

Jewish Labour Committee [textual record, graphic material] – 1967-1972.



PART OF	Harry Simon fonds
LEVEL	File
FONDS	23
FILE	4
MATERIAL FORMAT	textual record graphic material
DATE	1967-1972
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	3 cm of textual records 2 photographs : b&w (1 negative) ; 26 x 21 cm and 12 x 10 cm
SCOPE AND CONTENT	This file consists of records relating to Harry Simon's work as Chairman of the Jewish Labour Committee. The records include correspondence, event invitations and flyers, activity summaries, press releases, speeches and one photograph.
SUBJECTS	Committees
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions

Jewish Labour Committee [textual record] – 1973-1975.



PART OF	Harry Simon fonds
LEVEL	File
FONDS	23
FILE	5
MATERIAL FORMAT	textual record
DATE	1973-1975
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	3 cm of textual records
SCOPE AND CONTENT	This file consists of textual records relating to Harry Simon's work as Chairman of the Jewish Labour Committee. The records include correspondence, event invitations and flyers, press releases and meeting minutes.
SUBJECTS	Committees
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions

Jewish Labour Committee [textual record] – 1976-1984.



PART OF	Harry Simon fonds
LEVEL	File
FONDS	23
FILE	6
MATERIAL FORMAT	textual record
DATE	1976-1984
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	3 cm of textual records

SCOPE AND CONTENT	This file consists of textual records relating to Harry Simon's work as Chairman of the Jewish Labour Committee. The records include correspondence, event invitations and flyers, and press releases.
SUBJECTS	Committees
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions

Anti-Nazi Committee [textual record] – 1978.



PART OF	Harry Simon fonds
LEVEL	File
FONDS	23
FILE	8
MATERIAL FORMAT	textual record
DATE	1978
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	3 cm of textual records
SCOPE AND CONTENT	This file consists of textual records relating to Harry Simon's work as Chairman of the Anti-Nazi Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress/B'nai Brith Joint Community Relations Committee. The records include correspondence, newsclippings, meeting notices and minutes, bulletins and flyers.
SUBJECTS	Anti-Nazi movement Committees
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions

Anti-Nazi Committee [textual record] – 1979-1982.



PART OF	Harry Simon fonds
LEVEL	File
FONDS	23
FILE	9
MATERIAL FORMAT	textual record
DATE	1979-1982
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	3 cm of textual records
SCOPE AND CONTENT	This file consists of textual records relating to Harry Simon's work as Chairman of the Anti-Nazi Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress/B'nai Brith Joint Community Relations Committee. The records include correspondence, newsclippings, and meeting notices and minutes.
SUBJECTS	Anti-Nazi movement Committees
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions

Bess Maltinsky Shockett - November 18, 2004|December 7, 2004



NAME	Bess Maltinsky Shockett
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NUMBER	AC 288
SUBJECT	Committees Labor Labor unions
INTERVIEW DATE	November 18, 2004 December 7, 2004
QUANTITY	4
INTERVIEWER	Jillian Gould
TOTAL RUNNING TIME	AC 288A: 31 minutes AC 288B: 31 minutes
CONSERVATION	Copies made for Bess' son Michael on four 90 minute tapes
USE RESTRICTIONS	Copyright is held by the Ontario Jewish Archives. Please contact the Archives to obtain permission prior to use.
BIOGRAPHY	Bess was born in the Ukraine in 1920. She immigrated to Montreal in 1925 with her parents and two brothers. She married Barry Shockett in 1952 and had three children. As an adolescent, Bess became very active in the Jewish community and joined the United Jewish People's Order. She helped organize a union for workers in the knitting industry and later did the same for fur workers. She also travelled to Winnipeg to organize a laundry workers union. She helped found the New Fraternal Jewish Association in 1960 and was actively involved in the organization. She became very active in the Toronto Jewish community, particularly in regards to supporting and launching several innovative Yiddish programs. She staffed the office of the CJC's Committee for Yiddish in its early years, and was Director from 1974 to 1989.
MATERIAL FORMAT	sound recording
NAME ACCESS	United Jewish People's Order New Fraternal Jewish Association Committee for Yiddish
GEOGRAPHIC ACCESS	Montreal Toronto
ORIGINAL FORMAT	Audio cassette
COPY FORMAT	Digital file
SOURCE	Oral Histories

Bess became President of the Youth Division of the United Jewish People's Order in Montreal in 1946. In this clip, Bess shares some of her memories and experiences as a representative to the First International Conference of Youth held in Prague in 1947.

In this clip, Bess discusses the events that led up to the formation of a new left-leaning organization, the New Fraternal Jewish Association, which broke away from the United Jewish People's Order in 1960.



