Accession consists of material documenting Glen Eker and his family. Included are: birth certificates and an expired passport for Dorothy Horwitz, certificates of marriage (including a ketubah) for Dorothy Eker and Paul Eker, a true copy of a change of name order for Isadore Maxwell Eker/Paul Maxwell Eker, and a Valentine's Day-themed photograph of Glen and Deborah "Debbie" Eker taken on 9 February 2015.

Glen Eker was born in Toronto, Ontario to Paul Eker and Dorothy Horwitz. He grew up in the Forest Hill neighbourhood of Toronto before moving with his family to Hamilton. He received two master's degrees (one in sociology, the other in political science) from McMaster University and a third master's degree (in library science) from the University of Toronto. Glen's wife, Deborah Pekilis, was born in Montreal and lived there until her parents moved to Toronto. She was the librarian for the Jewish Genealogical Society and sat on the Hamilton Historical Board. She is currently a writer.

Glen has worked as a research assistant and a teaching assistant at McMaster and has taught at Ryerson University and Mohawk College. At present, he works as an estate and genealogy researcher.

Glen has published a book on Karl Marx, five indexes of Jews in Canada, and one index of Amish and Mennonites in Canada. His genealogy articles have appeared in various magazines and his short stories and poems have appeared in print as well.

Glen has worked on his family genealogy for a number of years. His paternal family line derives from Russia, Ukraine, Lithuania, and Poland while his maternal line derives from Byelorussia and Romania. He is descended from the Horwitz and Strachman families on the latter.

Birth certificates
Families
Marriage records

Accession consists of material documenting the lives of Eva and Jack Horwitz. Included are: correspondence and vital records, including birth, citizenship, and marriage certificates as well as passports.
Eva Horwitz took possession of the records that make up the accession following the death of her husband, Jack Horwitz, in 1980. Grace (Gloria) Waldman (née Horwitz) took possession of the records following the death of her mother, Eva Horwitz, in 1983. Marian Horwitz took possession of the records following the death of her sister, Grace Waldman, in 2017. Marian gifted the records to Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre on 4 October 2017.

Eva Horwitz (née Lipshitz, 1897-1983) was born in Mlawa, Poland on 20 June 1897. She married Jack Horwitz in Toronto on 30 October 1924. Thereafter, she raised three children: Gloria, Marvin, and Marian. In addition to her duties as a homemaker, Eva was an active member of the Workmen’s Circle with her husband. She passed away on 17 February 1983. Jack Horwitz (1900-1980) was born in Polaniec, Poland on 13 December 1900. In 1920, he set sail from Antwerp and arrived in Canada. Four years later, on 30 October 1924, he married Eva Lipshitz. On 23 April 1927, he was naturalized as a British subject with his occupation listed as tailor. He passed away on 26 February 1980.

Restricted. See administrative notes.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH NOTE: Dates of birth for both Eva and Jack Horwitz are uncertain. The dates listed in the Biographical Sketch are taken from Eva and Jack’s Canadian passports. Different spellings for both the given names and the family names of Eva and Jack can be found in the records. "Eva Horwitz" and "Jack Horwitz" are the preferred spellings, notwithstanding the fact that their names are spelled otherwise on official documents.

LANGUAGE NOTE: A small number of records are in non-English languages including: French, Polish, and Yiddish.

Birth certificates
Immigrants--Canada
Marriage records

Horwitz, Eva, 1897-1983
Horwitz, Jack, 1900-1980
Horwitz family

Canada
Poland

Archival Accessions

Lavine family [graphic material, textual record] – [ca. 1919].

ACCESSION NUMBER
2016-10-7

MATERIAL FORMAT
graphic material
textual record

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
3 photographs : sepia ; 19 x 24 cm
1 folder of textual records

DATE
[ca. 1919]

SCOPE AND CONTENT
Accession consists of a marriage certificate, invitation and photographs for the wedding of Sara Lavine and Max Rotenberg on 25 March 1919 in Toronto. Indentified in photos are Sara Lavine and Max Rotenberg and portraits of David Lavine and (Anne?) Lavine.
David and Anne are the parents of Sara Lavine and the grandparents of Risa Rotenberg. Anne lived in Marmora, Ontario and David may have owned a general store. Sara Lavine and Max Rotenberg are the parents of Risa Rotenberg.

ASSOCIATED MATERIAL NOTE: There is more material about the family of Max Rotenberg in accession 2015-7-14.

NAME ACCESS

Rotenberg, Risa

PLACES

Toronto, Ont.

SOURCE

Archival Accessions


ACCESSION NUMBER

1992-8-6

textual record

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

1 folder of textual records

DATE

1924-1937

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Accession includes Rabbi Graubart's marriage registers and marriage certificates (1926-1937). As well there are financial records in Yiddish for Kahal Adas Yisroel, Toronto. Accession also includes records of Eitz Chaim, which form part of the records contained in MG2 GIF.

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Rabbi Yehuda Leib Graubart (1862-1937) was a noted rabbi and posek (legal decisor) in Poland, St. Louis, and later, Toronto. On August 18, 1920, Rabbi Graubart became the communal rabbi of Toronto. In 1922, he formed a yeshivah called Shaarei Torah. Rabbi Graubart also developed a communal eruv in Toronto to enable Jews to carry on the Sabbath. He was the spokesman of orthodox Jewry of his time and for Mizrachi, the movement of religious Zionists.

See fonds-level description (fonds 42) for further information.

SOURCE

Archival Accessions

Rabbi Yoseph Weinreb [textual record, graphic material] – 1913-1928.

PART OF

Solomon Edell fonds
Shomrai Shabbos Synagogue series

LEVEL

File

FOURNS

4

SERIES

7

FILE

15

MATERIAL FORMAT

textual record

graphic material
1913-1928

1 folder of textual records
2 photographs (1 negative) : b&w ; 20 x 26 cm

File consists of marriage certificate receipts for marriages performed by Rabbi Weinreb at 26 Henry Street as well as a photograph of Rabbi Weinreb leading a march in commemoration of the proclamation of the Balfour Declaration. Also included is a certificate that Rabbi Weinreb received for collecting money to help people make aliyah in their old age (4 Oct. 1923).

Marriage records

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The certificate is in fragile condition and is starting to tear across the centre. Tape is adhered to sections on the back of the document.

Archival Descriptions


ACCESSION NUMBER
2017-8-11

MATERIAL FORMAT
object
textual record

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
1 artifact
1 birth certificate

DATE
1929-1977

SCOPE AND CONTENT
Accession consists of material documenting the life of Ubby Dashkin of Lipson & Dashkin Architects. Included are: Dashkin's birth certificate (1929), an artifact given in appreciation to Dashkin for supporting the Canadian Centre for Nuclear Physics Weitzman [sic] Institute of Science, Israel (1977).

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY
Ubby Dashkin (1929-1981) was born Aaron Abi Dashkin on 4 April 1929 in Toronto to David and Ethel Dashkin. As an adult, he was part of Lipson & Dashkin Architects. He passed away on 17 July 1981 and is buried in Dawes Road Cemetery in Scarborough, Ontario. Ubby was the younger brother of Yiddish literature translator Miriam Beckerman (1927- ).

SUBJECTS
Architects
Birth certificates

NAME ACCESS
Dashkin, Ubby, 1929-1981
Lipson & Dashkin Architects (Toronto, Ont.)

PLACES
Toronto
Israel

SOURCE
Archival Accessions


ACCESSION NUMBER
1983-7-2
Accession consists of material documenting the life and career of Rabbi Ernest Klein. Records include personal as well as professional correspondence, certificates, newspaper clippings and book reviews, a marriage register, bar mitzvah invitations, and Klein's birth certificate.

Ernest Klein (1899-1983) was born in Szatmar, Hungary on 26 July 1899. He studied at the University of Vienna and served as a rabbi in several countries including Czechoslovakia, Romania, and France. The Second World War brought great hardship for Klein, who survived Auschwitz and Dachau (his wife and son were killed in Czechoslovakia just before the war). After the War, Klein came to Canada, where he became rabbi of Congregation Beth Yitshak in Toronto. A polyglot and a scholar, Klein wrote three etymological dictionaries, the most famous of which was his Comprehensive Etymological Dictionary of the English Language (1966-67). For his work, he received honourary degrees from McMaster University and the University of Guelph in 1977 and was awarded the Order of Canada in 1978. He passed away on 4 February 1983.

