

### Council of North York Synagogues [textual record] – 1955.



PART OF	<a href="#">Solomon Edell fonds</a> <a href="#">General community activities series</a>
LEVEL	File
FONDS	4
SERIES	11
FILE	88
MATERIAL FORMAT	textual record
DATE	1955
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	1 folder of textual records
SCOPE AND CONTENT	File consists of meeting notices and minutes.
NAME ACCESS	Canadian Jewish Congress
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions

### Canadian Jewish Congress Committee for Jewish Music Month; Kitchener, Ontario [graphic material] – 1950-1999.



LEVEL	Item
ITEM	499
MATERIAL FORMAT	graphic material
DATE	1950-1999
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	1 photograph
SCOPE AND CONTENT	Item is a photograph of the CJC Committee for Jewish Music Month in Kitchener, Ontario
NAME ACCESS	Canadian Jewish Congress
SUBJECTS	Committees Jews--Music
REPRO RESTRICTION	Credit Kitchener-Waterloo Record Copyright is in the public domain and permission for use is not required. Please credit the Ontario Jewish Archives as the source of the photograph.
PLACES	Kitchener (Ont.)
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions



### Canadian Jewish Congress 4th National Assembly, Royal York Hotel, Toronto [graphic material] – Jan. 21-23, 1939.



LEVEL	Item
ITEM	1896
MATERIAL FORMAT	graphic material
DATE	Jan. 21-23, 1939

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	2 photographs : b&w (1 negative)
NAME ACCESS	Canadian Jewish Congress Royal York Hotel
SUBJECTS	Congresses and conventions
REPRO RESTRICTION	Copyright is in the public domain and permission for use is not required. Please credit the Ontario Jewish Archives as the source of the photograph.
PLACES	Toronto (Ont.)
ACCESSION NUMBER	1979-12-1
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions



**Office staff of the Canadian Jewish Congress outside of Chudleigh House, Toronto [graphic material] – 1945.**



LEVEL	Item
ITEM	2344
MATERIAL FORMAT	graphic material
DATE	1945
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	2 photographs : b&w (1 negative)
NAME ACCESS	Canadian Jewish Congress
REPRO RESTRICTION	Copyright is in the public domain and permission for use is not required. Please credit the Ontario Jewish Archives as the source of the photograph.
PLACES	Toronto (Ont.)
ACCESSION NUMBER	1980-9-2
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions



**Postcard to the War Efforts Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress [textual record] – 1943.**



ACCESSION NUMBER	1993-11-4
MATERIAL FORMAT	textual record
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	1 folder of textual records
DATE	1943
SCOPE AND CONTENT	This accession consists of one postcard to the War Efforts Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, dated Nov. 2, 1943, signed David ?, RCAF, India Command, expressing thanks for receiving a message of cheer from Canada during the war.
NAME ACCESS	Canadian Jewish Congress Moscoe, Sydney

**Montague Raisman - 11 July 1982**

NAME	Montague Raisman
NUMBER	AC 064
SUBJECT	Nonprofit organizations Human rights Antisemitism World War, 1939-1945
INTERVIEW DATE	11 July 1982
QUANTITY	1
INTERVIEWER	Jack Lipinsky
TOTAL RUNNING TIME	064: 39 minutes
CONSERVATION	Copied August 2003
NOTES	Low sound quality
USE RESTRICTIONS	Copyright is held by the Ontario Jewish Archives. Please contact the Archives to obtain permission prior to use.
BIOGRAPHY	Montague Raisman came to Canada from England in 1926. He was actively involved in B'nai Brith Toronto Lodge and held positions of office. He served as the Commanding Officer for the B'nai Brith Air Cadet Squadron in Toronto during the Second World War. He was instrumental in the formation of the Joint Public Relations Committee, a united Jewish voice in response to pro-Nazi activity.
MATERIAL FORMAT	sound recording
NAME ACCESS	Raisman, Montague B'nai Brith Lipinsky, Jack Canadian Jewish Congress
GEOGRAPHIC ACCESS	Toronto
ORIGINAL FORMAT	Audio cassette
COPY FORMAT	Audio cassette Digital file
SOURCE	Oral Histories

In this clip, Montague describes the formation of the B'nai Brith Air Cadet Squadron during the Second World War. He discusses the recruitment and training of the officers and cadets. He explains how this squadron was instrumental in changing recruitment qualifications to allow entry of new immigrants and black cadets.

