

JHSSA Voices of Experience Project

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Bercovice, Ruth	2019	Ruth Bercovice nee Gombinsky was born in a DP camp at the end of World War II, to parents whose tragic experiences both before and during the Holocaust influenced them for all their lives. She describes the stories of her parents heart-breaking first marriages, their flight from the Nazis, time in Russia and Siberia during the war, the loss of two of her siblings as babies and another as a teenager. Ruth and her husband Izzy lived in Israel and Canada, where they too had their share of difficulties. They have three children.	Immigration to Canada, illiteracy, Yom Kippur War, Israel, Camp BB-Riback, Ida Eichler, Minnie and Marcel Segal, Zesha Zysblat, Lily Manishewitz, Marcel's
Bercuson, Dr. David	2018	Dr. David Bercuson is the Director of the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies at the University of Calgary. Born and raised in Montreal, he attended Sir George Williams University and studied at University of Toronto for his MA and PhD. He has written extensively on the labour movement in Canada, Israel and Canada, Canadian politics, defense and Canadian military history. He has served on a number of government commissions and was awarded the Order of Canada (among other honours) in 2003. In this oral history, Dr. Bercuson talks about his grandparent's immigration to Canada, the Bercuson family history in Calgary, growing up Jewish in Montreal, why he became interested in Military studies, the Somali and Keegstra affairs, and his connection to Israel.	Montreal, Shaare Zion Academy, Sir George Williams University, Bercuson brothers clothing stores, antisemitism, NDP, Six Day War, Lebanon War, Somali Affair, Keegstra Affair, Calgary Jewish Community Council, B'nai Brith, National Defense, Zionism, University of Calgary Israel Studies Program, anti-Israel on campus, Bernard Bercuson, Order of Canada, Machal, Canadian Armed Forces.
Bermack, Annette	2019	Annette Green Bermack was born and raised in Lethbridge, Alberta and at the time of the interview was one of the few Jews remaining in that Southern Alberta town. Her parents met in England where her father was serving in the Canadian Army and her mother became a war bride. Her childhood in Lethbridge centred around the Jewish community and after high school she went to Israel, where she lived on kibbutz and served in the Israeli army. Upon her return to Canada, she helped her father in the family shoe business and became a very engaged and active volunteer in the scouting movement. She is married to Joel Bermack and they have two children, one of whom lives in Lethbridge.	war bride, Manyberries Alberta, shoe business, Green Shoes, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, being Jewish in a small town, Jewish holidays, cheder, BBYO, Camp BB, Aron and Ida Eichler, Bill Meloff, serving in the IDF, Yom Kippur War, scouting, decline of a Jewish community, antisemitism, Hadassah, B'nai Brith, Masons, Job's Daughters
Bermack, Sheila	2019	Sheila Bermack (nee Kline) was born in Calgary in 1929 and lived in the city for most of her life. In her interview, she speaks about her happy childhood, her family and the importance of being Jewish.	homesteading, making candy, Mr. Kesnick, going to the movies, Hadassah Bazaar, Jewish holidays, Jack Bermack, Holocaust, Antisemitism, cattle business.

Bogoch, Milton	2018	After being raised in Edmonton and Vancouver, Milton Bogoch made Calgary his home in 1979, where he has made his mark as a dedicated volunteer both in the Jewish and general communities. A successful businessman whose career has centred around real estate management and operation, Bogoch looks at his life as a three-legged stool, with the three legs being family, work, and community service.	Odessa, Bershad, grain business, film screening business, Young Judaea, Edmonton Talmud Torah, Edmonton Hadassah, Machon L'Madrichei Chutz La'Aretz (Institute for Youth Leaders from Abroad), Camp Biliun, Camp Hatikvah, Camp BB Alberta, Congregation House of Jacob-Mikveh Israel, Akiva Academy, Calgary Homeless Foundation, Jewish Community Foundation of Calgary, Doug Wertheimer, Conservative Party, Temple B'nai Tikvah, Calgary Residential Rental Association, Executive Suites, Chabad, Vancouver Jewish Community Council
Bracey, Lou	2019	Lou Bracey is the Executive Director of Calgary's Chevra Kadisha, or Jewish burial society. Following a successful career in business, mostly in sales, Lou entered a second career in the not-for-profit world, serving as executive director of the Beth Tzedec Congregation before his current position. He was born and raised in Liverpool, England.	Chevra Kadisha, Liverpool, Beth Tzedec, Sklar family, BBYO, UJA telethons
Bronstein, Richard	2019	Richard Bronstein was born in a DP camp in Austria and came to Canada in 1948, when he was four-years old. His childhood and early schooling was in Brooks, Alberta, where his was one of two Jewish families. After university, Richard had a successful career at the CBC, working on such iconic programs as As It Happens, Sunday Morning and the Journal. He was also a news producer for CBC covering the Middle East and Europe based in Jerusalem. He and his wife Judy founded the Jewish Free Press in 1990 and Richard has served as editor of the paper since 2004.	Holocaust, Meziritch, Brooks, Harry Veiner, The Albertan, Peter Loughheed, Grant Notley, As It Happens, Sunday Morning, The Journal, Barbara Frum, Intifada, Jean Francois Lepine, Yitzhak Rabin, Jewish Free Press, Desktop publishing, Second Generation Holocaust survivor.