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

USE CONDITION NOTE: Accession contains medical records that are closed to researchers until January 2034.
Accession consists of records belonging to Rabbi Abraham A. Price. The bulk of the records are marriage registers from 1938 to 1982. There are also some loose marriage certificates spanning 1939 to 1946; Price's registration certificate as a marriage officiant from 1938, a letter in Yiddish, his Isaac Kook Award of Merit certificate, as well as some photographs and corresponding negatives of a family vacation. Also included are three Kashruth signs. One was issued by the Kashruth Council of the Canadian Jewish Congress, likely in the 1950s, the other two are hand-painted and were issued by Rabbi Price, likely in the 1940s. They are in both Yiddish and English and read: Certificate of Kashruth. All meat and meat products of this butcher shop is strictly Kosher under the supervision of Rabbi Abraham A. Price.

The donor is the son-in-law of Rabbi Price.

Rabbi Abraham A. Price (1900-1994) was a prominent Rabbi and Talmudic scholar in Toronto. He was born on December 10, 1900 in Stopnitz, Poland to Rabbi Joseph and Basia Price. He married Sarah Wine, and had two children: a son, Moshe Leib, who predeceased him, and a daughter, Leah (Lola) Zuchowsky. He also had a brother Lazar. Price lived in Poland until 1923, when he moved to Berlin and became a banker. He left Berlin for Paris in 1931, and lived there for 6 years before fleeing to the United States in 1937. Rabbi Price originally went to New York City, but spent only ten days there before moving to Toronto. Rabbi Price studied with world-famous scholars Rabbi Abraham Borenstein and Rabbi Sillman, by whom he was ordained at the Rabbinical Seminary Sochatzow (Sochatov), Poland in 1919. He was hired in 1937 by Moishe Oelbaum, Moishe Sigal, and W.J. Silverberg to head Yeshivah Torath Chaim and to act as the official rabbi of Chevra Shas Congregation. Price remained dean of the yeshivah until at least 1985. He published ten volumes of highly acclaimed rabbinical studies, including three volumes of Mishnath Avraham with commentaries of the Book of the Pious "Sefer Chasidim," which were awarded the Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook Award of Merit in 1965. It was the first time this prize was given to an author outside Israel. Price was one of Toronto's most influential rabbinic authorities. He worked tirelessly to help European yeshivah students during and after the Second World War. In 1942 he orchestrated the release of over 50 German-Jewish men from an internment camp in Quebec, and brought them to study at the yeshivah. In 1948 he again intervened to sponsor 55 young yeshivah boys from Prague. He brought these boys to study at Torath Chaim as well. Rabbi Price died on Thursday, March 31, 1994 in Toronto.

LANGUAGE NOTE: Records are in Yiddish and English.

Marriage records
Rabbis
Price, Abraham A., 1900-1994

Archival Accessions

Certificates of marriage for Isadore Scheuer and Jessie Bloom [textual record] – 3 Nov. 1918.

Part of:
Scheuer family fonds

Level:
File

Fonds:
47

File:
3
textual record

Date:
3 Nov. 1918

Physical description:
2 folders of textual records
**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

File consists of a certificate of marriage and a ketubah (marriage contract) prepared for Isadore Scheuer and Jessie Bloom on the occasion of their marriage at Holy Blossom Congregation in Toronto on November 3rd, 1918. Rabbi Solomon Jacobs officiated their wedding with Edmund Scheuer and I. Simonski serving as witnesses.

**NAME ACCESS**

Holy Blossom Temple (Toronto, Ont.)

**SUBJECTS**

Ketubah
Marriage records

**PLACES**

Toronto (Ont.)

**ACCESSION NUMBER**

1989-4-2

**SOURCE**

Archival Descriptions

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**Mr. Saul Greenwood, Bessie and Israel Cohen [textual record] – 1903-1939.**

**ACCESSION NUMBER**

2016-2-5

**MATERIAL FORMAT**

textual record

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**

1 folder of textual records

**DATE**

1903-1939

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

Accession consists of two marriage certificates documenting the marriage of Israel Cohen and Bessie (nee Cohen) Cohen from 1903. It also includes early Jewish National Fund (Karen Hayesod) tree planting donation certificates from both the Cohen family and the family of Mr. Saul Greenwood. There are JNF certificates honouring the Daughters of Zion Chapter of Hadassah. There is also a Youth Aliyah Certificate of Honour.

**CUSTODIAL HISTORY**

Sheila Smolkin from the Holy Blossom Archives found this in their collection and identified it as not appropriate so she has transferred it to the OJA

**SUBJECTS**

Clubs
Marriage records
Zionism

**NAME ACCESS**

Greenwood, Saul
Cohen, Israel
Cohen, Bessie

**SOURCE**

Archival Accessions

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**Frankel family [textual record, graphic material, object] – 1928-2009.**

**ACCESSION NUMBER**

2009-11-4

**MATERIAL FORMAT**

textual record
graphic material
object

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**

1 folder of textual records
2 photographs : b&w ; 9 x 14 cm and 9 X7 cm
1 matchbook

**DATE**

1928-2009
Accession consists of mementos, family documents and clippings from Nancy Draper (née Frankel). The records include a birth announcement card for Nancy in 1928 and a matchbook party favour from her wedding to Darrell Draper in 1949. There is also a scholarship application letter from the donor’s granddaughter, Haley Draper, to UJA. Other records include a staff list from Camp Wabi-Kon in 1946; a Globe and Mail obituary of Dr. Martin Wolfish, a past volunteer of OJA; a photograph of David Steinhauser; a clipping about an Inuit sculpture inspired by the experience of Holocaust survivor Leon Kahn; and three eulogies for Patricia Drewnig Goldstein (1940-2005) (née Jacobs). Patricia was the granddaughter of Rabbi Solomon Jacobs of Holy Blossom, and her mother, Edna, was a Frankel. Finally, the accession includes a photocopy of a photograph of members of the Siglen family of Meaford with Maurice Frankel, the great-uncle of the donor, and Irwin Rosen, ca. 1928.

Nancy Frankel (b. 1928) is the daughter of Carl and Dorothy Jacobs Frankel, past prominent members of the Toronto Jewish community and members of Holy Blossom Temple. Nancy attended Camp Wabi-Kon, a Jewish camp in northern Ontario near Temagami, and then worked there as a teenager. She married Darrell Draper on December 10th, 1949. Nancy is a longtime volunteer at the OJA.

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
Camps
Families
Letters
Obituaries

Draper, Nancy
Archival Accessions

Family [graphic material] – 1936-[ca.1960].

Sylvia Schwartz fonds
Family series

Series

5
graphic material

1936-[ca.1960]

107 photographs : b&w and col. (88 negatives) ; 18 x 12 cm or smaller

Sylvia Schwartz’s parents were Joseph and Gertrude Schwartz. She had three sisters; Fanny, Helen and Ruth. Fanny married Alex Solway and had two children, Carol and Herbert. Helen married Dr. Isaac Shleser, a doctor of internal medicine, and had two daughters, Jill and Jan. Sylvia was a part of a large extended family that remained close throughout her life as they shared many similar interests and a family cottage in Bobcaygeon. Many members of her family were and are prominent individuals of the Jewish community in Toronto. Faye Halbert was Sylvia’s cousin on her mother’s side whose children, Ralph and Gerald, went on to become prominent doctors and members of the Jewish community. Jack Schwartz, Sylvia’s uncle, was also in the fur business and was married to Minnie Schwartz. Their daughter was Jewell, who owned an art gallery in Yorkville for many years. Other related families include the Haussers and the Wintrobs.
This series consists of negatives and proofs created by Sylvia Schwartz of members of her family. Images are primarily of the Schwartz, Solway, Shlesser and Halbert families. Types of photographs include formal portraits in the studio and home and informal and candid portraits of the family at leisure and at events.

This series has been divided into three sub-series. Sub-series 1 contains formal portraits, Sub-series 2 contains images of the family at recreation and Sub-series 3 contains images of the family at events.

Sub-series 1 consists of negatives and proofs of formal portraits done by Sylvia of her immediate family. They were taken both in her studio and in her family home. Those done in the home date from an earlier time. Generally, they are images of the head and upper body of the sitter. Some images feature full body shots of the sitter and some interior views of the Schwartz family home. Those photographed include Gerald, Ralph and Rhoda Halbert, Gertrude, Joseph, Ruth, Jack and Jewell Schwartz, Isaac, Jill and Jan Shleser, and Fanny, Alex, Herbert, Carol and Gary Solway. There are multiple portraits of Ruth Schwartz, the majority of them showcasing Sylvia’s early experimentation with portraiture. There are also six self-portraits of Sylvia.