Cyrel Troster - 28 Nov. 2016



NAME	Cyrel Troster
NUMBER	AC 441
SUBJECT	Arts Charities Committees
INTERVIEW DATE	28 Nov. 2016
INTERVIEWER	Melissa Caza
USE RESTRICTIONS	Copyright is held by the Ontario Jewish Archives. Please contact the Archives to obtain permission prior to use.
MATERIAL FORMAT	moving images
NAME ACCESS	Ontario Jewish Archives

Digital file

AC 441 Part 1 0:22 Cyrel outlines her academic background and discusses her volunteer & professional positions, including Chair of the OJA, Chair of Cultural Planning & Allocation, served on the Board of the Canadian Jewish Congress & Ontario Jewish Congress and currently serves on the Board of OJA. 0:53 Cyrel discusses the history of the Ontario Jewish Archives. Cyrel & Susan Cohen obtained federal grants to create a local initiative project with the initial focus to collect information on prominent members of the Toronto Jewish community. Cyrel identifies the organizations & individuals who assisted them initially (e.g. Toronto Jewish Historical Society, Victor Sefton). She discusses the staff, including Steven Speisman, Bess Shockett & Ruth Ladovsky and the location in Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. 4:53 Cyrel describes the creation of the Sense of Spadina Walking tours which were an offshoot of a living exhibit designed for the Triennial for the Canadian Jewish Congress in 1974. She discusses the contributors to the project, including Steven Speisman, Bess Shockett, Marty Mendelow, Charlie & Peggy Goldsbie and Mrs. Langner, the wife of the Rabbi from the Kiever Synagogue. 6:05 Cyrel describes the successful Sense of Spadina Walking Tours held in June 1974. 7:47 Cyrel discusses the formation of day & evening volunteer committees to help catalogue material in OJA's new location in the basement of 150 Beverly St. She discusses some of the archival donations e.g. Sidney Harris, Ben Kayfetz. 9:12 Cyrel recalls the move to Lipa Green building in early 1980's. 9:48 Cyrel describes the OJA office at 150 Beverly St. She describes some of the historical documents that were discovered in the basement. She discusses the volunteers' responsibilities. 11:27 Cyrel discusses the function of the OJA committee. She discusses Photo Committee. 13:00 Cyrel discusses early efforts to acquire material for the OJA. 15:56 Cyrel explains why an archive specific to the Ontario Jewish community was established. The effort to establish the OJA arose from a small group of researchers, including Steven Speisman, who recognized the importance of preserving ethnic Jewish history. 17:18 Cyrel explains how the material collected by OJA is unique to & valued by the Ontario Jewish community. 18:48 Cyrel discusses some of the challenges faced by OJA in the early years. 19:58 Cyrel discusses the end result of the Toronto Jewish Historical Society. 20:45 Cyrel discusses the evolution of the Sense of Spadina Walking Tours. She explains how Ellen Scheinberg, archivist, was pivotal in the advancement of the walking tours. Spadina Walking Tours became a part of "Jane's Walk". 24:02 Cyrel shares an amusing story about Henry Papernick, retired lawyer & OJA volunteer. 25:35 Cyrel discusses the contributions made by Brooky Robins, assistant to Steven Speisman. She spearheaded the collection of material from northern Ontario. Also involved was Fred Schaeffer. 26:46 Cyrel discusses OJA hosting various community events to donate materials to the archives. 27:41 Cyrel explains that due to the volume of donated material, off-site storage facilities were used at Yonge & Eglinton. 28:04 Cyrel describes the changes and improvements that occurred after moving to the facilities at Lipa Green. 28:55 Cyrel discusses her responsibilities as Chair of OJA between 1983 and 1998. She mentions that she also served on the Ontario Jewish Congress, Ontario Region Executive & the Toronto Jewish Congress. 30:11 Cyrel explains that Jewish Communist papers were passed on to the collection of Multicultural History at St. Michael's. 30:36 Cyrel discusses some of the projects and exhibits that OJA pursued. 32:05 Cyrel discusses the efforts made by Sol Edell & Marty Mendelow to fix up the Kiever synagogue in the early 1980's. 34:25 Cyrel explains why the Kiever synagogue was chosen as a focus for an OJA project. 35:25 Cyrel discusses the special projects & direction of the OJA during the period she was Chair. 36:19 Cyrel discusses the biggest challenges faced by the OJA during her service as Chair. AC 441 Part 2 00:00 Cyrel discusses the changes in leadership and operation at the OJA ca2000. Staff included Brooky Robins,

Susan Jackson and Ellen Scheinberg. 1:54 Cyrel discusses the major projects that occurred while Ellen Scheinberg was Director. 3:09 Cyrel discusses her role with the OJA while Ellen served as Director. 4:07 Cyrel discusses the challenges faced by OJA while Ellen served as Director. 5:23 Cyrel discusses the relationship between OJA and other archives and agencies. 8:00 Cyrel addresses the factors that contributed to the success of the Sense of Spadina Walking Tours. 11:13 Cyrel points that out the general groups participating in the Sense of Spadina Walking Tours tend to be Jewish but Jane' Walk groups are varied & drawn to the neighbourhood. 11:53 Cyrel discusses why the OJA has played a major role in her life. 12:25 Cyrel shares a story from her personal life in order to illustrate the importance of preserving oral histories. 13:51 Cyrel relates a story told to her by Ben Kayfetz about the Strettiner Rebbe on Cecil Street. AC 441 Part 3 00:00 Cyrel describes the efforts of Sol Edell, Susan Brown and Cyrel to put together an audio-visual presentation to mark the opening of the archives. 2:17 Cyrel describes a conceived project that was not realized.

SOURCE

Oral Histories

Jewish Labour Committee [textual record] – 1960-1966.



