

## Jack Switzer: A Bibliography

(note: while we have attempted to include as many publications as possible, Jack did not leave a comprehensive list of his writings. Only Jack's work on historical topics have been included.)

### 1. Articles in *Discovery*, Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta

#### 1994

*Alberta's First Rabbi - Hyman Goldstick.*

*The Frank Slide - the Jewish Connection.* Re Henry L. Frank, Jewish founder of coal-mining town destroyed by 1903 landslide.

*The 1893 Pine Lake Jewish Colony - a Dream Dies.*

*Smolensky Wedding Register Records Jewish History.*

*Simon Smolensky - From our Archives.* History of Calgary's longest-serving and most notable rabbi.

*Malkin-Nagler Wedding Makes News.* Calgary's first Jewish "society" wedding is recounted.

*Shamas S. Z. Shector - Witness to History.* About House of Jacob shamas, Zalman Shector.

*Calgary Jews Raise Funds for Community Centre, 1926 – 1928.* Based on the "Minutes of the Calgary Jewish Community Building Fund".

*The Cast - Groberman, Goldbergs, Florence.* Brief stories of leaders involved in 1926 – 28 House of Israel building fund campaign.

#### 1995

*Calgary's Jews Star as Symphonic Conductors, Musicians, Patrons, Teachers.*

*The Maestros - Garbovitsky and Galperin.* About leading Jewish musicians in Calgary.

*Jews in Classical Music - the Players, the Patrons.* Participation of Jews in Calgary orchestras.

*The First Lady of Jewish Music - Mrs. A.I. Shumiatcher.* History of Luba (Mrs. A.I.) Shumiatcher, and her daughter, Minuetta Shumiatcher.

*Aaron Sapiro - the Pied Piper of Farm Marketing Comes to Alberta.*

*Doing Your Own Oral History.*

*Switzer Family Reunion.*

## **1996**

*Notable Numbers - Jews in the 1941 Census.*

*Focus on Jewish Business.*

*Jewish Bakers Mix It Up - 1929-1931.* History of the Calgary Jewish Bakers' Association.

*Calgary Kosher Butchers Go to City Hall – 1923.*

*Henry N. Sereth and his Riches - Five Daughters and a Lumber Empire.*

*A Tribute to Our Small Town Jewish Families.*

*Alberta Towns and Their Jews - 1931.* Data from the 1931 federal census.

## **1997**

*Jewish Cattlemen Remembered.*

*The Katchens - from Peddlers to Packers.*

*1924 Double Drowning Shocks Jewish Community* Recounts drowning deaths of Michael Brant and Lena Dolgin, Sept. 1, 1924.

*The Polish-Jewish Family Loan Association - 65 Years Young.*

*Two-Gun Cohen: The Calgary Years.* Morris Cohen, later a Chinese Army general, spent a small but important part of his colorful life in Calgary.

## **1998**

*Jewish War Orphans, Adoptive Parents to be Recognized at Calgary Ceremony.*

*Charles Waterman, always a Leader.* Biography of Charles Waterman (1877 - 1970) including his role in the Jasny pogrom of 1898, his life on a Trochu homestead, his business ventures and communal service.

*Yukon Gold Rush Jews Settle in Calgary.* Brief history of the Jewish role in Yukon Gold rush, c. 1898; Joseph Barron family, Dawson residents who later came to Calgary, 1911 - 1916.

*Marcia Goldberg, a Century of Service.* Biography of pioneer Jewish socialite and community leader Marcia Calmenson Goldberg, 1886-198; wife of A.H. (Henry) Goldberg, mother of Mozah Zemans, Muriel Ginsberg.

*Lethbridge Jews Buy a Church.* Brief history of the Lethbridge Jewish community, focusing on the development of its religious institutions.

## **1999**

*Chaim Zhitlovsky dies in Calgary, 1944.* Brief biography of Zhitlovsky, focusing on the Yiddishist philosopher's Canadian connections and influence on secular Yiddish schools, notably I.L. Peretz schools. [ Note title error - date of death s/b 1943].