Sub-series 2 consists of thirty-nine negatives and five prints taken by Sylvia Schwartz of the family at recreation. The majority of the images are of the family relaxing at their cottage in Bobcaygeon. There is one print of Herbert Solway reading the newspaper with his son Gary that may or may not have been taken at the cottage. Images consist of photographs of the family on the lawn, in the cottage and at the lake. There are both candid and staged photographs. Family members featured include Gertrude, Joseph, Ruth, Jack and Jewell Schwartz, Helen, Isaac, Jill and Jan Shleser, Fanny, Alex, Herbert, Carol and Gary Solway. Also pictured are members of the Hausser, Halbert and Wintrob families. Friends of the family also appear in these images, such as, Judith Wolfson, Frances and David Gruber and David Rotenberg and his brothers. Sylvia Schwartz is in some images. There is one print that is a view of the cottage from the lake.

Sub-series 3 consists of thirty-one negatives taken by Sylvia Schwartz of family related events that she attended. These include a Pidyon Ha'Ben ceremony for Gary Solway, the first born son of Herbert, Sylvia’s nephew and an opening at the Park Plaza Hotel. Images of the Pidyon Ha'Ben include Gertrude, Joseph, Ruth, Jack, Minnie and Jewell Schwartz, Helen, Jill and Jan Shleser, and Fanny, Alex, Herbert, Elaine and Carol Solway. Also included is David Rotenberg who acted as the Kohen at the ceremony. Images from the Park Plaza Hotel include views of the ballroom, the entertainers and family members. The Wintrob, Halbert and Yolles families are also present. Sylvia Schwartz is in two images.

Families

Archival Descriptions


1979-9-32

textual record

graphic material

2 folders of textual records

1 photograph : b&w ; 26 x 21 cm

1917-1948
Accession consists of a certificate of membership to the Independent Order of Foresters, membership dues slips from the Adoniram Council of the Masonic Lodge, and a photographic reproduction of a certificate of membership in the Pride of Israel Sick Benefit Society. Accession also includes business correspondence and newsclippings.

MG 6 E 3

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
Freemasonry -- Lodges
Societies

Independent Order of Foresters
Pride of Israel Sick Benefit Society
Eisen, Solomon

Archival Accessions


Board of Jewish Education fonds
Executive director series
Teacher files sub-series

File
48
2-4
103
textual record
1955-1958

1 folder of textual records
Closed. Researchers must receive permission from the OJA Director prior to accessing the records

Archival Descriptions

**Sol Eisen [textual record] – 1911-1949.**

2010-7-3
textual record
30 cm of textual records
1911-1949

The accession includes a variety of items such as a bound volume of the Toronto UJWF annual reports (1940-1949), a hagadah from 1911 used by Sol Eisen, a first edition volume of the Naomi Cook Book (1928), ketubot for Sol and Rebecca Eisen and Ethel Soloway to Ben Litvack and scrapbook and diaries produced by Sol Eisen (1915-1943). The scrapbooks include many clippings documenting his own accomplishments, family simchas or other topics that were of interest to him. The diaries are mostly hand written and detail his thoughts and activities from the time that he was a student until he was employed with the Canada Life Assurance Company.
The donor is Sol Eisen's son. He gave Steve Speisman the diaries and scrapbooks to microfilm in 1979 and the OJA has had those copies in their holdings since that time. A copy of the microfilm was also provided to the Multicultural History Society of Ontario.

Sol Eisen was born in Toronto on 15 February 1898. He was the son of Abraham and Nettie (Baker) Eisen. He completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Toronto. It was there that he established the Menorah Society in 1917. He graduated in 1918. He then completed a post-graduate degree at Harvard (1919) and completed his law studies at Osgoode Law School (1921).

Soon after completing his studies, he married Rebecca Dunkelman on 14 June 1922. The wedding took place at Holy Blossom and was officiated by Rabbi Brickner. The couple had three children: Morton, Annette (m. Yolles) and Gloria (m. Baskin).

He initially worked as a barister and had an office within the Dominion Bank Building at Queen and Bay. In 1936 he was offered a position with the Canada Life Assurance Company. He became one of their leading sellers in North America. He served on the board of the companies Millionaire’s Club for many years.

Eisen was very involved in the Jewish community as well. He was a member of the Primrose Club, the Island Yacht Club, the Palestine Lodge and the Holy Blossom Brotherhood. He assisted in the formation of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Toronto as well as the Canadian Jewish Congress. In fact, he attended the first CJC meeting in Montreal in 1919 as a Toronto delegate. He was also one of the founders of JIAS.

Outside of the community he was involved in and was a founder and president of the Forest Hill Lion’s Club (1954) and was active in the Masons, the ROM and the Toronto Board of Trade.

Eisen was also an avid collector of Canadiana. His holdings included books, pamphlets, printed ephemera from across the country. He passed away in 1974 and left his collection of rare books and other items to the University of Waterloo.

Related material note: see accession 1979-9/38 for the microfilm version of the scrapbooks and diaries.

Archival Accessions


ACCESSION NUMBER
2016-11-13

MATERIAL FORMAT
graphic material
textual record

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
7 photographs : col. ; 10 x 15 cm
1 folder of textual records

DATE
2006

SCOPE AND CONTENT
Accession consists of 7 colour photographs of Eisen speaking to students, a thank you card signed by the students and student art work in response to the Holocaust.

Alexander Eisen was born in Vienna, Austria, in 1929. After the Anschluss in 1938, the Eisen family fled to Hungary. In 1939, Alex’s father was arrested and fled to Palestine, leaving his wife alone with their three children. Alex and the rest of the family endured the hardships of the Budapest Ghetto, but later managed to escape and live in hiding until being liberated by the Soviet Army in 1945. He immigrated with his wife Renate to Canada in 1952. Eisen is a Neuberger Holocaust Survivor Speaker and author of A Time of Fear (2010).
David Eisen [graphic material] – May 1918.

**Accession Number:** 2016-11-31

**Material Format:** graphic material

**Physical Description:** 1 photograph : b&w ; 3 x 5 cm

**Date:** May 1918

**Scope and Content:**
Accession consists of a photograph of David Eisen with members of the University Zionist Circle. Pictured from left to right are H. Papernick, S. Appel, A. Glassberg and David Eisen. They are standing in front of the house at the corner of Bellevue Ave. and Denison Square that was used by the Kiever Congregation before it was demolished in 1926 and replaced by the current-day synagogue.

**Descriptive Notes:**

**Source:** Archival Accessions


**Part of:**
Benjamin Dunkelman fonds
Dual Allegiance series

**Level:** File

**Fonds:** 2

**Series:** 6

**File:** 20

**Material Format:** textual record

**Date:** 1973

**Physical Description:**
1 folder of textual records

**Scope and Content:**
File consists of three pages of notes written by Joseph Eisen in connection with the 7th Brigade’s actions during the Arab-Israeli War. The notes provide a brief chronological account of the war from 7 July 1948 to 29 October 1948 and mention Operations Dekel and Hiram.

A more recent note on the first of these three pages indicates Eisen wrote these notes while Ben Dunkelman was on a visit to Israel in August, 1973.

**Source:** Archival Descriptions


**Accession Number:** 2015-9-10
Accession consists of various letters, one in Polish and others in Hebrew and Yiddish. One of the letters appears to have been addressed to Rabbi Shemen's mother (Gitl), although undated, it appears to be from the late 1920s or early 1930s. A letter in Yiddish is addressed to the Boimol family of Chodel, Poland. Boimol was the original last name of Rabbi Shemen.

It appears that the documents came directly from Rabbi Nachman Shemen.

Rabbi Shemen was a Rabbinic scholar, author and Jewish civil servant. He held the following positions: Executive secretary of the Canadian Federation of Polish Jews (1940-1993), Director of Orthodox Division of CJC, Ontario (1950-1992). Rabbi Shemen died in 1993.

This accession consists of one photograph and negative of (L-R) Molly, Anne, and Harold Haberman posing with their musical instruments in Toronto ca. 1921-23; a photocopy of the photo, identifying the children in the photo; and a pamphlet from Adath Israel Congregation regarding the consecration of the new cemetery, Pardes Shalom Memorial Park, 8 October 1978.