PART OF	Harry Simon fonds
LEVEL	File
FONDS	23
FILE	3
MATERIAL FORMAT	textual record
DATE	1960-1966
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	3 cm of textual records
SCOPE AND CONTENT	This file consists of textual records relating to Harry Simon's work as Chairman of the Jewish Labour Committee. The records include correspondence, event invitations and flyers and activity summaries.
SUBJECTS	Committees
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions

Cemetery Committee [textual record] – 1951-1959.



PART OF	Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region fonds Cemetery Committee series
LEVEL	Series
FONDS	17
SERIES	22
MATERIAL FORMAT	textual record
DATE	1951-1959
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	18 cm of textual records

ADMIN HISTORY/BIO	The Ontario government was putting pressure on the Jewish cemeteries spread around Toronto to clear up the disorder in the burial grounds to ensure a system of perpetual care. The cemeteries were approached with this in view. In the end, through the efforts of Al Ginsburg of Beth Tzedec, the Dawes Rd. and Jones Avenue properties were reorganized, a permanent fulltime groundskeeper was engaged (A.M. Levy) and administration was improved. The other cemeteries remained outside of this new organization which was named the Amalgamated Dawes Road Trustees. Some of these made their own arrangements. Canadian Jewish Congress lent its administrative help to the Amalgamated Dawes Rd. Trustees, hence this committee.
SCOPE AND CONTENT	Series consists of general files of the Cemetery Committee.
NOTES	Series formerly described and cited as RG254.
SUBJECTS	Committees Cemeteries
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions

Rabbinical Welfare Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region [textual record] – 1950-1953.



ACCESSION NUMBER	2015-9-8
MATERIAL FORMAT	textual record
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	1 folder of textual records
DATE	1950-1953
SCOPE AND CONTENT	Accession consists of a letter from Rabbi Slonim convening a meeting and minutes of meetings of the Rabbinical Welfare Committee over the period.
CUSTODIAL HISTORY	There is no information on the acquisition of the documents. However, the first letter in the textual records is from Rabbi Reuben Slonim and his name is included on all of the documents in the textual record.
ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY	The purpose of the Rabbinical Welfare Committee was (quoting from a document dated March 22, 1950) 'to consider matters that are strictly religious in nature. In matters of a community or public relations nature, the Committee will work closely with Congress.'
SUBJECTS	Committees Meetings Religion
NAME ACCESS	Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region (Toronto, Ont.)
PLACES	Toronto, Ont.
SOURCE	Archival Accessions

Debby Solomon-Natan Sharansky [graphic material, textual record] – 1976-[ca. 1990].



ACCESSION NUMBER	2016-6-12
MATERIAL FORMAT	graphic material textual record
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	ca. 60 cm of textual records 11 photographs (3 negatives) : b&w ; 20 x 25 cm or smaller

DATE	1976-[ca. 1990]
SCOPE AND CONTENT	<p>Accession consists of textual and graphic records that trace Natan Sharansky's history as a prisoner of political conscience; the broader Refusenik issue; and the community advocacy efforts of Debby and Stan Solomon from 1976 and into the late 1980s at the local, national and international scales. Included are memos and newsletters from the Committee for Soviet Jewry (Ontario Region and national-level); background information as well as petition templates, speeches and planning documentation produced by the Committee to Release Anatoly Sharansky and the Beth Tikvah Synagogue in conjunction with community organizations, including the CJC and its Soviet Jewry social action committees, to support on-going advocacy efforts; correspondence with Canadian and American political representatives at the provincial/state and national levels; white papers/grey literature from non-governmental organizations about the persecution of the Soviet Jewry; planning documentation from the First Annual Sharansky Lectureship on Human Rights in 1980; correspondence, articles and ephemera associated with the granting of Sharansky's honorary law doctorate from York University in 1982; 1985 Freedom Rally/Weekend in Ottawa planning documentation and correspondence; 1987 National Conference on the Soviet Jewry and Mobilization for Freedom planning documentation; 1987 Community Rally at Massey Hall promotional materials; and promotional materials from Sharansky's autobiographical "Fear No Evil" 1988 book launch. Graphic material includes photographs of Sharansky's release during the February 11, 1986 American-Soviet prisoner exchange on the Glienicke Bridge in Berlin. Identified in the photographs are: Debby Solomon; Alan Solomon; Natan Sharansky; Avital Sharansky; U.S. Ambassador Richard Burt;</p>
CUSTODIAL HISTORY	Material was collected and/or created by Debby Solomon, Natan Sharansky's cousin. Debby donated it to the OJA.
ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY	<p>Debby Solomon is the cousin of Anatoly (Natan) Sharansky, the Soviet born Israeli politician, human activist and author who spent nine years in Soviet prisons. Debby's father Boris Landis (born 1900) and Sharansky's father were first cousins. Their grandfathers were brothers. Debby's father immigrated 1929 to Toronto from Russia as his older brothers were already in Toronto. Debby and her husband Stan Solomon got involved in the community's activism efforts to free Sharansky and other Refuseniks. They were worked for many years on these efforts by planning programs through their synagogue Beth Tikvah and with Sam Filer, a lawyer and volunteer at the CJC who was also a member of Beth Tikvah.</p>
SUBJECTS	<p>Antisemitism Politics and government Human rights Demonstrations Synagogues Committees</p>
SOURCE	Archival Accessions

Ben Kayfetz [textual record] – 1950-1991.