Busheikin, Dr. Ted	2018	Dr. Ted Busheikin is a Calgary-born obstetrician and gynecologist who practiced at the General Hospital for 25 years before opening the Kensington Clinic which specialized in abortion. In this interview, Dr. Busheikin speaks about his Jewish upbringing, education, career, and family life.	Harry's News and World News, Lord's Day Act, United News, I.L. Peretz School, Shumiatcher family, medical school quotas, University of Alberta Calgary branch, US civil rights movement, CORE, Dr. Henry Morgentaler, United Jewish People's Order, Israel, antisemitism, Peretz Hirshbein, abortion, I.F. Stone

Chetner, Arlein	2019	Arlein Joyce Chetner (nee Hoffman) was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. Having relatives in Canada, she came with her family, in her youth, to visit the Canadian family; little did she know, then, that she would return, as an adult, to fall in love, to marry, resettle and raise her own family. She pursued her higher Education in New York; then, a chain of events returned her to Calgary with a cousin, which resulted in her falling in love with a local Calgarian, Dov Chetner, and moving across the continent to become a life-long Calgarian, herself. She gave amongst the first Bat-Mitzvah lessons in Calgary; played piano at many a Simcha; accompanied singers and performers from near and far for community events and fund-raisers; was involved on various levels with the Jewish Women's organizations; raised a family; taught Music to generations of Jewish (and non-) students, both at schools and at home; and has led and accompanied many a choir, most recently playing piano accompaniment for the Jewish Seniors' "Voices" Choir.	Russia, New York, Brooklyn, Palestine, Israel, Piano, Hadassah, Bazaar, Youth Aliyah, National Council of Jewish Women, Music, Education, Theatre, Teaching, Betar, Jabotinsky, Elan Suissa, Stampede Showband,
Cohos, Gertrude	2018	Gertrude Cohos was born and raised in New Brunswick, and moved to Calgary after university. She has been a very active volunteer both within the Jewish community and the general Calgary community, serving among other things as President of Calgary Jewish Community Council from 1982-1984. She speaks about growing up in a very small Jewish community, about her family's involvement in Judaism and her commitment to Zionism. She explores the idea of what it means to be Jewish in a non-Jewish world. Her message is one of the importance of engagement in communal life.	Maritimes, Cape Breton, immigration, pedlars, Fredericton, Camp Kadima, Zionism, Israel, Calgary Jewish Community Council, National Council of Jewish Women, UJA, Keegstra, Harry Shatz, Medjucks Furniture, antisemitism, Clarice Chodak, Glencoe Club
Cowan, Trudy	2019	Trudy Cowan is a Calgary-based historian, author and quilter who has had a varied and interesting career spanning Psychiatric Occupational Therapy, museum education, and restoration of historic buildings. She has authored several books for children focusing on history and worked on Jewish-related projects such as Precious Legacy and the Little Synagogue at Heritage Park. In her interview, she shares charming stories of her family history and speaks about growing up in a secular Jewish home in Toronto and her wealth of experience contributing to historic preservation and artistry in Calgary.	left-wing Jewish upbringing, Glenbow Museum, Precious Legacy, Little Synagogue at Heritage Park, Lougheed House, Calgary Stampede, Psychiatric Occupational Therapy, Hull Home, Russian immigration to Canada, Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, needlework, Beth Tzedec, Mrs. Ullman, Fort Calgary, Honourary Doctorate U of C, Quilter of Distinction, Calgary Stampede Historical Committee, living history.

Dean, Zelda	2019	Born in Calgary but raised in Stettler, Alberta, Zelda Dean has had a varied career as a teacher, professional theatre director, career counselor, and synagogue office manager. She has two children and raised her grandchildren when her daughter died. She was a founder and director of the highly successful amateur theatre group, the Beth Israel Players and then worked professionally as the director of the Glenmore Dinner Theatre. She was also active in Holocaust education initiatives. In Victoria, she founded Bema Productions, an amateur theatre group affiliated with Temple Emanu-El. Zelda's experiences with antisemitism as a child led her to always see Jewish theatre as an opportunity for interfaith connection and she is guided by the motivation to make the world a better place.	immigration, farming, rum running, Stettler, antisemitism, keeping kosher in a small town, Medicine Hat, BBG, AZA, Bill Dean, Betty Shops, Lena Hanen, Peretz School, Calgary Hebrew School, Beth Israel Players, Betty Mitchell, Theatre Calgary, Workshop 14, AZA music festival, Reva Wolf, Rabbi Lou and Rivka Schechter, Donna Riback, Rudy Berger, Glenmore Inn Dinner Theatre, Marlborough Inn Dinner Theatre, Bema Productions, Temple Emanu-El, Rabbi Harry Brechner, Playing for Time, Holocaust Education Symposium, Holocaust education, Klanbake, theatre as interfaith bridge, Victoria, career counseling, loss of a child, raising grandchildren, importance of family and community
Faber, Reva	2019	Reva Faber, nee Miller, was born and raised in Calgary. Her first language was Yiddish and she attended the I.L. Peretz School. A lover of learning and teaching, Reva rose in her career to become the principal of several Calgary schools, including the Calgary Jewish Academy for a brief time. In her interview, Reva speaks of her family and their experience of the Calgary Stampede, her career in education, and her experiences as a volunteer in the Jewish community.	Jaffe's Bookstore, Calgary Stampede, Vancouver New and Second Hand Store, BBYO, Young Judaea, Camp BB, SOS (Save Sesame Street), National Council of Jewish Women, dry cleaning business, Queensland Fish project, Calgary Jewish Academy, Little Synagogue at Heritage Park, antisemitism.