Harold Haberman was adopted by the Haberman family as a Russian war orphan when he was 11 years old in 1921 after their son Jack Haberman, a well-known Toronto saxophone player, drowned in the lagoon at Centre Island in Toronto on July 15, 1920, at 18 years old.
The records consist of material produced by Rabbi Saul Gringorten and his son I. M. Gringorten. They include certificates and identification for Rabbi Gringorten and his wife, along with his son I. M. Gringorten. In addition, the accession includes a great deal of correspondence in both English and Yiddish from the father and son during the 1940s, particularly during the period when the rabbi resided in the United States. Some material also documents I. M. Gringorten’s involvement in the United Zionists organization during the 1940s. Finally, this accession includes a chuppah (marriage canopy) that was first used in 1910 by Saul Wolf Gringorten in Brantford, Ontario. The chuppah is made out of a tallis with embellishments sewn into the centre. The chuppah was subsequently used by various members of the Gringorten family.

Saul Wolf Gringorten and his wife Rachel Gringorten (nee Melnick) were born in Poland in 1876 and 1881 respectively. They moved to Canada in 1910 with their eldest child Morris. They subsequently had five more after their arrival. Their children included: Israel Morris (I. M.), Jennie, Jacob, Esther, Louis and Isaac.

Rabbi Gringorten served as spiritual leader, teacher, shochet and mohel for the Brantford Jewish community after his arrival for thirteen years. He would also be on call in northern and western Ontario where the communities were too small to support a rabbi. He then moved to Toronto during the early 1920s and became the principal of a Jewish school. The family lived at 26 Cecil Street at that time and then moved to 393 Markham Street during the late 1920s or early 1930s. He became active in the Jewish community, serving as Vice-President of the Sons of Jacob, a board member of the Folks Farein and the first Trustee of the Old Folks Home.

Rabbi Gringorten and his wife moved to California during the mid-1940s in order to live in a climate that was better for their health. Rachel passed away in 1947 and the Rabbi followed in 1959.

Their oldest son, Israel Morris Gringorten, was born in Poland in 1904. He was educated in Brantford and later graduated from the University of Toronto. He served during the Second World War from 1943 until 1945. After his discharge, he spent his career working as an auto parts manufacturer with Canada Motor Products Ltd. He was an ardent Zionist who served as president of the United Zionists - Revisionists of America during the 1940s. He and his wife had four children.

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Language: Records are in Yiddish and English.

Access restriction: One file contains medical information and is closed.
Willinsky Family [moving images] – [ca. 1928]-[ca. 1940].

PART OF
Dr. A.I. Willinsky fonds

LEVEL
Item

FONDS
81

ITEM
17

MATERIAL FORMAT
moving images

DATE
[ca. 1928]-[ca. 1940]

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
3 film reels (ca. 1 hr., 40 min.) : b&bw, si. ; 16 mm
1 digi-beta cassette (ca. 49 min.) : master, digital, b&bw, si.
1 dvcam (ca. 51 min.) : master, digital, b&bw, si.
2 DVDs (ca. 1 hr., 40 min.) : duplicate, digital, b&bw, si.

SCOPE AND CONTENT
Item is a film of Dr. Willinsky's amateur home movies. Included is footage of Bernard Willinsky and Florence Samuel's wedding, Dorothy Willinsky on her graduation day, visitor's day at Camp Arowhon, trips to family cottages around Bobcaygeon and Longbranch (Kronick family cottage), picnics near Oshawa and the Bloor Viaduct on the Don River, a family Passover dinner, shots of the exterior of Dr. A.I. and Bernard Willinsky's office at 569 Spadina Crescent, and clips shot inside Dr. Willinsky's home theatre. Also included is a short film entitled, "Before and After", which Dr. Willinsky created to help the Holy Blossom Synagogue fundraise for the construction of a new building. Throughout the footage, Dr. Willinsky occasionally experiments with various camera tricks, such as, double exposure and showing scenes in reverse.

Individuals identified in the footage include: Sadie Willinsky, Lila Willinsky, Myer Willinsky, Sarah Vise Willinsky, Bernard Willinsky, Sam Kronick, Joe Kronick, Etta Vise, Minnie Willinsky, Moses Kronick, Myra Willinsky, Jack Willinsky Cass, Sylvia Schwartz, Garfield Cass, Donna Cass, Gertrude Willinsky Kronick, Faly Willinsky, Max Manson, Sigmund Samuel, Leah Samuel, Florence Samuel, Bella Dobensky, and Jack Webster (or Jacob Dobensky). Dr. A.I. Willinsky appears briefly in a few clips riding a bicycle, likely filming "Coronation Tree", and drinking wine at the family Passover dinner.

Previously reels # 13, 23 and 62.

Families

NOTES
Reel # 13 has 12 % Shrinkage

SUBJECTS

PHYSICAL CONDITION

RELATED MATERIAL
See Fonds 81, Item 18 for another film Willinsky created about the construction of a new building for the Holy Blossom Synagogue, entitled "The Coronation Tree".

SOURCE
Archival Descriptions


ACCESSION NUMBER
2010-6-14

MATERIAL FORMAT
graphic material (electronic)
textual record (electronic)
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

16 photographs : b&w (jpg)
2 textual records (pdf)

[ca. 1910] - [ca. 1955]

DATE

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Accession consists of scanned photographs and textual records that document the professional activities of members of the Natanson family and their family life. Photographs include images of the family's pickle business (ca. 1910) and store Moffat's North York Bargain House (ca. 1955), portraits of Nathan Natanson with his violin (ca. 1925) and Albert Natanson in his tap dancing outfit (ca. 1925), as well as images of Ida Natanson as a nurse (1938) and childhood photographs of Lazar and Bob. Textual records include a brochure for Nathan's dancing school and a notice announcing the employment of Albert at Helwig & Leitch, Inc.

ORIGINALS

Originally from Romania, Benjamin and Rose (nee Gratz) Natanson immigrated to Ottawa in 1902 and eventually settled in Toronto in 1905. Benjamin owned a pickle company at 3242 Dundas Street West which he operated until it was destroyed in a fire on August 13, 1930. Benjamin and Rose had six children together: Albert (b. 1900), Freida (b. 1902), Celia (b. 1905), Nathan (b. 1909), Ida (b. 1916) and Lazar (b. 1918). Three of their children were involved in the arts; Celia and Nathan were both musicians and Albert was a tap dancer. At 15 years of age, Nathan won a scholarship at the Institute of Musical Art (now known as the Julliard School) and moved to New York with Celia and Freida. As a child, Albert was a tapdancer in Showboat on Broadway and later operated his own dancing school in Montreal, Nat Anson's Dancing School. Ida became one of the first Jewish nurses in Ontario. She moved to Saskatchewan after marrying Doctor Nathan Jacks. Lazar married Muriel Weinstein (b. 1923) in 1951 and they opened a store, Moffat's North York Bargain House, at 1291 Wilson Avenue that same year. They were likely one of the first Jewish families to move to the Downsview area. Lazar and Muriel had two children: Eileen and Bob.

USE CONDITIONS

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SUBJECTS

Families

SOURCE

Archival Accessions

Rogow family [graphic material (electronic)] – [ca. 1930]–[ca. 1950].

ACCESSION NUMBER

2011-8-5

MATERIAL FORMAT

graphic material (electronic)
Accession consists of photographs of the Rogow family and business in Peterborough, Ontario. Included are images of Ralph, Sam, Mary, Itzhak Rogow, and Herbert and Stephen Shacher. There is also one image of the window display in the Rogow's ladies' wear store at the corner of Brock and George Streets.

These photographs were originally loaned to the OJA to scan and return as part of the Ontario's Small Jewish Communities exhibit. However, the copies were never accessioned at that time and thus the donor was asked to donate the copies in August, 2011.

Benjamin and Mary Rogow and had four sons – Alex, Joseph, Sam, and Ralph – as well as four daughters – Mrs. M. Levine, Mrs. Sam Davis, Mrs. Phil Moscoe, and Rose Rogow. In 1918, Benjamin Rogow established a ladies ready-to-wear store on the southeast corner of Brock and George Streets. For twenty-five years the family of four sons and four daughters lived in rooms above the store until they moved to 623 Walkerfield Avenue. Carried on by son Joseph Rogow, it was possibly one of Peterborough's longest-running ladies' wear store. In the early days, coats and suits were made on the premises but by the 1950s the store's offering of suits and coats and dresses has expanded to skirts and slacks.