ACCESSION NUMBER	2016-3-69
MATERIAL FORMAT	textual record
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	1 folder of textual records

DATE	1950-1991
SCOPE AND CONTENT	Accession consists of interviews with various persons concerning their link with Goel Tzedec and its successor synagogue, Beth Tzedec. The interviews were primarily conducted by Ben Keyfetz and Jack Orenstien, the latter serving as the Executive Director of Beth Tzedec, at that time. Persons interviewed included Carl Keyfetz, N.N. Levine, Meyer Axler, and Bert Godfrey. There is also other information in the file concerning Cantors and Rabbis who served at Goel Tzedec, including Julius Price, Bernard Wladowsky, Jacob Gordon, and Samuel Sachs. There is a document from Bert Godfrey, undated but with a reference to 1950, titled 'Report of Construction Sub-Committee'. This presumably preceded the construction of the building housing the Beth Tzedec Synagogue on Bathurst Street. Also included is a 1955 publication of the Ne'ilah Service of Beth Tzedec to take place on February 6, 1955, concluding a half century of worship at the synagogue on University Avenue. Lastly, there are several pages of notes concerning the synagogue and its history.
CUSTODIAL HISTORY	There is no information on the acquisition of this material.
SUBJECTS	Committees Synagogues Rabbis
NAME ACCESS	Kayfetz, Benjamin, 1916-2002
PLACES	Toronto, Ontario
SOURCE	Archival Accessions

Borochov Young Poale Zion Executive Committee [graphic material] – 1927.



LEVEL	Item
ITEM	946
MATERIAL FORMAT	graphic material
DATE	1927
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	1 photograph : b&w ; 13 x 18 cm
SCOPE AND CONTENT	Copy photograph of Borochov Young Poale Zion Executive Committee, taken in New York, 1927. Left front, Morris Lofsky, Toronto.
NAME ACCESS	Borochov Young Poale Zion Executive Committee Lofsky, Morris
SUBJECTS	Committees
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	New York (N.Y.).
ACCESSION NUMBER	1975-12-1
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



Camp Naivelt Committee [graphic material] – 1936.



LEVEL	Item
ITEM	3694
MATERIAL FORMAT	graphic material
DATE	1936
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	1 photograph : b&w ; 20 x 25 cm on matte 30 x 36 cm
SCOPE AND CONTENT	This item is a photograph of members of the Labour League's Camp Naivelt Committee. Pictured are: Back row, left to right: Harry Levin, Mr. Boxenbaum, Sam Lipshitz, [unidentified], Fishel Rose. Middle row, left to right: P. Hoffman, Harry Goldstein, Rose Freedman, Morris Starkman, Mrs. Nobleman, Mr. Sniderman, Philip Larger. Front row, left to right: I. Milton, Harry Holtzman, I. Strasuner, Becky Lapidés, Jack Cowan, Sam Speisman.
NAME ACCESS	Labor League (Toronto, Ont.)
SUBJECTS	Committees Camps
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.
ACCESSION NUMBER	1983-6-3
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions



Committee for Soviet Jewry [textual record, graphic material] – 1967-1992.



PART OF	Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region fonds Committee for Soviet Jewry series
LEVEL	Series
FONDS	17
SERIES	3
MATERIAL FORMAT	textual record graphic material
DATE	1967-1992
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	4.5 m of textual records 1822 photographs : b&w ; 20 x 25 cm or smaller
ADMIN HISTORY/BIO	<p>The earliest impetus for the creation of a Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) committee to focus on the issue of Soviet Jews was in response to the infamous “Leningrad trials” of 31 dissident Soviet Jews in the winter of 1970. Concurrently, the Soviet government began to systematically persecute almost all Jews who applied for permission to emigrate. The issuing of exit visas was refused (the genesis of the term “Refusnik”), usually on exaggerated claims of national security, after which the applicants were often dismissed from their jobs, recalled to military service, or similarly persecuted by state authorities. Those who publicly protested such treatment were subsequently arrested, detained for long periods, or tried as examples to others and sent to Siberian labour camps.</p> <p>When information about the plight of Soviet Jews reached Canada, Toronto’s Jews responded immediately and decisively. Synagogue congregations, student groups, women’s organizations, professional organizations and community groups all established independent committees to aid Soviet Jews directly and to pressure local, national and international governments to address Soviet antisemitism. Very quickly these committees began organizing mass rallies, letter writing campaigns, petitions, targeted protests and direct aid involving large numbers of people and considerable fundraising efforts. From 1971 to the late 1980s the cause of Soviet Jewry remained, along with support for The State of Israel, the most significant issue to the Jewish community.</p> <p>The Action Committee for Soviet Jewry (ACSJ) was formed by the (then) Central Region of the CJC in early 1971 in order to coordinate the activities of, and provide stable funding and administrative support for, the various ad hoc committees and action groups that had sprung up across Toronto and the rest of Ontario. Organizations coordinated by the Action Committee included university student groups, the Group of 35, Women for Soviet Jewry (WSJ), B’nai B’rith, and the Canadian Zionist Federation (CZF). The ACSJ originally reported to the CJC’s Steering Committee for Soviet Jewry (SCSJ), but by the mid-1970s the reporting of the two committees was reversed, with the Steering Committee reporting to the Action Committee. By 1977, the Action Committee and the Steering Committee were merged into the newly-renamed CJC Ontario Region’s Committee for Soviet Jewry (occasionally referred to as the Toronto Committee).</p> <p>The first Chairman of the SCSJ was the prominent Toronto politician and activist Joseph B. Salsberg. Later chairs, including Sam Filer, Phyllis Sugar, Reg Adelman, author Jeanette Goldman, Joyce Eklove, and Judge Ted Matlow were also involved with affiliated local</p>

