p>Film and sound reels should be digitized.</p>
RELATED MATERIAL	<p>See fonds #5 for material related to Paul Edell.</p> <p>See accession #2012-10/9 for material related to the Edell family.</p>
CREATOR	Edell, Solomon, 1919-2000
ACCESSION NUMBER	<p>2002-12-2</p> <p>2008-8-29</p> <p>2011-5-4</p> <p>2012-10-9</p>
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions

United Jewish Welfare Fund fonds [multiple media] – 1936-2010, predominant 1938-1976.



PART OF	United Jewish Welfare Fund fonds
LEVEL	Fonds
FONDS	67
MATERIAL FORMAT	multiple media
DATE	1936-2010, predominant 1938-1976

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

14.3 m of textual records
5593 photographs, 25 x 20 cm and smaller, and other media

ADMIN HISTORY/BIO

The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Toronto was incorporated in Ontario in March 1917 to coordinate the fundraising activities of Jewish charitable, philanthropic, and social service agencies in Toronto. In 1918, ten separate agencies were funded by the FJPT. By 1937, fourteen agencies were funded. The Great Depression of the 1930s and the development of several newer Jewish aid, education, and medical care organizations created both increased need for resources and growing competition for ever-more scarce dollars. Within a very few years this funding crisis forced a major review of the organization.

During 1936 a series of special meetings of leading individuals were held to examine the income and expenditures of all Toronto Jewish agencies and also to speculate about the need for a new Toronto Jewish "Community Chest" as the sole fund-raising organization for a federation of all Jewish agencies including the FJPT. In 1938, the new United Jewish Welfare Fund was formally constituted. Added to the FJPT's previous list of Toronto client agencies in 1938 were: the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Hebrew National Association, the Jewish Immigrant Aid Association, the Mizrahi Society, the Toronto Free Loan Association, the Geverkshaften, and Old Folks Home, and the United Palestine Appeal, raising the total number of agencies to 22.

When the State of Israel was established in 1948, the UJWF's annual fundraising campaign was combined with the CJC's United Palestine appeal to form a new, combined campaign named the United Jewish Appeal (UJA). In 1967, the UJA name was legally changed to the United Jewish Appeal of Metropolitan Toronto.

In mid-1976, the organization's public name was changed to the Toronto Jewish Congress. Although initially thought of as a merger between the UJWF and the CJC, the actual result was the expansion of the UJWF responsibilities to include local education and welfare services previously shared with the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region. The UJWF, however, remained the legal senior entity.

In 1991 the public name was again changed to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and in 1999, to UJA Federation of Greater Toronto. By this date, over 30 beneficiary and affiliated agencies, 49 affiliated schools and five Federation departments were fully or partly funded by the UJA Federation.

In June, 2010, the organization altered its legal structure, with the senior legal entity becoming the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Fonds consists of 25 series: Annual Meetings, Annual Reports, Board of Directors, Constitution Committee, Executive Committee, Officers Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, Administration Committee, Social Planning Committee, Committee on Capital Needs and Planning, Central Committee on Scholarships in Aid, Joint Committee of the BJE and UJWF Study on Jewish Education, Nominations Committee, Pension Fund Committee, Coordinating Committee, Special Ad Hoc and Temporary Committees, Annual Campaign, Client Agencies, Joint Committee of the CJC and the UJWF, Committee on Community Organization, Sub-Committee on Construction and Administration of Community Schools, Joint Committee on Fundraising, Personnel Committee, Community Leadership Development Council, and Israel at Fifty Community Celebration. Over 4500 photographs and a variety of other media are managed within Series 17, Campaign records.

NOTES

For exact details about the contents of individual series and sub-series, please review their scope and contents notes.