Feldman, Nate	2019	Nate Feldman was born and raised in Edmonton and made Calgary his home in 1980 with his wife Naida. An accountant by training, he has been successful in the restaurant business and in recycling of refinery waste. A volunteer leader since his BBYO teen years, Nate was president of the I.L. Peretz School when it amalgamated with the Talmud Torah and then became president of the newly formed Calgary Jewish Academy. He served on the boards of the Calgary JCC and Calgary Jewish Community Council, as a board member and then president. His dedication to United Jewish Appeal, the central fund-raising initiative in the Jewish community, earned him the nickname "Mr. UJA."	Paramount Clothing, Style Clothiers, BBYO, I.L. Peretz School, Calgary Jewish Academy, Calgary JCC, Calgary Jewish Community Council, Electric Avenue, restaurant business, Shanks Sports Bars, Network Recycling, scrap metal business, Lori Feldman, amalgamation of Peretz School and Talmud Torah, kashrut, assimilation, Russian exodus to Israel, antisemitism, Six Day War, Passover.
Fishman, Sam	2019	Sam Fishman was born and raised in Calgary. His family was in the dry cleaning business and he left school in grade 11 to help with the business. Later he worked as a financial advisor with Investors Group. A dedicated volunteer, Sam gives of his time to many organizations and is a founder of the Kehillat Shalom congregation.	Calgary Hebrew School, Young Judaea, Economy Cleaners, Investors Group, Shaarey Tzedec, volunteering, Kehillat Shalom, Radom Poland, city hall market, B'nai Brith
Gelt, Anna	2019	Anna Gelt immigrated to Calgary from the Former Soviet Union in 1980, with her husband Jacob and their two children. She describes the challenges of immigration – from losing their jobs when they said they wanted to leave the FSU to learning English, finding work and settling children into a new country. A passionate believer in Jewish life and community, Anna served on the boards of Jewish Family Service Calgary and Calgary Jewish Federation.	Immigration to Canada, Russian Jewish community in Calgary, life in former Soviet Union, importance of Judaism, Israel, antisemitism in FSU, family reunification, Jewish Family Service Calgary, Calgary Jewish Federation, UJA, future of Jewish community, benefits of travel

Ghitter, Ron	2018	The Honorable Ron Ghitter served as an Alberta MLA and Canadian Senator. He is known for his human rights work, primarily his introduction of Alberta's Individual Rights Protection Act and his leadership of the Commission on Tolerance and Understanding. Born and raised in Edmonton, Ron worked as a lawyer in Calgary before become involved in real estate development. An Alberta tennis champion in his youth, Ron was one of the founders of the Osten & Victor Alberta Tennis Centre.	Human Rights, Alberta Legislature, Canadian Senate, Peter Lougheed, Ted Byfield, James Keegstra, Betty Lou Ladies Apparel, antisemitism, Glencoe Club, Harold Milavsky, Trizec, Individual Rights Protection Act, Alberta Human Rights Commission, Fil Fraser, Commission on Tolerance and Understanding.