groups whose activities were coordinated by the SCSJ. Sam Filer, its first permanent Secretary, became in 1976 its second Chairman. He also served as Chairman of the Toronto Action Committee for Soviet Jewry and was an original co-founder of Lawyers and Jurists for Soviet Jewry. Similarly, Phyllis Sugar was a Co-chair of the ACSJ with Reg Adelman in the early to mid-1970s, while simultaneously serving as the Chair of WSJ. Genya Intrator, the first Chair of WSJ in the early 1970s, later served as first Chair of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry. Despite having its first meeting in Winnipeg, the Canadian Committee had most of its leadership and activities in Toronto. Toronto residents Sydney Harris (later Judge Harris), David Satok, Genya Intrator and David Sadowski all chaired this committee as it developed a national agenda through contacts with affiliated organizations across the country, while coordinating internationally with groups such as the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews based in New York.

Towards the end of the 1980s, many of the restrictions regarding exit visas for refusniks were removed and increasingly Russian Jews began to immigrate to Israel, the United States and Canada. A large percentage of the latter settled in Toronto. By 1991, in response to the changes in Russia and the former Soviet republics, the CJC's local and national Soviet Jewry Committees were wound up and their leadership began to focus on new issues, such as the integration of Soviet Jewish immigrants into Canada and the continuing struggle to fight antisemitism in the successor states of the former Soviet Union. To this end, the CJC formed a Political Liaison Committee in the early 1990s. Internationally, however, many Russian Jewish advocacy groups continued to operate on the foundation of activism and community organization established during the decades of solidarity built around the Soviet Jewry cause.

CUSTODIAL HISTORY

The records in this series were accumulated and maintained in the offices of the CJC under the jurisdiction of Samuel Resnick, in his role as the Director of the Community Action for Israel Committee, and as the main CJC staff employee for overseeing the Action Committee for Soviet Jewry and Steering Committee for Soviet Jewry, which eventually coalesced as simply the Committee for Soviet Jewry circa 1977. By 1980, Resnick's title was Director of the Committee for Soviet Jewry, Central Region, making him the primary full-time staffer of the CJC involved in the Soviet Jewry cause.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Series consists of extensive planning, administrative and operational records including meeting minutes, correspondence, budgets and membership lists. Records pertaining to activities include numerous event and protest photographs, articles, petitions, posters and other press materials. Records related to the gathering of information regarding Soviet Jewry include transcripts of telegrams and telephone conversations, background fact sheets and many individual case files.

This series has been arranged into six sub-series. Sub-series 1 consists of Ontario Region committee meeting agendas and minutes. Sub-series 2 consists of the correspondence files documenting various activities of that committee. Sub-series 3 consists of the agendas, minutes and general correspondence of the National Committee for Soviet Jewry. Sub-series 4 consists of records documenting affiliated Jewish organizations that collaborated with the CJC in protesting the persecution of Soviet Jews. Sub-series 5 consists of records documenting the various protest activities such as lobbying, letter writing, public rallies, marches and demonstrations. Sub-series 6, Refusnik Cases, consists of 3 sub-sub-series, containing individual case files, large published lists, and reference publications about Soviet Jews who were refused permission to emigrate (refusniks).

NOTES	Physical extent note: although over 28 m of Soviet Jewry records were originally transferred to the OJA, more than 23 m of those records have been culled due to their origin (non-Canadian sources), format (outside periodicals and publications), because they were merely externally-created reference materials, or because they were part of the very large volumes of duplicates that made up the majority of the box contents. Records documenting the activities of other CJC Committees have also been removed for future processing within more appropriately-titled series within Fonds 17.
SUBJECTS	Committees Jews--Soviet Union
ARRANGEMENT	Because the Soviet Jewry records donated by the Canadian Jewish Congress had not been maintained in a discernable original order, they had to be reorganized into their current arrangement by the processing archivist.
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions

Labour Zionist Movement Campaign Committee [graphic material] - [193-].



LEVEL	Item
ITEM	6032
MATERIAL FORMAT	graphic material
DATE	[193-]
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	1 photograph : b&w
SCOPE AND CONTENT	For identification, see accession record. Perhaps Geverkshaften. Includes: Abe Freeman, Max Manson, Nachman Lovinsky, A. Rhinewine; H.M.Kirshenbaum; Dr. Sam Hurwich; Israel Freeman; I.J. Weinrob; Louis Coldoff; Yisroel Meriminski of Israel; Sonya and Joseph Marin.
NOTES	Photo by M. Schlachter, Modern Studio, Toronto.
NAME ACCESS	Coldoff, Louis Freeman, Israel Kirshenbaum, H.M. Rhinewine, A. Weinrob, I.J.
SUBJECTS	Committees Labor Zionism Portraits, Group
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	1992-2-8
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions



Farband, Independent Workers' Circle Joint Committee to arrange lecture for H. Leivick, Toronto [graphic material] – [1939 or 1940].