NAME ACCESS	United Jewish Welfare Fund Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Toronto United Jewish Appeal Toronto Jewish Congress Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto UJA Federation of Greater Toronto
SUBJECTS	Charities Fund raising
ACCESS RESTRICTION	Partially closed. Researchers must receive permission from the OJA Director prior to accessing some of the records.
RELATED MATERIAL	For records of the predecessor of the UJWF, see Fonds 66, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Toronto fonds. Further detailed documentation of the proposed merger between the UJWF and the CJC (creation of the TJC) may be found in Fonds 67, Sub-sub-series 5-5-1, Files 171 and 221. Further documentation on the United Jewish Welfare Fund may be found within Fonds 9, Series 7, records of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society. For further detailed records of a key community leader's involvement with the UJWF see Accession 1982-8-8, the records of Samuel Godfrey, 1943-1972.
CREATOR	United Jewish Welfare Fund (1938-)
PLACES	Toronto (Ont.)
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions

UJA Federation of Greater Toronto [graphic material (electronic), textual record] – 2008-2011.



ACCESSION NUMBER	2014-1-7
MATERIAL FORMAT	graphic material (electronic) textual record
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	1 folder of textual records 9 CDs (graphic material) 1 DVD (graphic material)
DATE	2008-2011
SCOPE AND CONTENT	Accession consists of photographs from the "Israel at 60 mission", the 2008 "Prime Minister's mission" in Israel, a film by Haim Hecht called "One flight for us", photographs from the UJA Atari luncheon in 2008, photographs and a draft schedule from the Women's Philanthropy Atarah Mission to Cuba in 2009, photographs from UJA women's philanthropy event on April 15, 2010, and photographs from the LOJE Tea event on June 16, 2011.
USE CONDITIONS	UJA Federation meeting minutes and general correspondence are closed for 10 years from date of creation. Contracts and donor agreements are permanently closed.
NAME ACCESS	UJA Federation of Greater Toronto
SOURCE	Archival Accessions

UJA Federation of Greater Toronto [multiple media] – 1975-2013.



ACCESSION NUMBER	2014-2-8
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MATERIAL FORMAT	multiple media
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	55 photographs : col. 10 cm of textual records 1 VHS 1 CD 1 DVD 1 medal
DATE	1975-2013
SCOPE AND CONTENT	Accession consists of photographs from the Israel at 50 event, canvasser training materials from 2011, Joshua Institute records 2011-2012, the "Jewish campus life task force report" of April 24, 2009, a booklet of plans in the project proposal for upgrading Yoseftal Hospital in Eilat (ca. 2013), campaign donor list from 1975, UJA Federation annual meeting "toward tomorrow" booklet from October 29, 2001, 2007-2008 UJA budget records, and an organizational chart for Foundation. Also included is a VHS tape "The Mission: Under the wing of God and the Shadow of Amalek" by Dubi Arie, DVD of "Becoming a witness: The march of the living interfaith experience" (2005), CD with photographs from the UJA of Canada visit to Israel in August 2006, and a medal from the UJA Federation Fun Run of 2000.
CUSTODIAL HISTORY	Records were transferred to the archives by Ted Sokolsky, President and CEO of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.
USE CONDITIONS	UJA Federation meeting minutes and general correspondence are closed for 10 years from date of creation. Contracts and donor agreements are permanently closed.
NAME ACCESS	UJA Federation of Greater Toronto
SOURCE	Archival Accessions

UJA Federation of Greater Toronto [multiple media] – 1960-2011, predominant 2011.



ACCESSION NUMBER	2014-5-2
MATERIAL FORMAT	multiple media
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	15 cm of textual records 8 architectural drawings 2 CDs
DATE	1960-2011, predominant 2011
SCOPE AND CONTENT	Accession consists of architectural drawings for the construction of the Northern YM-YWHA at 4600 Bathurst Street (1960) as well as floor plans for the proposed re-development of the site in 1999. Also included are submissions for the competition to design and build the Jewish War Veterans of Canada memorial at the Sherman Campus (2011).
USE CONDITIONS	UJA Federation meeting minutes and general correspondence are closed for 10 years from date of creation. Contracts and donor agreements are permanently closed.
SUBJECTS	Architecture Charities Veterans--Canada

NAME ACCESS

Young Men's Hebrew Association (Toronto, Ont.)
Bathurst Jewish Community Centre
Jewish War Veterans of Canada
UJA Federation of Greater Toronto

SOURCE

Archival Accessions