*Valuable Peretz School Material Donated.* Lists the acquisition of I.L. Peretz school minutes, photos, documents. 1928 - 1986.

*Meeting to Feature Synagogue Model.* About the JHSSA AGM program featuring the House of Jacob

## **2000**

*Lyon Grocery Part of Busy Jewish Business Block.* Lists other Jewish businesses on 9th Avenue East.

*Southern Alberta Jewish Time Lines.* Review of major dates in the area's Jewish history, including population table.

*Calgary Jew Decorated in France, 1915.* Louis Zuidema is awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal at Ypres and survives Vimy Ridge campaign in which his brother, Simon Zuidema, is killed.

*1947 House of Israel Drawing.* Includes a brief House of Israel (community building) history and displays architectural sketches of incomplete building.

## **2001**

*Drumheller was Home to Active Jewish Community.* History of Jewish community in Drumheller and area towns, with a partial list of former Jewish residents and their business interests.

*Esther and Peretz Hirshbein - Calgary's Yiddish Celebrities.* Famous Yiddish playwright and young poetess meet in Calgary, marry, and travel the world.

*Calgary Jews at Work – 1938.* Reviews results of an “economic census” of Calgary Jews, and community leader reactions to preponderance of small-business proprietors.

## **2002**

*Eighth Avenue's Log Cabin - 50 Years as a Jewish business.* Pioneer home later housed Jewish-run second-hand stores, shoe repair shop.

*Solomon Roubin - Calgary's Mystery Rabbi.* Fragmented records provide uncertainty over Roubin's status (c. 1912 - 16) as House of Jacob Rabbi, Talmud Torah principal.

*Little Synagogue on the Prairie.* History of Montefiore Institute synagogue and community centre (in use 1915 - 25) at Montefiore Jewish farm colony, near Sibbald, Alberta.

*Ben Babovnik - Soldier, Farmer and Friend.* Story of Rumsey-area bachelor homesteader.

*Building Calgary's Jewish Funeral Chapel. History of the 17th Avenue SW Chevra Kadisha Chapel.*

### **2003**

*Calgary's Holocaust Memorial: Ashes to Life.* A history and description of Calgary's memorial.

*"Faith and Humility": Calgary's National Council of Jewish Women.* A short history of the Calgary branch of NCJW and its leaders.

*Sheldon Chumir – his Jewish roots.*

*Calgary Jews Face an Epidemic – 1918.* About the flu epidemic and the Jewish community's response.

*Barney Gelfand: Calgary's Fast Food Pioneer.*

*Eighth Avenue East- Calgary's Jewish Business Birthplace.*

*Among Family on Eighth Avenue East.*

### **2004**

*Harry Bell versus the Lord's Day Alliance – 1905.*

*Calgary's Jewish Newsboys.*

*Calgary's Jews Fete R.B. Bennett at 1939 Farewell.* The story of the gift of the Talmud given to Bennett by Rabbi J. Hertz in England

*Calgary YMHA Idea Almost a Century Old.*

*Former Jewish Residents Active in Little Chicago Memorial Project.* A summary of the Jewish presence in Royalties in Turner Valley

### **2006**

*Calgary's Grand Story – The Jewish Connections.* This is a review of D. Smith's book

*More on Jews in Mission.*

*Immigration Policies Shatter Marriage Plans of Calgary Jew, 1930.* Jacob Switzer's attempts to bring his fiancée to Canada.

*Canada's Military Archives Available to All.* A brief guide to military research.