Glow, Albert (Bert)	2018	Albert Glow is the <i>shammash</i> [sexton] for the Beth Tzedec Congregation. Born in 1933 and raised on a farm outside Winnipeg, Glow attended school until the end of Grade 9, and then worked at various jobs in Winnipeg and then Calgary.	farm life, Stonewall, Manitoba, Winnipeg, keeping kosher, hatchery, Associated Grocery, Beth Tzedec Congregation, Shaare Tzedec, Western Small Wares, challenge of declining synagogue attendance
Gurevitch, Dr. Ralph	2019	Dr. Ralph Gurevitch was born and raised in Calgary. He is the youngest of four children and his father died when he was young. Dr. Gurevitch enjoyed a successful career as an obstetrician/gynecologist. In his interview, he speaks about his happy childhood, his medical career, the practice of obstetrics/gynecology and the importance of family.	Christie Grant, Parisian, Calgary Hebrew School, sports, Camp Massad, Camp Hiawatha, medical school, obstetrics and gynecology, abortion, living in England, Israel, antisemitism, volunteering as a White Hatter at the airport
Gurevitch, Sheila	2019	Sheila Sheftel Gurevitch was born in Calgary and raised in the large and loving Sheftel extended family. Married to Dr. Ralph Gurevitch, she lived in England for a time while he completed his training, but Calgary is her home. An extremely active volunteer, Sheila gave of her time to many organizations within the Jewish and broader communities. At the time of the interview, she was still working Sundays at the hotel her father built, the Carriage House Inn, following his example of warm hospitality.	Influenza, Leo Sheftel, City Hall Market, Empress Grocery Store, Highlander Hotel, Carriage House Hotel, tuberculosis, sanatorium, Betty Shop, Camp BB, Shabbat, Jewish holidays, medical records librarian, living in England, Shaarey Tzedec, cheder, Jewish Family Service, Beth Tzedec library, Alberta Children's Hospital, Child Abuse Team, Special Olympics, 1988 Olympics, Hospice Calgary, Hadassah, UJA, Commemorative Medal for the 125 th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada for Services in the Community, Israel, antisemitism, future of Jewish life
Heilik, Riki	2019	Riki Lieber Heilik was born in Poland, raised in Israel and made her home in Calgary in 1971. For almost 20 years, she worked for the Jewish community in various capacities, including Israel programming, community relations and interim director of Calgary Jewish Community Council. In her interview, she speaks about her childhood, her parents, the challenges of immigrating to and being an Israeli living in Canada, and the highlights of her career as a Jewish community professional.	Dzierzoniow, Poland, Yiddish, Holocaust, Acco, learning Hebrew, acclimatizing to Israel, army service, Six Day War, Zionist movements, Bundists, Jewish observance, tzedakah, kibbutz ulpan, Peretz School, Holt Renfrew, Young Offenders' Centre, National Council of Jewish Women, Media Watch, IFCA (Israel Family Counselling Association), Observation Nurseries, Calgary Jewish Community Council, Drew Staffenberg, Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron, Holocaust Education Symposium, Keegstra, bomb at JCC, Gulf War, Scud missiles, Shimshon Heilik, March of the Living, language proficiency,

Hoffman, Eva	2019	Eva Hoffman is the daughter of Holocaust survivors. She was born in Europe but raised in Calgary. A past chair of the Calgary Jewish communities Holocaust Remembrance and Education Committee, Eva speaks about growing up as a second generation survivor, and about some of the programs she was instrumental in organizing. She and her husband Gordie have organized many successful fund-raisers for many organizations and are the founders of a number of organizations, including Project Warmth.	Bad Reichenhall, BBYO, Peretz School, Holocaust survivors, Holocaust remembrance, Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Education Symposium, Elie Wiesel, Joel Grey, Frankie Valli, Neil Sedaka, Project Warmth, Hadassah Bazaar, Radom, Lodz, Hat Salvage and Steel, antisemitism, War Orphans, Hana's Suitcase George Brady, Karen Levine, Robbie Waisman, Marvin Hamlisch, <i>A Christmas Carol</i> .
Hoffman, Gordon	2019	Gordon Hoffman is a Calgary lawyer and community activist. Born and raised in Calgary, he attended Talmud Torah, was active in AZA, and has always been involved in Jewish life. In addition, he is the founder of several successful charities: Project Warmth, Alberta Champion Society and Operation Kickstart. In his interview, Gordon speaks of many of the people he grew up with, his family members and the importance of community involvement.	Talmud Torah, Mr. Walker, Tivoli Theatre, St. Regis Hotel, Dorothy Hoffman Cosmetic and Fine Perfume, Alberta Giftwares, antisemitism, Mimi Spier, Windsor Hotel, Dr. George and Lillian Robbins, Project Warmth, Alberta Champion Society, Operation Kickstart, Dr. Gordie Greenberg, Martha Cohen, Jenny Belzberg, Ron Ghitler, Marty Cohos, Woodwards, Alberta Poultry Products, Leah Saltman, scrap metal business, Mr. Charles Waterman, JNF trees.