LEVEL	Item
ITEM	1617
MATERIAL FORMAT	graphic material
DATE	[1939 or 1940]
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	2 photographs : b&w (1 negative)
NOTES	Photo by Modern Studio
NAME ACCESS	Farband Independent Workers' Circle Joint Committee Leivick, H. Jewish Organizations
SUBJECTS	Committees Lectures and lecturing
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 Islands (Ont.)
ACCESSION NUMBER	1978-11-5
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions



Canadian Jewish Congress Committee for Soviet Jewry [textual record] – 1967-1973.



PART OF	Joseph Baruch Salsberg fonds Jewish community involvement series
LEVEL	File
FONDS	92
SERIES	4
FILE	6
MATERIAL FORMAT	textual record
DATE	1967-1973
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	3 cm of textual records

In 1970 many Jewish groups in Ontario organized to help refuseniks who were being persecuted in the Soviet Union and to pressure local, national and international governments to address Soviet antisemitism. In early 1971, the Action Committee for Soviet Jewry (ACSJ) was formed by the (then) Central Region of the CJC to coordinate the activities of, and provide stable funding and administrative support for, these various ad hoc committees and action groups that had sprung up across Ontario.

The ACSJ originally reported to the CJC's Steering Committee for Soviet Jewry (SCSJ), but by the mid-1970s the reporting of the two committees was reversed, with the steering committee reporting to the action committee. By 1977, the action committee and the steering committee were merged into the newly-renamed CJC Ontario Region's Committee for Soviet Jewry (occasionally referred to as the Toronto Committee). J. B. Salsberg was the first SCSJ Chairman, serving in this capacity until 1976.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

File consists of records documenting J. B. Salsberg's involvement in the CJC's Committee for Soviet Jewry. Included are booklets, handwritten notes, newspaper clippings, articles, correspondence, meeting minutes of the National Committee on Soviet Jewry and the Steering Committee for Soviet Jewry, reports, newsletters, conference booklets, and a brochure.

SUBJECTS

Committees
Jews--Soviet Union

SOURCE

Archival Descriptions

Canadian Jewish Congress Committee for Soviet Jewry [textual record] – 1975.



PART OF	Joseph Baruch Salsberg fonds Jewish community involvement series
LEVEL	File
FONDS	92
SERIES	4
FILE	7
MATERIAL FORMAT	textual record
DATE	1975
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	3 cm of textual records
ADMIN HISTORY/BIO	<p>In 1970 many Jewish groups in Ontario organized to help refuseniks who were being persecuted in the Soviet Union and to pressure local, national and international governments to address Soviet antisemitism. In early 1971, the Action Committee for Soviet Jewry (ACSJ) was formed by the (then) Central Region of the CJC to coordinate the activities of, and provide stable funding and administrative support for, these various ad hoc committees and action groups that had sprung up across Ontario.</p> <p>The ACSJ originally reported to the CJC's Steering Committee for Soviet Jewry (SCSJ), but by the mid-1970s the reporting of the two committees was reversed, with the steering committee reporting to the action committee. By 1977, the action committee and the steering committee were merged into the newly-renamed CJC Ontario Region's Committee for Soviet Jewry (occasionally referred to as the Toronto Committee). J. B. Salsberg was the first SCSJ Chairman, serving in this capacity until 1976.</p>

SCOPE AND CONTENT	File consists of records documenting J. B. Salsberg's involvement in the CJC's Committee for Soviet Jewry. Included are newspaper clippings, bulletins, executive committee meeting minutes of the Committee for Soviet Jewry, a booklet, and a programme for the 23rd anniversary of the execution of Soviet Jewish poets, novelists and artists at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue.
SUBJECTS	Committees Jews--Soviet Union
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions

Canadian Jewish Congress Committee for Soviet Jewry [textual record] – 1986-1991.

PART OF	Joseph Baruch Salsberg fonds Jewish community involvement series
LEVEL	File
FONDS	92
SERIES	4
FILE	8
MATERIAL FORMAT	textual record
DATE	1986-1991
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	1 folder of textual records
ADMIN HISTORY/BIO	In 1970 many Jewish groups in Ontario organized to help Refusniks who were being persecuted in the Soviet Union and to pressure local, national and international governments to address Soviet antisemitism. In early 1971, the Action Committee for Soviet Jewry (ACSJ) was formed by the (then) Central Region of the CJC to coordinate the activities of, and provide stable funding and administrative support for, these various ad hoc committees and action groups that had sprung up across Ontario. The ACSJ originally reported to the CJC's Steering Committee for Soviet Jewry (SCSJ), but by the mid-1970s the reporting of the two committees was reversed, with the steering committee reporting to the action committee. By 1977, the action committee and the steering committee were merged into the newly-renamed CJC Ontario Region's Committee for Soviet Jewry (occasionally referred to as the Toronto Committee). J. B. Salsberg was the first SCSJ Chairman, serving in this capacity until 1976.