*Strul Rabinovitz – A Great War Casualty.*

*Paul Belkin's Last Mission.* About a World War II casualty

## **2007**

*The Doctors Lander.* About Harry and David Lander in Turner Valley and Black Diamond

*Eva Brewster Focus of Lethbridge Holocaust Event; Yiddish Writer Chava Rosenberg Part of Historic Event.*

*Philip Yarmarko: Rockyford's Last Doctor.*

*British Jews Buy Belgian Horse Ranch – 1911.* About Cecil Cohen and the Salaman family purchase of a local ranch

## **2008**

*The Ratchesky Saga – A Family Settles the West.*

*Leonard Bercuson – A Rich Life Cut Short.*

*William Epstein – One Calgarian's Role in the Establishment of the State of Israel.*

*Would-be Calgarians, Lost in the Shoah, Recalled in 1933 Photos.* About the efforts of the Bleviss, Davidman and Switzer families to save the Birenbaum family in Radom

*Haimson Family Not Forgotten.*

*Sam Haimson – Heroic "Jewish" Soldier.*

## **2009**

*Jacob Diamond – Portrait of a Patriarch.*

*Benjamin Simon – Confectioner, Junk Dealer and Russian War Hero.*

*Coming of Age: A History of the Jewish People of Manitoba,* Book Review by Jack Switzer

## **2010**

*A Berlin Torah Redeemed and Restored.* About Beth Tzedec Torah scroll restored by B'nai Brith

*Calgary Women Stranded in Wartime Russia.* Stories of Rebecca Diamond Block and Luba Shumiatcher

*Cemetery Stories: Minnie Cobb and Jack Gerber.*

*President's Message,* by Jack Switzer.

*Lord and Lady Marley's 1937 Visit to Calgary on behalf of ORT.*

*Alberta Jews of Trail B.C.*

## **2011**

*The Devenish – a century as Calgary's Jewish Apartment Block.*

*Ethos – reflecting the "Spirit of the Community" for 40 years.* About the Hamborger/Stein family business.

*Feldman Lake, 1890: A Slough and a School.* About Jewish presence in the area near Medicine Hat

## **2. Other Publications**

"Chaim Zhitlovsky, revered Yiddish philosopher – his Canadian connections", in *Outlook*, v.37, n.7, Nov./Dec., 1999

"Doctoroff Meest Doktorov in Family Reunion", in *Shorashim/Roots*, v.2, n.1, September 2001

*The Jewish Community of Calgary; Part II: Jewish Populations in Geographic Areas. 2001 Census Analysis Series*, by Charles Shahr & Jack Switzer, 2004

"Jewish Heritage" and "Good Works and Good Business: Alberta's Jews in the Community", in *Alberta; A State of Mind*, edited by S. Sharpe, R. Gibbins et al, 2005, pp.70-75

"Sophie Mushkat McClusky; Alberta's Strident Socialist", *Alberta History*, v.54, n.3, Summer 2006 (shortened version reprinted in *Outlook*, v.46, n.2, March/April 2008)

"Whoa Emma! An Anarchist Visits Calgary, 1907", *Alberta History*, v. 55, n. 3, Summer 2007 (reprinted in *Outlook*, v. 48, n. 2. March/April, 2010; *Jewish Free Press*, v.19n.16, June 25, 2010)

"Murder at Moose Jaw, 1885", in *Jewish Free Press* in January 18, 2008

"Ben Sterling; from Alberta dirt farmer to murder suspect in California", in *Jewish Free Press*, February, 2008

"Moses Solomon – partner in shameful and bloody whiskey trade", in *Jewish Free Press*, May, 2008

"Fighting the Flu: How Calgary Jews faced the deadly epidemic of 1918", in *Jewish Free Press*, Nov. 20, 2009

"When Banff was anti-Semitic", in *Jewish Free Press*, v.19, n. 7, January 15, 2010

### **3. Public Lectures (unpublished)**

*Chaim Zhitlovsky and his Influence on Yiddish Education in Western Canada, 1909-1943* presented at the Association for Canadian Jewish Studies May 2000 Conference, Edmonton

*Worship, Study and Celebration: The Synagogues of Calgary*, for Historic Calgary Week, July 27, 2005

*The Calgary Jewish Community in the 1930s*, at the Calgary Public Library, Central branch February 27, 2008

*Calgary's Jewish Roots: Key Decades, 1904-1924*, for Historic Calgary Week, July 25, 2008?

*Jewish Farming Colonies & The "Little Synagogue" Project*, for Historical Society of Alberta & Chinook Country Historical Society conference Alberta's Cultural Communities: A Diverse History, May 29, 2009