Joffe, Hal	2019	Hal Joffe was born and raised in Calgary, in a family that was deeply committed to Jewish life. He attended the Calgary Hebrew School, was active in Young Judaea, went to Israel for a gap year. A lawyer by profession, Hal took on many responsible community leadership positions, from being President of Calgary Jewish Community Council at age 32, to chairing the Community Relations Committee for many years and sitting on the national board of Canadian Jewish Congress, to being President of the Calgary Hebrew School. In his interview, he speaks about why he was always so involved and the various challenging issues that arose during his tenure.	Calgary Hebrew School, Israeli War of Independence, Peretz School, homesteading, Zionist Organisation of Canada, Young Judaea, <i>Machon L'Madrichei Chutz La'Aretz</i> , antisemitism, Switzer family, Supreme Court of Canada, Church of Scientology, Hadassah Bazaar, Calgary Jewish Community Council, Canadian Jewish Congress, Delwin Vriend, Keegstra, Aryan Nations, Ernst Zundel, Malcolm Ross, police relations, Education Task Force, leadership
Joffe, Lily	2019	Lily Joffe was born and raised in Calgary. As a young mother of four children, she found much of her social outlet in Hadassah-WIZO and other volunteer activities. In her interview, she speaks of growing up in Calgary as part of the extended Switzer family, of her fond memories of volunteering and celebrating Jewish holidays with family and about the changes she has seen in the Jewish community in her lifetime.	immigration, Mima Singer, Switzer family, Second Hand store, Peretz School, Calgary Stampede Parade, antisemitism, BBYO, Plaza Theatre, Jewish holidays, Chevra Kadisha, Mahal, Israel, Zionism, Hadassah, Calgary Stampede booth, Hadassah bazaar, House of Jacob, Calgary Hebrew School, Rimon
Kline, Doreen	2019	Doreen Kline (nee Levitt) was born in Calgary, and spent her early years on a farm just outside the city. Her family was traditionally observant and she attended after-school Hebrew school. She started dating her future husband, Cecil Kline, when she was only 13 years old and theirs was a wonderful marriage. Cec and Doreen worked hard in a grocery store when first married but then Cec went into business and was very successful. Doreen reminisces about her childhood, the Hadassah Bazaar, about raising her three children and her travels.	farm life, cheder, Cecil Kline, Betty Mitchell, outings to Banff, Hadassah Bazaar, KK grocery store, Israel, Sri Lanka, Egypt, dancing at home, Yom Kippur dance, Young Judaea Mother's Day luncheon, tzedaka

Kohn, Garry	2019	Garry Kohn was born and raised in Medicine Hat, Alberta but lived much of his adult life in Lethbridge. One of the few remaining Jewish people in Lethbridge, Garry is a leader of the community who takes responsibility for services and community assets. He also is an active volunteer in the general community. His early adventures included playing with Joni Mitchell in Calgary and serving as a volunteer in the IDF just after the Six Day War.	Medicine Hat, Rabbi Lazer Gold, Sons of Abraham synagogue, Kits and Wholesale, Anglo Stereo, trapping furs, Depression Coffee House, Irish Rovers, Joni Mitchell, Harry Veiner, taking sheep to Israel, Ben Gurion, St. Michael Health Centre, Sisters of St. Martha, Young Judaea, Camp Biliun, Camp B'nai Brith, Camp Hatikvah, Six Day War, Beth Israel Synagogue, Lethbridge Jewish community, cemetery, B'nai Brith Golden Plate Dinner, Magen David Adom, Or Hadash, antisemitism.
Koschitzky, Saul	2018	Saul Koschitzky is owner of IKO Industries, a global leader in the manufacture and supply of residential shingles, commercial roofing and waterproofing products, insulation systems and accessories. He is also a major philanthropist, supporting mainly educational institutions in Canada and Israel. A Holocaust survivor who was born in Poland, Saul lived in Calgary for 20 years and continues to be supportive of the Calgary Jewish community, particularly House of Jacob-Mikveh Israel and Akiva Academy. He is a past-president of Calgary Jewish Community Council, and he and his wife Mira have been actively involved in many Jewish communal organizations.	Katowice, Poland, Kazakhstan, Youth Aliyah, hidden children, roofing business, Canadian Jewish Congress, Zionist Organization, Morris Hector, Joe Busheikin, Maurice Paperny, Harry Shatz, Rabbi Buchan, Rabbi Barenholz, Yeshivat Bnei Akiva Or Chaim, Keeping Kosher in Calgary, David Koschitzky, Eric Goldstein
Krasnow, Stephen	2018	Stephen Krasnow is a past chair of the Calgary JCC and past president of Calgary Jewish Community Council (1998-2000) Born and raised in Montreal, Stephen had a very successful career in finance and investment, focusing specifically on oil and gas. He has also been an active volunteer in the general community. He speaks about his youth in the 60s, his views about Alberta, and tells a fascinating story of a Soviet refusenik.	Calgary Jewish Centre, JCC, Calgary Jewish Community Council, SAIT, Alberta Foundation for the Arts, refuseniks, McGill, Harvard, Dependable Shoe, Bootlegger, Viet Nam war, Israel, Resource Service Group, allocations, Canfund, Alberta economy, antisemitism.
Libin, Alvin	2018	Alvin Libin was born in Calgary into a very large family of Libins and Shapiros. He became a prominent businessman, real estate developer, hotel owner and one of the owners of the Calgary Flames. His philanthropic contribution of funds as well as volunteer time focused mainly on health. Alvin speaks about growing up in Calgary and the changes in the community in his lifetime.	Libin, Shapiro, immigration, Muriel Kovitz, Shop Rite stores, Mona Libin, Palace Bakery, Villa Centres, nursing homes, Calgary Jewish Community Council, AZA, Harry Shatz, Six Day War, Maurice Paperny, Peter Lougheed, Norman Libin, Tom Baker Cancer Centre, Foothills Hospital, Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, Mona Libin Foundation, Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research, Calgary Flames, International Hotel, antisemitism.