In this clip, Montague Raisman discusses the events leading up to an association between B



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#### **Ben Kayfetz - March 4, 1984**



NAME	Ben Kayfetz
NUMBER	AC 210
SUBJECT	Antisemitism Human rights Law Nonprofit organizations
INTERVIEW DATE	March 4, 1984
QUANTITY	1
INTERVIEWER	Phyllis Platnick
TOTAL RUNNING TIME	46 minutes

CONSERVATION	Copied August 2003
NOTES	Christie Pits riot at approximately minute 16:00
USE RESTRICTIONS	Copyright is held by the Ontario Jewish Archives. Please contact the Archives to obtain permission prior to use.
BIOGRAPHY	<p>Benjamin Gershon Kayfetz was born on December 24, 1916 in Toronto. He married Eva Silver and had two children. Ben graduated from the University of Toronto in 1939, with a B.A. in modern languages. He worked as a high school teacher in Huntsville and Niagara Falls between 1941 and 1943. In 1943, he joined the war effort, working for the Department of National Defense in Postal Censorship and was responsible for reviewing prisoner of war mail. After the war, Kayfetz traveled to British Occupied Germany where he worked as a censor of telecommunications with the Control Commission until 1947. Upon returning to Toronto, he was hired as the National Director of Community Relations by the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), and as the Executive (National) Director of the Joint Community Relations Committee (JCRC), a CJC - B'nai B'rith cooperative organization. He also served as the Central Region Executive Director of the CJC between 1973 and 1978. He worked to develop anti-discrimination laws and for the protection of minority and religious rights. Kayfetz was also actively involved in promoting the welfare of Jewish Communities worldwide. He was awarded the Samuel Bronfman Medal by the Canadian Jewish Congress in 1985 and the Order of Canada in 1986. In addition to his professional activities, Kayfetz wrote articles for various Jewish publications under both his own name and the pseudonym, Gershon B. Newman, and gave a weekly radio address on CHIN radio addressing various contemporary Jewish issues. He was also actively involved in the Toronto Jewish Historical Society (serving as its president), Canadian Jewish Historical Society and Yiddish Luncheon Circle. Ben Kayfetz died in 2002.</p>
MATERIAL FORMAT	sound recording
NAME ACCESS	<p>Balmy Beach Swastika Club</p> <p>Canadian Jewish Congress</p> <p>UJA Federation of Greater Toronto</p>
GEOGRAPHIC ACCESS	<p>Toronto</p> <p>Kew Beach</p> <p>Christie Pits</p>
ORIGINAL FORMAT	Audio cassette
COPY FORMAT	<p>Audio cassette</p> <p>Digital file</p>
TRANSCRIPT	G:\Description\Oral Histories\AC 210, Ben Kayfetz\AC 210 notes.pdf
SOURCE	Oral Histories

In this clip, Ben Kayfetz describes the skirmish between antisemitic and Jewish youths at Kew Beach in July 1933.

In this clip, Ben Kayfetz discusses the laws that restricted “Jews or other objectionable races” from purchasing, owning or renting properties in Toronto and summer resort areas. He describes the steps taken to change the law.



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**Genya Intrator - November 26, 1990**



NAME	Genya Intrator
NUMBER	AC 223 AC 224
SUBJECT	Antisemitism Women Human rights
INTERVIEW DATE	November 26, 1990
QUANTITY	2

INTERVIEWER	Mindy A. Skapinker
ACCESSIONNUMBER	1993-9-1
TOTAL RUNNING TIME	AC 223A: 46 minutes AC 223B: 46 minutes AC 224A: 16 minutes
CONSERVATION	Copied August 2003
USE RESTRICTIONS	Copyright may not be held by the Ontario Jewish Archives. It is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain permission prior to use.
BIOGRAPHY	Genya was born in Moscow and moved as a child to Palestine in the 1930's. She was a member of the Israeli underground and served in the Israeli army during the War of Independence. She played a central leadership role in the Soviet Jewry Movement in Canada. She founded "Women for Soviet Jewry" and served as chair of "National Soviet Jewry Committee". She helped with creation of the Toronto "Group of 35", a Soviet Jewry activist group. Genya had regular contact by phone with Soviet activists and relayed their information back to Israeli consuls. She was an advisor to B'nai Brith on Soviet Jewry. She started an Inter-religious Task Force for Soviet Jewry in Canada.
MATERIAL FORMAT	sound recording
NAME ACCESS	Intrator, Genya Skapinker, Mindy A. Canadian Jewish Congress
GEOGRAPHIC ACCESS	Toronto
ORIGINAL FORMAT	Audio cassette
COPY FORMAT	Audio cassette
SOURCE	Oral Histories

In this clip, Genya Intrator discusses the formation of the "Group of 35", a Soviet Jewry activist group.

In this clip, Genya Intrator describes how information about Soviet Jews was passed on to the Israeli consulate in New York who tracked all the data. She explains how she was appointed as a "secret agent" who would report information from her many phone calls to the Soviet Union.