SCOPE AND CONTENT	File consists of records documenting J.B. Salsberg's involvement in the CJC's Committee for Soviet Jewry. Included are booklets, reports, agendas, correspondence, meeting minutes, conference material for the Regional Conference on Israel and Soviet Jewry, and newspaper clippings.
SUBJECTS	Committees Jews--Soviet Union
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions

Community Relations Committee [textual record, graphic material] – 1938-1978, 1991.

PART OF	Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region fonds Community Relations Committee series
LEVEL	Series

FONDS	17
SERIES	5
MATERIAL FORMAT	textual record graphic material
DATE	1938-1978, 1991
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	6.5 m of textual records 15 photographs

The Joint Community Relations Committee was created in 1938 by the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region and the Toronto Lodge B'nai Brith. It was originally named the Joint Public Relations Committee and was responsible for combating antisemitism in Ontario. Public statements, by agreement, were made only by the Canadian Jewish Congress as B'nai Brith recognized the uniqueness of its national constitution. The committee was led by lay leaders from the community and a staff representative from the CJC. Shortly thereafter, similar committees were set up in Montreal and in Western Canada, and soon a National Joint Community Relations Committee was established. The committee played a key role in achieving the early anti-discrimination act of 1944, and the Fair Employment Practices Act of 1951, leading to the Human Rights Code of today. It was prominent in the action against the spread of sectarian religious teachings in the public schools and took the lead in pressing for legislation against the dissemination of racial hatred. It acted for the preservation of religious and human rights and worked with numerous religious, fraternal and ethnic organizations in the wider community. The committee also investigated and acted upon all complaints of discrimination, antisemitism and other such incidents. They supplied Jewish and secular schools with educational materials including pamphlets and books, and conducted intercultural and inter-religious work in the community through organized lectures, seminars, institutes, and plenary sessions.

The committee was composed of equal representation from both the Canadian Jewish Congress, and the B'nai Brith. The money for the operation of the Committee was first provided by both organizations, however, in a 1947 agreement between the National CJC and B'nai Brith Canada, the parties stated that the finances for the committee would be raised in the name of the CJC, with B'nai Brith agreeing to make "token" contributions and co-operate with Congress' fundraising campaign. As well, the professional staff and support persons for the committee, along with their salaries, came solely from the Central Region CJC.

The executive director (also referred to as the executive secretary) was the primary staff person responsible for carrying out the policy and activities of the JPRC, which included preparing press releases, liaising with affiliated groups, organizations, individuals, journalists, government representatives and any others wanting or needing information on issues relating to the JPRC's work. The executive director acted as the recording secretary at all committee meetings and was the keeper of all official documents.

Around 1978, due in part to the earlier creation of the B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights in 1970, the Canadian Jewish Congress and the B'nai Brith terminated their joint relationship with the committee. At the time, the CJC felt that B'nai Brith was playing a dual role in advocacy through the League and through the JPRC. B'nai Brith, in turn, felt that the CJC was shutting out the B'nai Brith's voice. Nevertheless, the "Joint" was not dropped from the name until around 1991. Today, the committee functions under the sole direction of the CJC as the Community Relations Committee, Ontario Region and continues to perform many of the same functions in the community.

In 2011 the Community Relations Committee ceased to exist when the CJC Ontario office was closed and the functions of the CJC were folded into the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA).

Committee name changes were: Community Relations Committee, CJC, Ontario Region (ca. 1991-2011) Joint Community Relations Committee, CJC, Ontario Region (ca. 1978-ca. 1991) Joint Community Relations Committee, Central Region (1962-1978) Joint Community Relations Committee, (1938-1962)

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Series consists of five sub-series. Sub-series 1 contains the agendas, minutes and associated documentation supporting meetings of the Community Relations Committee. Sub-series 2 contains speeches, publications, press releases and reports presented and/or distributed by the Committee. Sub-series 3 consists of case files documenting the Committee's activities of combating specific antisemitism and Holocaust-denying activities in Canada. Extensive documentation about Ernst Zundel is included Sub-series 4 contains 9 sub-sub-series documenting various categories of research files accumulated by the Committee. Sub-series 5 contains the general office records of the Committee and includes correspondence and memos of the Executive Director and records providing insight to the internal organization and management of the Committee's internal functions.

For more details see descriptions within the scope and contents notes at the sub-series and sub-sub-series levels

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Physical extent note: when originally listed in 1988, this series contained about 20.5 metres of textual records. When partial processing and reorganization had been completed in 2013, 14 metres had been culled because those documents were duplicates, newspaper clippings, created by outside agencies or maintained in other agencies.

Associated material note: Library and Archives of Canada holds the records for the National B'nai Brith which does contain 30cm of material on the National Joint Community Relations Committee. The Canadian Jewish Congress National Archives in Montreal holds the records for the National Joint Community Relations Committee, which contains some files on the Ontario Region, as they reported to the National office. The whereabouts of the B'nai Brith records pertaining to the Central Region activities are currently unknown.