On 25 April 1942, Sgt-Instructor Sam Rogow died in a plane accident near Trois Rivieres, Quebec, three months after earning his wings as a training instructor.

None

Families

Rogow (family)

Peterborough (Ont.)

Archival Accessions

Shaffer family [textual record, graphic material, object] – [ca. 1940]–1951

Accession consists of two photographs of Jean and Joseph Shaffer of Thunder Bay, one photograph of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Thunder Bay B'nai Brith, a last will and testament for Sam Shaffer drafted while in the military, a Magen David pin, and a veteran's unit coin worth ten cents.

The items were in the possession of Nancy Shaffer. They were donated to the Archives following the death of Sam Shaffer in August 2011.

Families

Shaffer (family)

ACCESSION NUMBER
2012-6-7

MATERIAL FORMAT
graphic material
textual record

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
1 folder of textual records
58 photographs: b&w and col.; 21 x 25 cm or smaller

DATE
[190-]-2003

SCOPE AND CONTENT
Accession consists of original and photocopies of photographs related to the Lyons, Agranove, Rotenberg, Pollock families from Toronto and Hamilton. Included are family portraits, wedding portraits, the family likely at community events, and a photo of the family at Crystal Beach. There is also a photocopy of a story in the Canadian Jewish News about a Rotenberg family reunion in 2003.

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY
William Agranove was active in Keiltzer Society and was in the furniture manufacturing business. He was also a major fundraiser for the UJA, a close friend of Sam Kronick. He is mentioned in Hesh Troper’s book “None is Too Many” as helping Jews come to Toronto from Europe.

Rotenberg Family were a large family with 10 children. Saul Rotenberg raised horses and was partners with Lyons in the furniture business that had many locations, one on Yonge Street.

Donor’s cousin Judy will be in touch with OJA to provide more information.

SUBJECTS
Families

PLACES
Hamilton (Ont.)
Toronto (Ont.)

SOURCE
Archival Accessions


ACCESSION NUMBER
2012-11-5

MATERIAL FORMAT
graphic material
textual record

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
ca. 20 photographs
1 folder of textual records

DATE
[190-?] - 1963
Accession consists of graphic and textual material documenting Mark Hazza and his family. Included are family and individual portraits, unidentified school and sports team photographs, and a Rocky Mountain Polo Ranch greeting card. Of note are promotional sight-seeing photographs for Toronto and a photograph of Bob Hope at a Paramount Theatre event in Toronto. Also included are obituaries and other genealogical information that was collected by Nessa Herman.

Identified in the photographs are: Mark Hazza, Mary Hazza, Phillip Hazza, John Hazza, Reuben Hazza, Rachael (nee Hazza) Harris, David Cainer, Sadie (nee Hazza) Cainer, Isadore Harris, Annie (nee Hazza) Cohen, Sam Cohen, Evelyn Cohen, Shirley Harris, Hershel Harris, Sidney Cohen, Ruth Cohen, and Theresa Harris.

Nessa Herman collected the material from various family members and donated it to the OJA. Mark Hazza was one of the earliest Jewish immigrants to settle in Toronto. He was born in Russian Poland in 1845. To escape the draft he was smuggled into Holland and later went to England in 1866. He finally settled in Toronto around 1871. Soon after arriving in Toronto, Miriam (Marion or Mary) Barnett from Bristol, England joined him here and they were married in the small hall where Holy Blossom Synagogue’s services were being conducted at the time. They settled in Yorkville and Mark ran a tailoring business in what was the north end of the city. Mark and Miriam had six children together: Rachael (Rae), Annie, Phillip, John (Hyman or Imy), Reuben (Rubin or Bun), and Sadie. Reuben went to to become a sports trainer, Phillip worked in the film business as a general manager for Famous Players, and John opened the Rocky Mountain Polo Pony Ranch in Alberta and was the first manager of Capitol Theatre in Calgary. Mark passed away in 1918.

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Families

Archival Accessions


ACCESSION NUMBER

2014-6-4

MATERIAL FORMAT

textual record

graphic material

graphic material (electronic)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

1 folder of textual records
c. 40 photographs
3 CDs

DATE

1919-2013, predominant 1919-1974
Accession consists of scanned photographs and textual records that document the Natanson family. Photographs include images of the Lazar and Muriel Natanson's wedding, family portraits, portraits inside and in front of the store, class portraits and Lazar in his military uniform. Textual records consist of the eulogies for Lazar and Muriel Natanson, and copy of a summary of the history of the Weinstein family, and scanned copies of letters from Muriel Natanson to Eileen Bellan (nee Natanson) while Eileen was at Camp B’Nai Brith. Of note is the brief description of Muriel as an eyewitness to the Christie Pitts riot in 1933. CDs consist of digital copies of the photo reproductions in this accession.

Lazar Natanson (1918-1984) was born to Benjamin and Rose (nee Gratz) Natanson. He had five siblings, Albert (b. 1900), Freida (b. 1902), Celia (b. 1905), Nathan (b. 1909) and Ida (b. 1916). Soon after the end of the Second World War Lazar took ill and went to Montreal to recover and returned to Toronto several years later. Muriel Natanson (nee Weinstein) (1923-2013) was born in Bucharest, Romania, to Solomon (Shlomo) and Sylvia Weinstein. She had two brothers, David (1924-2010) and Albert (b.1933). Solomon was a housepainter and wallpaper hanger. Muriel left school at the age of 16 to help support her family, working at Tip Top Tailors and later Reader Mail. She went to night school to obtain her high school diploma. Muriel worked for her father when he opened a confectionary store in 1950. Lazar married Muriel in 1951 and they opened a store, Moffat’s North York Bargain House, at 1291 Wilson Avenue that same year. They later changed the store’s name to Les and Muriel’s. They were likely one of the first Jewish families to move to the Downsview area, and lived above the store. Lazar and Muriel had two children, Eileen and Bob. While caring for their their children Muriel worked alongside Lazar at Les and Muriel’s, and when he suffered a stroke in 1968 they sold the store. Eileen Natanson married Stanley Bellan and they had two children, Chad and Renee. Bob Natanson became a stockbroker. Lazar died in 1984 after suffering from a long-term illness. Murial passed away in 2013.

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Families
Natanson family

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### Horwitz family [graphic material] – [192-?] - [193?-].

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Horwitz family [graphic material] – [192-?] - [193?-].
Accession consists of 9 photographs documenting the Horwitz family including a number of individuals presumed to be relatives living in Europe.

Photo Caption (002): Jacob "Jack" Horwitz (left) and six other men, November 1920. Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre, accession 2017-11-5.

Photo Caption (004): Eva Horwitz (centre) and two other women, Mlawa, Poland, [192-?]. Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre, accession 2017-11-5.


Photo Caption (009): Marian Horwitz (first row standing, right) with other students, Clinton Street Public School, Toronto, Ont. [193-?]. Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre, accession 2017-11-5.

All other photos unidentified.

Marian Horwitz, daughter of Eva Horwitz, came into possession of the photographs subsequent to the death of her mother in 1983. Marian gifted the records to Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre on 16 November 2017.

Eva Horwitz (née Lipshitz, 1897-1983) was born in Mlawa, Poland on 20 June 1897. She married Jack Horwitz in Toronto on 30 October 1924. Thereafter, she raised three children: Gloria, Marvin, and Marian. In addition to her duties as a homemaker, Eva was an active member of the Workmen's Circle with her husband. She passed away on 17 February 1983.

Jack Horwitz (1900-1980) was born in Polaniec, Poland on 13 December 1900. In 1920, he set sail from Antwerp and arrived in Canada. Four years later, on 30 October 1924, he married Eva Lipshitz. On 23 April 1927, he was naturalized as a British subject with his occupation listed as tailor. He passed away on 26 February 1980.

Marian Horwitz is the daughter of Eva and Jack Horwitz. The youngest of three children, she grew up with her two siblings in Toronto and attended Clinton Street Public School. Later, she moved to New York where she attended Fordham College at Lincoln Center and held a number of jobs. Eventually, she returned to Toronto where she currently resides.

Restricted. See administrative notes.

Families

Clinton Street Public School (Toronto, Ont.)

Horwitz, Eva, 1897-1983
Horwitz family
Horwitz, Jack, 1900-1980
Horwitz, Marian

Poland

Toronto (Ont.)

Archival Accessions
Accession consists of material documenting the Eker family. Included are: a videocassette of home video footage; a memoir written by P. M. Eker, Glen Eker's father, in 2006; and architectural drawings of Eker residences at 1050 College Street in Toronto and 5034 Esplanade Avenue in Montreal.