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**Samuel Posluns fonds [cartographic material, graphic material, textual record] – 1925-1984.**



PART OF	<a href="#">Samuel Posluns fonds</a>
LEVEL	Fonds
FONDS	70
MATERIAL FORMAT	cartographic material graphic material textual record
DATE	1925-1984
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	1 folder of textual records 91 photographs : b&w ; 25 x 20 cm or smaller 1 map : 46 x 65 cm



Samuel Posluns (1910-1994) was born in Toronto to Abraham Isaac Poslaniec (1870-1922) and Sheindel Saltzman (1872-1960). He had three brothers and three sisters: Joseph, Louis, Abe, Gertrude Miriam, Anne, and Sarah. His father Abraham established the family run clothing firm Superior Cloak Company in 1916. In 1934, it was bankrupted and closed after a lengthy strike. In 1936, Samuel opened his own business, Popular Cloak Company. In 1967, the Posluns family purchased Tip Top Tailors, in partnership with entrepreneur Jimmy Kay. A year later they incorporated their new venture under the name of Dylex as a holding company for the Tip Top chain of stores.

During the Second World War, Samuel Posluns served as a member of the Air Force reserves. After the war, he was elected president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund in 1947. That same year, in collaboration with the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Jewish Labour Committee, Posluns helped lead the Tailor Project along with Max E. Enkin, which was aimed at helping Jewish displaced persons immigrate to Canada by securing them employment as tailors. A committed advocate for Jewish Education, Posluns also served as the first president and founding chair of the Board of Jewish Education (BJE) in 1949. He remained Honorary President for life and continued to attend meetings until health problems held back his participation in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Posluns was also a founding board member of the North York General Hospital.

Samuel Posluns died in Toronto in 1994.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

Fonds consists of records related to the Posluns family and their clothing business, Popular Cloak Company. The records include correspondence, financial records, periodicals and newsletters, photographs, certificates and personal identification. The fonds also includes textual documents and photos documenting Samuel Posluns' involvement in the Tailor Project.

## NAME ACCESS

Enkin, Max E.  
 Popular Cloak Company  
 Superior Cloak Company  
 Canadian Jewish Congress  
 Jewish Labour Committee  
 Posluns, Samuel, 1910-1994

## SUBJECTS

Clothing trade  
 Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)  
 Immigrants--Canada

## ACCESS RESTRICTION

Partially closed. Researchers must receive permission from the OJA Director prior to accessing some of the records.

## CREATOR

Posluns, Samuel, 1910-1994

## ACCESSION NUMBER

1997-7/6  
 2004-5/79

## SOURCE

Archival Descriptions

### Ellis I. Shaprio [graphic material] – 1961.



PART OF	<a href="#">Ellis I. and Fanny Shapiro fonds</a>
LEVEL	Item
FONDS	94
ITEM	5

MATERIAL FORMAT	graphic material
DATE	1961
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	1 photograph : b&w ; 23 x 16 cm
SCOPE AND CONTENT	Item is a portrait photograph of Ellis I. Shapiro. The photograph is attached to the inside cover of a United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto annual President's report (1961). The UJWF annual meeting honoured Ellis I. Shapiro.
NAME ACCESS	B'nai B'rith Shapiro, Ellis I. Northwood Golf and Country Club Primrose Club Independent Order of Odd Fellows Goel Tzedec Synagogue (Toronto, Ont.) Canadian Jewish Congress Jewish Camp Council of Toronto YM-YWHA United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto UJWF United Jewish Appeal Beth Tzedec Congregation (Toronto, Ont.)
SUBJECTS	Portraits
REPRO RESTRICTION	Copyright is not held by the Ontario Jewish Archives. It is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain permission prior to use.
ACCESSION NUMBER	2005-8-1
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions

**Delegates to the first meeting of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Montreal 1919 [graphic material] – 1919.**



PART OF	<a href="#">Betty Goldstick Lindgren fonds</a>
LEVEL	Item
FONDS	45
ITEM	41
MATERIAL FORMAT	graphic material
DATE	1919
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	1 photograph : b&w ; 21 x 51 cm on mat 23 x 57 cm

The first meeting of the Canadian Jewish Congress was held in Montreal from March 16-19, 1919. Their intended goal was to mobilize Canadian Jews and discuss the following issues: the community's self-image and future, national minority rights in Eastern Europe, the future of a Jewish national home in Palestine and the recognition of a Jewish nation by the League of Nations. This conference was followed in May of that year by several district conferences held in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg.