Libin, Bruce	2019	Bruce Libin was born and raised in Calgary. Professionally, he has had a successful career, first as a lawyer, then in business. He first assumed a leadership role in the Jewish community at age 29, eventually serving as chair or president of both the Calgary JCC and Calgary Jewish Federation (formerly Calgary Jewish Community Council). In his interview, he speaks of his family history, his own involvement in the Jewish and general communities, and his hopes for the Jewish future for his children and grandchildren.	Beth Israel Synagogue, Jewish holidays, AZA, Israel, Six Day War, Calgary Jewish Community Council, Calgary Jewish Centre (JCC), SAIT, Meadowlark Curling Rink, Maurice Paperny, Harry Shatz, Drew Staffenberg, antisemitism
Libin, Harriet	2018	Harriet Libin nee Sheftel is a native Calgarian whose family has deep roots in the business community, primarily in the hotel business, as well as being active Jewish community leaders. She reminisces about growing up in Calgary and about her parents Leo and Goldie Sheftel.	Empress stores, City Hall Market, Hebrew School, Rabbi Barenholtz, Carriage House Inn, Shaarey Tzedec Synagogue, Hadassah, Rotary
Libin, Philip (Phil)	2018	Philip Libin was born and raised in Calgary, the youngest of Saul and Sonia Libin's five children. A philanthropist and developer, Phil has received many honours for his contribution to the Jewish and broader Calgary communities, including the Alberta Centennial Medal, the Queen's Gold Medal, Rotary Club commendations and recognition by Jewish National Fund and Jewish Family Service Calgary. He speaks about his childhood in Calgary, about his professional and philanthropic activities, and his close connection to family.	Joe Libin, Rabbi Barenholz, movies, Peretz School, Rotary Club, Critical Care Chair, University of Calgary, Edelson Libin Insurance, AZA, Calgary Packers, Calgary Golf and Country Club, antisemitism, Knob Hill Manor, Leo Sheftel, development business, Empress Hotel, Harvey Sheftel, Dave Zivot, Maurice Paperny, Shaare Tzedec Congregation, Beth Tzedec Congregation, Six Day War, rationing, food stamps, Alberta Centennial Medal, philanthropy, Queen's Gold Medal, Jewish Family Service Housing Fund, UJA, Devenish Apartments
Lipkind, Joel	2019	Joel Lipkind was born and raised in Calgary. His family owned the iconic Ribtor store, which started out selling army surplus and grew to include camping goods. An engineer by training, Joel took over the business when his father passed away. He was also actively involved in the Jewish community, sitting on Calgary Jewish Community Council and chairing the Program Allocation Committee (PAC) for many years. He speaks about the history and evolution of Ribtor, and changes in the Jewish and general communities.	Ribtor, Ted Riback, Hector family, homesteading, Lipkind General Store, Trochu, Nagler's Department store, Talmud Torah, House of Israel building, Young Judaea, Biluim, oil and gas industry, Donna Riback, Morris Bleviss, Alberta economy, Calgary Jewish Community Council, PAC (Program Allocation Committee).
Manolson, Ayala	2018	Ayala Hanen Manolson is the grand-daughter of Rabbi Smolensky, an early Calgary rabbi. Her parents, Lena and Sam Hanen were well-known entrepreneurs in the city. She is a Speech and Language pathologist who developed the innovative Hanen method of teaching parents and teachers how to help children communicate more effectively. The program "It Takes Two To Talk® - The Hanen Program® for Parents of Children with Language Delays," is now used worldwide. In this interview, Ayala speaks about her family's immigration to Canada, growing up in Calgary, and her professional accomplishments.	Rabbi Smolensky, Lena Hanen, Sam Hanen, Rumsey Colony, The Betty Shops, New York Dry Goods, Cyril Kay, Norman Kwong, Leona Patterson, Hadassah, antisemitism.

Matusof, Rabbi Menachem	2019	Rabbi Menachem Matusof is the Senior Rabbi and Executive Director of Chabad Lubavitch of Alberta. He and his wife Rochel arrived in Calgary in 1988 and since that time, under their leadership, Chabad has grown to be a thriving organization of the Jewish community, with seven rabbis serving hundreds of families. In his interview, Rabbi Matusof talks about his family's illustrious Chabad lineage, his childhood in Morocco, his aspirations for the Calgary Jewish community and the future of the Jewish people.	Rebbe Menachem Mendel Shneerson, Chabad Lubavitch, <i>shlichut (outreach)</i> , antisemitism, <i>Chochmah, Binah, Da'at (wisdom, understanding, knowledge)</i> , raising a large family, menorah lighting at City Hall, assimilation, Chabad view of Israel, importance of religion.