Glen Eker was born in Toronto, Ontario to Paul Eker and Dorothy Horwitz. He grew up in the Forest Hill neighbourhood of Toronto before moving with his family to Hamilton. He received two master's degrees (one in sociology, the other in political science) from McMaster University and a third master's degree (in library science) from the University of Toronto. Glen's wife, Deborah Pekilis, was born in Montreal and lived there until her parents moved to Toronto. She was the librarian for the Jewish Genealogical Society and sat on the Hamilton Historical Board. She is currently a writer.

Glen has worked as a research assistant and a teaching assistant at McMaster and has taught at Ryerson University and Mohawk College. At present, he works as an estate and genealogy researcher.

Glen has published a book on Karl Marx, five indexes of Jews in Canada, and one index of Amish and Mennonites in Canada. His genealogy articles have appeared in various magazines and his short stories and poems have appeared in print as well.

Glen has worked on his family genealogy for a number of years. His paternal family line derives from Russia, Ukraine, Lithuania, and Poland while his maternal line derives from Byelorussia and Romania. He is descended from the Horwitz and Strachman families on the latter.

Families

Eker (family)
Eker, Glen

Places

College Street (Toronto, Ont.)
Montréal (Québec)

Source

Archival Accessions
Accession consists of material documenting Glek Eker and his family. Included are approximately fifty black and white photographs of Eker as a child; Eker's uncle, Irving Howard; Eker's maternal grandparents, Joe and Rebecca Horwitz; and Eker's cousin, Wand Gordon.

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Families
Eker (family)
Eker, Glen

Archival Accessions

Accession consists of material documenting the Strauss family. Included are: an invitation to a testimonial dinner in honour of Carl Strauss (1965), family photographs, interviews with Nathan Strauss (1983 and 1986), family trees, certificates for Naomi Fay Strauss, and a photo album made by Irene Strauss for her father.

Records were donated by Aviva Shiff Boedecker, the daughter of Naomi Fay Shiff (née Strauss).
Nathan Strauss was born on 8 July 1906 in Brooklyn, New York to Carl and Rose Strauss (née Rosen). In 1910, Nathan and his family immigrated to Toronto. The family lived on Benale Street for a short time before moving to Manning Avenue.

Nathan attended Manning Avenue Public School from 1911-1918. In 1918, he began attending Parkdale Collegiate Institute. In 1921, he began his postsecondary studies at University of Toronto, graduating with a bachelor's degree in 1925. From 1925-1928, he trained as a lawyer at Osgoode Hall Law School.

Nathan began practicing law soon after graduating from Osgoode Hall. He founded a law firm and was active in the profession until his retirement in 1994.

Nathan also volunteered in the legal field. In 1961, he was elected president of the County of York Law Association. One year later, in 1962, he became bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada. Sixteen years later, in 1978, he became life bencher.

Nathan married twice. His first wife, Lena Fisher, died in 1952. His second wife was Dr. Lilly Offenbach Strauss. He had two children: Albert and Irene. Nathan died on 22 November 1999.

Availability of other formats: JPEG and TIFF copies are available for many of the photographs.

Eker family [graphic material, textual record] – [193-?]-[196-?].

Glen Eker was born in Toronto, Ontario to Paul Eker and Dorothy Horwitz. He grew up in the Forest Hill neighbourhood of Toronto before moving with his family to Hamilton. He received two master's degrees (one in sociology, the other in political science) from McMaster University and a third master's degree (in library science) from the University of Toronto.

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Availability of other formats: JPEG and TIF copies are available for 30 of the photographs.

Families

Eker (family)
Eker, Glen

Canada, Western
Ontario

Archival Accessions

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**Eker family [graphic material] – [191-?]–[197-?].**

**ACCESSION NUMBER**

2018-11-3

**MATERIAL FORMAT**

graphic material

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**

7 cm of graphic material

[191-?]–[197-?]

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

Accession consists of material documenting Glen Eker and his family. Included are photographs of Glen Eker, his parents Paul and Dorothy Eker, his uncle Irving Howard, and his grandparents Joseph and Rebecca Horwitz.

Glen Eker was born in Toronto, Ontario to Paul Eker and Dorothy Horwitz. He grew up in the Forest Hill neighbourhood of Toronto before moving with his family to Hamilton. He received two master’s degrees (one in sociology, the other in political science) from McMaster University and a third master’s degree (in library science) from the University of Toronto. Glen’s wife, Deborah Pekilis, was born in Montreal and lived there until her parents moved to Toronto. She was the librarian for the Jewish Genealogical Society and sat on the Hamilton Historical Board. She is currently a writer.

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Availability of other formats: JPEG and TIF copies are available for 22 of the photographs.

**NAME ACCESS**

Eker (family)
Eker, Glen

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**Wahl family [textual record, graphic material] – 1930–[200-?].**

**ACCESSION NUMBER**

2018-11-12

John "Jack" Wahl was born on 29 December 1907; Sydney Wahl (née Katzman) was born on 14 August 1913. The couple had three children: Pauline Willis (née Wahl), Stephen "Steve" Wahl, and Charis Wahl. Jack was a lawyer while Sydney was a homemaker. Jack died on 22 December 1994; Sydney died on 8 August 2015.

Accession consists of photographs documenting the Freiman family. Pictured in the photographs are Geniek Freiman, Jack Freiman, Ruzia Freiman, Shloime Nizzenszweig, and other individuals.

Gerry Freiman was born on 20 June 1910 in Poland. Rose Freiman was born on 4 November 1914. After the Second World War, Freiman found himself at the Föhrenwald displaced persons camp in Bavaria, Germany. On 13 September 1948, Gerry, Rose, and their son Jack departed Germany on the USS General Heintzelmann for Canada.

Upon arriving in Canada, the Freimans stayed with a family they met in Föhrenwald. (The name of the family has, unfortunately, been lost.) This family offered Gary and Rose employment in the shoe manufacturing trade. The Freimans subsequently moved to 348 Northcliffe Boulevard, where they bought a fourplex and lived in one of the units on the ground floor. Gary and Rose remained at this address until their deaths: Gerry died on 8 November 1960; Rose Freiman died on 13 June 1983.

Jack Freiman attended Rawlinson Community School and then Vaughan Road Collegiate. He did his postsecondary studies at the University of Toronto, where he studied pre-medicine and medicine. After graduating, he went on to specialize and practice as an internist in a hospital in Brampton, Ontario. Jack died on 6 November 2016.
Rother family [textual record, graphic material] – 1889-2018

ACCESSION NUMBER
2019-5-5

MATERIAL FORMAT
- textual record
- graphic material

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
- 7 cm of textual records
- 2 memorial books
- 1 photograph: color; 28 x 35 cm

DATE
1889-2018

SCOPE AND CONTENT
Accession consists of material documenting the Rother family, in particular Dr. Irving Rother and Florence Rother (née Warshavsky). Included are legal documents, naturalization papers, vital records, correspondence, and photographs.

The legal documents pertain to the long-time family home at 91 Inglewood Drive, Toronto. The naturalization papers and vital records document Irving’s father, Morris Rother; Florence’s father, Isaac Warshavsky; and Irving and Florence themselves. The correspondence concerns Irving Rother’s military pension.

The accession also includes documentings regarding Morris and Sadie Rother’s estates; a photograph and class list from a 2003 reunion of the University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine class of 1943; a letter announcing Irving’s retirement; thank-you notes from patients and colleagues; memorial books from Benjamin’s Park Memorial Chapel; and a family photograph taken in 1972.

The individuals in the family photograph are (from left to right): Judy Rother, Barbara Rother, Brian Schnurr, Annalee Schnurr (née Rother), Mark Rother, Florence Rother (née Warshavsky), and Irving Rother.

CUSTODIAL HISTORY
Records were donated by Judy Rother following the deaths of her parents, Irving and Florence Rother.

SUBJECTS
- Families

NAME ACCESS
- Rother (family)
- Rother, Florence, 1919-2016
- Rother, Irving, 1919-2018

PLACES
- Toronto (Ont.)