SUBJECTS

Committees

ARRANGEMENT

Because records in this series had been previously organized in a manner that proved difficult for use by archivists and researchers, the records, during 2010 and 2011, were totally rearranged and described to comply with RAD standards, to provide ease of access by researchers, and to fully reflect the activities and organizational history of the Community Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress during and after the period when it was a joint committee with the B'Nai Brith.

SOURCE

Archival Descriptions

Reception Committee [graphic material] – 1969.



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MATERIAL FORMAT

graphic material

DATE	1969
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	1 photograph : b&w ; 21 x 26 cm
SCOPE AND CONTENT	Identified in the photograph is (left to right): Mrs. Posluns, Abe Posluns, Ruth Smith, Mr. Smith, Dora Till, Morris Till, [?], and [?].
NOTES	Photographer unknown.
NAME ACCESS	Till, Dora, 1896-1987
SUBJECTS	Committees Portraits, Group
REPRO RESTRICTION	Copyright is not held by the Ontario Jewish Archives. It is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain permission prior to use.
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions

Jewish National Workers Alliance, Members of the Office Committee [graphic material] – 12 June 1942.



LEVEL	Item
ITEM	12
MATERIAL FORMAT	graphic material
DATE	12 June 1942
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	1 photograph : b&w
SCOPE AND CONTENT	Item is a portrait of members of the Office[rs] Committee of the Jewish National Workers Alliance, taken at their annual conference in Toronto. The members are identified on the front of the photograph.
NOTES	Acquired June 21,1974.
NAME ACCESS	Jewish National Workers Alliance
SUBJECTS	Committees Congresses and conventions Portraits, Group
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.)
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions



Toronto Cloakmakers Union, Jubilee Arrangement Committee [graphic material] – 1936.



PART OF	Toronto Cloakmakers Union fonds
LEVEL	Item
FONDS	8
ITEM	3

MATERIAL FORMAT	graphic material
DATE	1936
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	1 photograph : b&w ; 21 x 26 cm
SCOPE AND CONTENT	Item is a photograph taken of the 25th Jubilee Arrangement Committee in 1936. Included in the photograph are the following people: A. Kirzner; Mrs. Lovich; A. Weingarten; A. Maggerman, CHMN; B. Havelock,sec.;H. Smith, treas.; A. Weinstock; M. Greenberg;L. Ginsberg; M. Wagman; S. Weiss; H. Newmark; H. Wise; D. Kirshenbaum; N. Neslin; O. Isenberg; H. Wagner; N. Cohen; M. Drillick; Z. Finkelstein; S. Langer; Ch. Blumenstein; H. Gluskin; Ch. Schatz; J. Tureck; S. Kraisman; J. Rodinsky; M. Saunders
NAME ACCESS	Blumenstein, Ch Cohen, N Drillick, M Finkelstein, Z Ginsberg, L Gluskin, H Greenberg, M Havelock, B Isenberg, O Kirshenbaum, D Kirzner, A Kraisman, S Langer, S Lovich, Mrs Magerman, A Newmark, H Neslin, N Rodinsky, J Saunders, M. Schatz, Ch Smith, H Tureck, J Wagman, M Wagner, H Weingarten, A Weinstock, A Weiss, S Wise, H
SUBJECTS	Anniversaries Committees Portraits, Group
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.
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions



General Strike Committee of Toronto Cloakmakers Union [graphic material] – 1919.



PART OF	Toronto Cloakmakers Union fonds
LEVEL	Item
FONDS	8
ITEM	5
MATERIAL FORMAT	graphic material
DATE	1919
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	1 photograph : b&w ; 13 x 18 cm
SCOPE AND CONTENT	Item is a photograph of a the General Strike Committee for the Toronto Cloakmakers' Union, which was the Toronto local for the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union
SUBJECTS	Committees Portraits, Group
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.
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions



International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union General Strike Committee [graphic material] – 1934.



LEVEL	Item
ITEM	23
MATERIAL FORMAT	graphic material
DATE	1934
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	1 photograph : b&w ; 21 x 26 cm
ADMIN HISTORY/BIO	The International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union was founded in the United States of America in 1900 by amalgamating seven local unions. The I.L.G.W.U. was dominated by the Jewish and Italian immigrants who worked in the garment industries. The union was formed to protect their interests. In the early years it was troubled by politics, but still continued to grow. In Canada, the Toronto Cloakmakers Union became affiliated with the I.L.G.W.U. in 1911, which was two years after their official formation.
SCOPE AND CONTENT	Item is a black and white photograph of the General Strike Committee of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union in 1934.
NAME ACCESS	International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union Magerman, A
SUBJECTS	Committees Labor unions Portraits, Group
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.
PHYSICAL CONDITION	Good.
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions



Committees and meetings [textual record] – 1953-1985.



PART OF	Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care fonds Committees and meetings series
LEVEL	Series
FONDS	14
SERIES	3
MATERIAL FORMAT	textual record
DATE	1953-1985
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	3 cm of textual records
SCOPE AND CONTENT	Series consists of records documenting the various committees and ad hoc meetings of Baycrest Centre as well as its participation on joint committees with other agencies. Included are meeting notices, agendas and minutes, reports, correspondence and lists.
SUBJECTS	Committees
SOURCE	Archival Descriptions