Moscovitz, Walter	2018 and 2019	Born in Montreal, Dr. Walter Moscovitz speaks cogently about his memories of his parents, growing up in Montreal, meeting native Calgarian assistant head nurse Jessie Mendelman in The Jewish General, their courtship, subsequent move to Calgary and about his chosen profession. His reasons for choosing gynecology/obstetrics over other specialties in medicine brought satisfaction not only to him but to the countless patients he treated in his over 40-year practice which brought many new lives safely into the world. Walter's compassion for the health and welfare of many Calgary women, Jewish or not, was a saving grace and huge contribution, for family life. In addition to his medical practice, to this day, Walter continues to perform circumcisions and is often sought after for medical advice and referrals even though he is officially retired. No stranger to the Beth Tzedec synagogue or to the Jewish Centre, Walter's contributions to Jewish organizations and Jewish life continue to procreate. Walter's heart and <i>neshomeh</i> [spirit] endear him to everyone. In fact, it was Walter's bedside manner, when he spoke in Yiddish to patients in the Montreal General that melted Jessie's heart.	Montreal, Cote St. Luc, Moscow, Yacov, Lodz, (Poland), Jewish General Hospital, Montreal, Quebec, New York City, Kielce, (Poland), Detroit, San Francisco, Liverpool, Halifax, Chicago, Smith Falls, Park Avenue, Snowden, schemata, schmatte, Duddy Kravitz, Durocher Avenue, Cote St. Luc, Strathcona Academy, Alfred Joyce Elementary School, Outremont High School, McGill University, Chador, I. L. Peretz School, Midsuis juif 'misérable juif', Young Men's Hebrew Association, Shochet, Holocaust, Jewish Ghettos; Y.M.H.A., Steinberg's, Conservative, Orthodox, Pesach, Typhoid Fever, Franklin Delano Roosevelt FDR, McGill University, Rachel Market, Hanukah, Purim, atheist, World War 11, orthopedic, pediatric, College of Physicians, of Surgeons of Canada, Urology, obstetrics gynecology, Stanford, Yiddish, Stampede, Rabbi, Barenholz, Ginsberg, Tuchman, Detroit, Massachusetts, University of Washington, Seattle, Boston, Wister, Kelowna, Muter Farein, Mohel, Hadassah, Jewish Community Centre, Beth Tzedec, Shaarey Tzedec, Rabbi Postone,
Oppenheim, Dr. Claude	2019	Dr. Claude Oppenheim was born and raised in South Africa and began his teaching career there. In 1975, he and his wife Fay relocated to Alberta, where Claude's first jobs were in small town Alberta. Eventually promoted to principal and deputy superintendent of schools, Claude became the Director of the Calgary Hebrew School (later The Calgary Jewish Academy) in 1984, where he served for many years.	South Africa, apartheid, United Jewish Progressive Congregation of Johannesburg, South African vs. Canadian school systems and marking, Valleyview School, Entwistle School, Strathmore, merger of I.L. Peretz and Hebrew Schools, Marilyn Libin, importance of Jewish day school education, teacher evaluation, Israel, antisemitism.

Paperny, Myra	2018	Myra Paperny speaks of the immigration of her grandparents, Jewish life in Central Alberta where she lived until age 14 and where her father had a men's wear store. Always a Zionist, Myra went to Camp Hatikvah. She studied at UBC and then gained a Masters degree in journalism from Columbia University. Married Maurice Paperny, settled in Calgary, where she raised four children. Was a book reviewer for CBC, taught creative writing at Mount Royal and University of Calgary and is the author of four teen novels. Myra speaks about her connections to Israel and the importance of preserving Judaism.	Beth Israel Synagogue Vancouver, Beth Israel Synagogue Vancouver, Camp Hatikvah, Peretz School, Alberta Book and Novelty, Allied Arts Centre, CBC book reviews, Holocaust survivors, Shumiatcher family, Ponoka, Central Alberta, men's wear, Rabbi Kalman, Holocaust, Zionism, National Council of Jewish Women, CBC, Creative Writing, author of teen novels, Calgary Jewish Community Council, Calgary JCC
Prasow, David	2019	David Prasow was raised in the small, but then vibrant Jewish community of Medicine Hat. After graduating from the University of Calgary and then the University of Alberta in Edmonton, he made his home in Calgary and has enjoyed a successful career in law. An active community volunteer, David served as the President of Calgary Jewish Community Council (now Calgary Jewish Federation) and speaks about the accomplishments of his term in office. David and his wife Cynthia Maerov Prasow enjoy a close connection to their two daughters and four grandchildren.	Army service, Medicine Hat, Queen Street Grocery, BBYO, Young Judaea, Camp BB, Beth Tzedec, Calgary Jewish Community Council, Patterson Lands, Gulf War, Scud attacks, Myrna Linder, UJA, community relations, United Way, University of Calgary Senate, Jewish Film Festival, Harvey Cyngiser, Joe Spier, retirement
Price, Beth	2019	Beth Price (nee Rudolf) was born and raised in Edmonton and lived in Calgary since 1978. She had a very successful and innovative career as a Medical Social Worker and starting in high school, was always a very active and committed volunteer in the Jewish community. In her interview, Beth speaks about her happy childhood in Edmonton, her parents, her own children, her career, and her values and beliefs about the importance of Jewish life and of volunteering to make the world a better place.	Edmonton, Talmud Torah, Mundare, Alberta, Vegreville, JNF Canada, Talmud Torah, Scot Simpson Award, Medical Social Work, Play Therapy, Negev Dinner, Calgary Jewish Federation, Integrated Bursary Program (IBP), Beth Tzedec Woman of Valor, Menchlachkeit Laureate, Zionism, Israel, Holocaust, role of women, importance of giving back