SOURCE
- Archival Accessions

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Estelle Feld family [textual record, graphic material] – [ca. 1900]-[ca. 1938]

ACCESSION NUMBER
1997-4-1

MATERIAL FORMAT
- textual record
- graphic material

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
- 1 folder of textual records
- 27 photographs: b&w; 25 x 20 cm or smaller

DATE
[ca. 1900]-[ca. 1938]
Accession consists of family photos including wedding and other formal portraits, and group photos. There is an immigration passport for Mindles Plecuto (born 1883) to Canada from Romania in 1928. There are 2 additional passports (probably Romanian) for other individuals who immigrated in 1910. Both are stamped on the back page with Canada Old Age Security numbers (one in 1957). In addition there are 4 immigration documents including an Inspection Card for Immigration Officer at Port of Arrival in Canada issued to Hodess Morkewicz on August 30, 1913.

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Families

Archival Accessions


ACCESSION NUMBER

2004-5-14

MATERIAL FORMAT

graphic material
textual record
object

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

10 cm of textual records
1 medallion
2 coins
2 lapel pins
8 photographs

DATE

1921-1971

This accession consists of photographs and textual materials relating to the Shefsky and Magerman family; immigration and naturalization papers for Max and Toba Shefsky; photographs depicting the Toronto textile trade; Hungarian currency; school yearbooks from Harbord Collegiate, Toronto Normal School, Borochov School and Kindergarten, and Vaughan Road Collegiate Institute; newsclippings; and several Baycrest Centre lapel pins and coins. Also included is a photo of the Ray-Magerman wedding party (8 May 1948). The records originally belonged to Esther (Magerman) Ray.

The materials were kept by Leslie Gales, wife of Keith Ray

Abe Magerman was the assistant manager for the International Ladies Garment Workers’ Union for many years. He was married to Jennie (nee Shefsky) Magerman and had two children, Esther and Alfred. Esther attended Toronto Normal School and Harbord Collegiate while both Esther and Alfred attended the Borochov School and Kindergarten.

Jennie (nee Shefsky) Magerman was the daughter of Myer and Toba Rayzel (nee Nusynovitch) Shefsky. The Baycrest pins and coins once belonged to her.

The donor, Keith Ray, is the son of Esther (nee Magerman) Ray and Gerald (Jerry) Ray. Gerald Ray attended Vaughan Collegiate Institute and later went on to the University of Toronto for chemical engineering

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**Moldaver-Rovinsky family** [graphic material] – [ca. 1900]-1942

**Solomon Gold family** [textual record] – 1930.

**Wisotsky and Isen families** [graphic material (electronic)] – [190?-1990].
Accession consists of photographs documenting the Chana and Mayer Wisotsky family as well as Dora (Sherr) and her husband Morris Isen. Included are wedding and family portraits, photos of family members in military uniform during the Second World War, images of family celebrations, photos of family businesses, and images of Morris Isen performing with his orchestra. Identified in the photographs are: Anne Sillen, Jack Sillen, Ben Sherr, Dora Wisotsky, Marvin Wain (Wisotsky), Abe Benson, Dora (Sherr) Isen, and Morris Isen.

The Wisotsky family were Ukrainian immigrants who came to Canada around 1908. Chana and Mayer Munny Wisotsky had 13 children, seven of whom remained in Ukraine. Three of their five children and a grandchild (Jack Sillen), came with them in 1908, with two other children, Ben and Annie, following in 1912. The Wisotskys lived originally in Toronto. Ben Wisotsky eventually married Dora Wetstein and moved to the United States in the 1930s. Annie Wisotsky married Abe Benson, who ran a successful auto paint/gas station on Dufferin near Dupont during the 1920s and 1930s.

Morris Isen had a successful career as a trumpet player in the 1930s and 1940s; he was involved in radio orchestra, CBC television and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

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Families
Archival Accessions


ACCESSION NUMBER 2008-11-1
MATERIAL FORMAT graphic material
textual record
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION 5 cm of textual records
6 photographs : b&w ; 21 x 16 cm or smaller
DATE 1905-1949
This accession consists of textual records and photographs documenting members of the Agranove and Lyons families, specifically the donor’s grandfather, William Agranove, as well as his mother and father, Frances and Irwin Lyons. The textual records consists mainly of correspondence, however, there are also school report cards and certificates, greeting cards and a souvenir programme. The photographs are group and individual portraits of family members including Avrum Rotenberg, Sarah Rotenberg, Saul Lyons, Mary Agranove, Irwin Lyons, Frances Lyons, Bill Agranove, Anna Lyons, Shirley Lyons, Sam Rotenberg, Nate Rotenberg, Sol Rotenberg, Sam Pollock and Harry Rotenberg.

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**Pearlman and Levinson families [graphic material] – 1918-[ca. 1940].**

**ACCESSION NUMBER**
2009-4-2

**MATERIAL FORMAT**
graphic material

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**
5 photographs : b&w ; 10 x 12 cm

**DATE**
1918-[ca. 1940]

This accession consists of five copy photographs of the Pearlman family of Lucknow, Ontario and the Levinson family of Toronto. Included is a photo of Ben Pearlman’s Ladies and Men’s ready to wear store, a portrait of Ben and Sophy Pearlman, a portrait of Rosa and Louis Levinson and the extended Levinson family, and a photograph of Ada and Sol Lewis (Levinson) with their son, Austin.

The Pearlman family were the only Jewish family in Lucknow, Ontario. They owned a men's and ladies ready to wear store, which opened in 1923, was sold to new owners in 1945 and remained in operation until the 1970s. Through family connections in Toronto, the Pearlman's were founding members of both the Roumanian Shul on Centre St. (now Adath Israel Synagogue) as well as the Bais Yehuda Synagogue on Dovercourt (now Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in North York).

The Levinson family were in-laws of the Pearlman family and were also founding members of Bais Yehuda Synagogue. The family owned an ice cream parlour on Terauley St. (Bay St.) in Toronto. Their son Sol Lewis was a soloist at Shea's Theatre in Toronto and his wife Ada was a pianist. During the 1930s and 1940s, they would perform during film screenings in between the changing of the reels.

**Families**
Levinson, Rosa
Levinson, Louis
Lewis, Sol
Lewis, Ada
Lewis, Austin
Pearlman, Ben
Pearlman, Sophy

Max and Celia Hoffman were married in 1958 in Hamilton and had two sons. Max was the owner of Hamilton Plumbing and Heating Supplies. Both were active in a number of Jewish community organizations in Hamilton such as the Council of Jewish Organizations, Adas Israel synagogue and the Union of Jewish Congregations of America, Ontario Region. They were also involved in fundraising on behalf of Yeshiva University, which is located in New York City. Max Hoffman died in 1964 and Celia moved to Toronto in 1966 when she married Sol Edell.

Fonds consists of correspondence, ledgers, publications, home movies and architectural drawings relating to the family life, business and community activities of Max and Celia Hoffman. There are three series: Business Series, Community Activities Series and Personal Series.

Cowan family fonds [multiple media] – 1902-2002

The Cowan family fonds consists of correspondence, ledgers, publications, home movies and architectural drawings relating to the family life, business and community activities of the Cowan family. There are three series: Business Series, Community Activities Series and Personal Series.
Saul Cowan (1910-2002) was the seventh of nine children born to Zvi Hirsh (Harris) Cohen (1872-1954) and Chana Leah (Annie) (née Gollom) Cohen (1873-1960). His siblings were Woof Cowan (Colvin) (1896-1987), Kate Cowan (b.1898) (m. Wener), Jack Cowan (1900-1992), Rivka (Reva) Cowan (1902-ca.2002) (m. Lieberman), Moe Cowan (b.1904), Jeanne Cowan (b.1906) (m. Kallman), Norman Cowan (b.1909) and Miriam Cowan (b. 1919) (m. Rose).

The Cowan family immigrated to Toronto from England with their six oldest children circa 1908. Harris worked as a tailor in England and as an operator in men's clothing factory Tip Top Tailors in Toronto.

Saul graduated from the University of Toronto in 1931 in honours philosophy.

In 1932, Cowan married Lillian Rosenthal (1910-1978), the daughter of Morris (1883-1967) and Nessie (Celia) (née Soren) Rosenthal (1881-1969). Together, they had two children, Michael (b. 1939) and Trudy (b. 1941). The Rosenthal family ran a boarding house on Hanlan's Point and had a place at Belle Ewart. In 1945, Morris and Celia purchased Wapaska Lodge on Muskoka Bay just outside Gravenhurst and ran it as a family resort from 1948-1965.

Lillian, who was a public school teacher, passed away in 1978 and the following year Saul married Libbie Aiken (d. 2006). Libbie had been the head physiotherapist at the Toronto General Hospital during the late 1940s.