On January 26, 1919, a conference attended by 125 local organizations was held in the Baron de Hirsch Institute. The conference recognized the necessity for a Canadian Jewish Congress, and elected a committee of forty to arrange the first national CJC meeting. The committee divided Canada into three territorial districts: Montreal (Quebec), Toronto (Ontario), and Winnipeg (Western Canada), and each district was to arrange elections to send delegates.

Ontario sent a total of 65 delegates to the first national CJC meeting in March of 1919. 40 of these were from Toronto. Elections for the all the delegates took place on March 2, 1919. A large majority of Canadian Jews participated in these elections.

Across the country, 25,000 ballots were cast during the 1919 election. This indicated that a huge portion of the Canadian Jewish community was involved in the CJC, since the total Jewish population at that time was 125,000.

The first CJC Plenary Assembly, involving the group seen in this photo, was from March 16-19, 1919 (Purim), and the photo was taken on the 18th on the steps of the Baron de Hirsch building at 2040 Bleury St., but the actual meetings were held nearby at the Monument Nationale Theatre, which had a larger auditorium.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The item is a panoramic photograph of the delegates who took part in the first Canadian Jewish Congress plenary session in Montreal. The photo was taken on March 18, 1919 on the steps of the Baron de Hirsch building on 2040 Bleury St., though the actual meetings were held nearby at the Monument Nationale Theatre, which had a larger auditorium. Three members of the Goldstick family were elected delegates to this conference from Toronto: Maurice Goldstick, Betty Goldstick and Henry Dworkin. In turn, many prominent members of the Toronto community took part such as: M. Gelber (manufacturer), Ben Zion Hyman (book store owner and scholar), I. Matenko (teacher), Dr. Pollock (physician), Sam Factor (lawyer), and A. Cohen (lawyer).

## NAME ACCESS

Canadian Jewish Congress

## SUBJECTS

Congresses and conventions  
Portraits, Group

## REPRO RESTRICTION

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## PHYSICAL CONDITION

Photograph is in good condition.

## RELATED MATERIAL

A detailed account of the formation of the Canadian Jewish Congress can be found in A.D. Hart's "The Jew in Canada" (1926). An original ballot to elect Toronto's delegates to the meeting is located in accession 2004-5/162. Also, see the ZOC fonds, #27, for minutes documenting CJC from this time period. Finally, MG6E3 in the file cabinet contains 2 files documenting Maurice Goldstick and Betty's involvement in the CJC in 1919, and later Maurice and Dorothy's involvement in Congress during the 1930s. Some of the individuals have been identified in a photocopy of this item which is available in the accession records. A full delegates list can be found in Hart's "The Jew in Canada."

## PLACES

Montréal (Québec)

**Pathways to the Present: Canadian Jewry and Canadian Jewish Congress [text] – 1986.**

PART OF	<a href="#">Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region fonds</a> <a href="#">Committee meeting agendas, minutes, reports and correspondence series</a>
LEVEL	File
FONDS	17
SERIES	1
FILE	637
MATERIAL FORMAT	text
DATE	1986
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	1 book : 138 p.
CUSTODIAL HISTORY	The book came to us from Pat Alpert and was removed from her fonds for integration into this one.
NOTES	Canadian Jewish Congress--History Canadian Jewish Congress--Ontario Region
CREATOR	Canadian Jewish Congress
ACCESSION NUMBER	2005-2-2
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions

**Community Activities [textual record] – 1957-1969.**

PART OF	<a href="#">Hoffman family fonds</a> <a href="#">Community Activities series</a>
LEVEL	Series
FONDS	6
SERIES	2
MATERIAL FORMAT	textual record
DATE	1957-1969
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	10 cm of textual records
ADMIN HISTORY/BIO	Max and Celia Hoffman were involved in many community activities including the synagogue and Jewish education. They raised funds on behalf of the community and also made financial contributions to a variety of Jewish organizations.
SCOPE AND CONTENT	Series consists of correspondence, financial reports and programme books relating to educational, religious and fraternal organizations and institutions in Hamilton. Series also contains material from local events such as the dedication of Adas Israel synagogue and regional events such as the convention of the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Ontario Region. In addition, there are correspondence and a certificate from Yeshiva University in regards to a scholarship established by Max and Celia Hoffman. Other material includes a calendar published by the Hamilton chapter of B’Nai Brith and the Hamilton District Jewish Community Telephone Directory.

NAME ACCESS

B'nai B'rith  
Canadian Jewish Congress  
Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Ontario Region  
Central Fund for Traditional Institutions  
Hamilton Talmud Torah  
National Society for Hebrew Day Schools  
Hamilton District Jewish Community Telephone Directory

SUBJECTS

Education

SOURCE

Archival Descriptions