Saul pursued a career with the North York Board of Education serving as both trustee and chairman from 1958 to 1976. He was also very involved with the Jewish community and the growing North York community. He was also involved with organizations such as B'nai Brith, Canadian Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (CPPNW), and the North York Social Planning Committee. He was a founder of the York Finch General Hospital.

Trudy studied physical and occupational therapy at the University of Toronto but changed career direction when she moved to Calgary in 1969 and became involved in historical organizations such as the Glenbow Museum, the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, and the Lougheed House Conservation Society. She married Leonid Luker (b. 1937) in 1982.

Fonds consists of records documenting the Cowan (Cohen) family and their connected branches including the Rosenthal, Soren, Gollom, Aiken, and Altshuller families. The records originated from Saul Cowan, his first and second wives, Lillian Rosenthal and Libbie Aiken, and his daughter, Trudy Cowan Luker. Records include photographs of family members at graduations, weddings, school, religious events, camping activities, and milestone celebrations. Textual records include traditional and email correspondence, marriage certificates, passports, immigration documents, family histories, theatre and concert programmes, and newspaper clippings. Many of the records document Saul Cowan's personal and professional activities. The majority of the material relates to the Cowan and Rosenthal families.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION NOTE: Includes 386 photographs, 2 audiotapes, and 6 objects. Four books from the collection have been removed and integrated into the OJA’s library holdings. These include titles Have I Ever lied To You Before? by Jerry Goodis, My Outlook by Jack Cowan, When Partners Become Parents by Carolyn Pape Cowan and Philip A. Cowan, and Front Page Challenge: History of a Television Legend by Alex Barris.

Cowan (family)

Families

ACCESSION NUMBER
2012-8-1

MATERIAL FORMAT
multiple media

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
ca. 18 cm of textual records and other material

DATE
1884-1985

SCOPE AND CONTENT
Accession consists of records documenting the Coppel and Cooper families of Galt (now Cambridge) and Toronto respectively. Coppel family records include family correspondence, photocopies of Moses Kappel’s discharge papers from the Austro-Hungarian military (1884), B’nai Israel Synagogue sisterhood meeting minutes, financial records, photographs, Hadassah booklets and programmes, and a photo album documenting the closing of B’nai Israel Synagogue in 1985. Also included are records relating to Elizabeth Cooper (née Coppel)’s involvement in Canadian Young Judaea and her work as a camp counselor at a Jewish day camp near Kitchener-Waterloo (Judaean Day Camp/Camp Ruach). These records include correspondence, publications, activity schedules, lists of camp counselors, and a Young Judaeans scarf. Coppel family records also include marriage and burial records of Aaron Coppel, audio cassettes of an oral history interview conducted with Cy Coppel in 1976, and military records documenting Max David Simonoff’s service in the Canadian Navy during the Second World War. Finally, included is a Farband Shule (Folks School) program book (1927) and class photo (ca. 1931). Identified in the photograph is Ethel Raicus (first row, third from the right).

Cooper family records include digital photographs of Sam Cooper and the weightlifting club at the YMHA in Toronto (1930s), portraits of Jacob Cooper (Cooperberg), a school photo of Sam and Max Cooper, and a photo of Hilda Cooper.

Finally accession consists of program books for various events, including a Canadian Jewish Congress song book, an Israel Dance Theatre at the Royal Alexandra, and a Queen Esther Purim play.
Aaron Selig (Archie Aaron) Coppel (Kappel / Koppel / Cappell / Kappele) was born to Moses Kappel and Perl (nee Pistenfeld) in Galicia in 1882. He came to Canada in 1903 and lived with a landsmen family, the Siegels. Mr. Siegel was a horse dealer who took Aaron under his wing and taught him the horse trade. Aaron married Mr. Siegel's daughter, Chaya Geitel (Gertrude) Seigel, in 1905. Aaron and Geitel had seven children: Helen, Rose, Newt, Cyrus ("Cy," born in 1911), Les, George, and Harry. After marrying, Aaron and Geitel remained in Galt, and Aaron continued dealing in livestock. Although he was eager to assimilate into Canadian society (he gave his children British names and spoke with no accent), the family kept kosher and Aaron hired itinerant Hebrew teachers for the children.

Cyrus Coppel married Channa "Anna" Simonoff on 25 August 1946. Anna was born in Russia to Avraham Dov and Chashe Bryna Tzaitzeck. Anna had three siblings: Sarah Merle, Faigle (died en route to Canada), and Mordecai Doved. She immigrated to Ottawa in 1914 with her family. An uncle already living in Ottawa had changed his last name to Simonoff and the family decided to change their name to Simonoff as well. Avraham worked as a tailor in Russia and likely continued in this profession in Canada. The family moved to Toronto sometime after 1919 and was actively involved in the Labour Zionist movement. Anna was in the milliner’s union and two of her aunts, Slaava Raicus and Esther Cohen, were members of Club One (Pioneer Women). Anna and Cyrus had two children together: Bryna (24 February 1949–12 January 2006) and Elizabeth (b. 16 Dec. 1950). Cyrus initially worked as a mechanic, but later worked in the office of an auto shop and traded in auto parts. He also traded in livestock as a hobby. Cyrus was one of the founders of the B’nai Israel Synagogue in Galt. Initially, synagogue services were held in the homes of local residents, such as the Spring family; however, a building was finally purchased in 1946. After the synagogue closed, the Torahs and plaques went to the synagogue in Kitchener.

Jacob Cooperberg (Kupferberg, Cooper) came to Canada around 1910 from Kielce, Poland. His wife and children (Max, Sam, and Aidel or Ida) remained in Poland, waiting for Jacob to earn enough money for them to come to Canada as well. His family was unable to join him until after the First World War had ended, arriving in 1920. Jacob and Sarah had three more children in Canada: Irving, Joey, and Hilda. Jacob worked as a peddler in Toronto and later opened a scrap yard, Cooper Iron and Medal. The family lived on Oxford Street in the Kensington Market area. Sam Cooper married Kay Gernstein in 1948. They had two children together: Neil and Donna (married name is Speigel). Sam initially worked as a tailor, but later worked as a scrap dealer. Neil married Donna Coppel and also works in the scrap trade. Donna is a librarian.

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Includes 1 photo album, 7 photographs (tiff), 3 photographs, 2 audio cassettes, and 1 scarf.

Families

Galt (Cambridge, Ont.)
Toronto (Ont.)

Archival Accessions

Accession consists of material documenting the donor's family. Included are two photographs of Talmud Torah office staff; one photograph of Anshel and Fannie Tepperman; one photograph of Fanny Tepperman with an unknown youth group in Ivansk, Poland; a Jewish National Fund certificate acknowledging a donation made on the occasion of Newman Kurtz's birthday; a letter regarding Sam Kurtz's retirement programme; Ruth Kurtz's nursing school registration card; Newman Kurtz's University of Toronto diploma; two landing immigration letters, one for Anshel Tepperman and one for Fanny Tepperman; an architectural drawing of the family home at 104 Whitburn Crescent; and one photograph of Samuel Kurtz's father, Rabbi Binyamin Kurtz, and uncle, Rabbi Faivel Kurtz, with Rabbi Joseph Weinreb.

Sam Kurtz was born on January 18, 1900 in Toronto; Sarah Kurtz was born in 1898 in Hodow, Galicia. Sarah arrived in Canada in 1913. In Toronto, the two occupied several addresses including: 31 McCaul Street, 51 Huron Street, 275 Crawford Street, 133 Ulster, and 569 Sheppard Avenue West. They had two children: Cirell (1924-2010) and Newman (b. 1927). Sam died on May 19, 1986; Sarah died in July 1994.

The Tepperman family came to Canada from Poland: Anshel Tepperman was born in Ozarov in 1903; Fanny Tepperman was born in Ivaniska. Anshel was the first to arrive in Canada, arriving in Halifax, Nova Scotia on April 10, 1921. The two occupied at least two addresses once in Toronto: 62 Lipincott Street and 96 Roberta Drive. Fanny arrived almost three years later, arriving in Halifax on March 16, 1924. The couple had three children: Ruth (1928-2016), Maurice (1929-1984), and Cecile (b. 1936). Anshel died on July 17, 1974; Fanny died on September 27, 1994.

Families
Kurtz, Newman
Kurtz, Ruth
Tepperman, Fanny
Weinreb, Joseph, 1869-1943

Places
Iwaniska (Poland)
Toronto (Ont.)

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Archival Accessions