Ryder, Carol	2019	Carol Ryder (nee Taylor) has had dynamic professional and volunteer careers, contributing to the fabric of the Jewish and general communities of Calgary. She has worked in the retail sector, shopping centre management, publishing and film making. Possibly the first Jewish board chair of a Calgary college, her vast volunteer involvement includes political engagement and board positions on the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, ACAD, Bow Valley College, and Contemporary Calgary.	SAIT, Eaton's, WhiteIron Films, Canada-Israel Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, ACAD, Bow Valley College, Contemporary Calgary, Jew by choice, Calgary 2000 Millennium Celebrations, Shaw Millennium Park, Premier's Leadership Award, Ralph Klein, Peter Lougheed, Alberta Centennial Medal, Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Medal, Bow Valley College Distinguished Citizen Award, Avrum and Hinda Belzberg, UJA, Calgary Jewish Community Council, JNF honouree, Israel

Sanders, Miriam	2019	Miriam Sanders was born in Calgary. Her father taught Hebrew before there was a day school. She traveled as a young woman, living in Winnipeg, Montreal and even Greenland for a time. Following her marriage, she lived in Drumheller, where her husband owned The White House Hotel. They moved to Calgary so that the three children could have a Jewish education. An ardent Zionist, Israel was important throughout her life. Her own love of history was transmitted to her son "Harry the historian."	Rabbi Freedman, Zionism, Israel, Drumheller, Rumsey, Shamrock Grocery store, antisemitism, Camp Atid, Calgary Stampede, Golda Meir, Holocaust, The People and Things (newspaper), White House Hotel, Greenland
Shapiro, Daniel	2019	Daniel Shapiro was born and raised in Lethbridge, and at the time of this interview is one of 12 Jewish people remaining from a community that once had 75 families. A lawyer by profession, Daniel is a very active volunteer in the Lethbridge community, Jewish and general. He speaks about his childhood in Lethbridge, his fathers' business practices, the reason he returned to Lethbridge after law school, his various volunteer engagements and the decline of a Jewish community.	Lethbridge, Smart Hat Shop, immigration, Smithbilt Hats, fashion, designing for rock bands, small town business practices, Hadassah, Victorian Order of Nurses, Jewish life in Lethbridge, BBYO, Rabbi Sussman, curling league, Hadassah Bazaar, B'nai B'rith Golden Plate Dinner, antisemitism, law school, Big Brothers, Lethbridge Tennis Club, Gastro Fiasco, Habitat for Humanity, growing up Jewish in a small town, Jewish holidays, Israel, volunteering, decline of a Jewish community.
Sheckter, Bev	2018	Bev Sheckter (nee Brodsky) is one of those rare Calgarians who was born here and whose mother was also born here. A social worker by profession, Bev worked in several jobs before being hired as Executive Director of Jewish Family Service Calgary, a position she held for 13 years. One of the extensive Switzer family, Bev speaks about her family's history in Calgary, social issues facing the Jewish and general communities, and the future of Jewish life.	Jewish Family Service Calgary, Switzer family, BBYO, Jewish Family Loan Association, antisemitism, Stampede parade, YWCA, Goodwill Industries, Catholic Board of Education, Committee on Homelessness, Switzer family
Shore, Cheryl	2019	Cheryl Shore (nee Rogers) was born in Regina but spent most of her childhood and adult life in Calgary. She speaks about her grandparents, particularly a grandmother who had a strong influence on her, and her parents, Edythe and Morry Rogers. She and her husband Morley worked together in the business they owned, the restaurant at the Calgary bus depot. In addition to working and raising three children, Cheryl was an active volunteer and served as President of Calgary Jewish Community Council. During her tenure three major events occurred: a letter-bomb was sent to the Calgary JCC, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated, and there was a financial crisis at the JCC.	Father's Military service in Kenora, Star Weekly, Liberty Magazine, Peretz School, Regina, Morry and Edythe Rogers, Beth Israel, BBYO, antisemitism, special needs children, Ida Switzer (Shulder), Dave Viner, Woodward's, Super S Drugs, Bus Depot Restaurant, Calgary Hebrew School (CJA), Calgary Jewish Community Council, Calgary Jewish Centre, Calgary Jewish Federation, Hadassah Bazaar, National Council of Jewish Women, letter bomb at Jewish Centre, Rabin assassination, Visagate, importance of community involvement.

Spier, Joe	2018	A native Calgarian, Joe Spier speaks extensively about his family's immigration to Canada from Europe and about growing up in East Calgary, where much of the Jewish community lived at the time. His father owned a store on 8 th Avenue, he went to law school in Edmonton and eventually established his own firm, Spier Harben, where he specialized for a while in the airplane industry. Joe assumed leadership positions in many Jewish organizations, and speaks about the importance of the State of Israel. Oral history includes the story of how he met his wife Sandra, and about the accomplishments of their children.	East Calgary, Eighth Avenue businesses, Holocaust, House of Jacob, Rabbi Barenholz, Jewish businesses, U.N. vote on Palestine, Camp BB, law, A.I. Shumiatcher, Bill Dickie, Percy Sandford, Machal, antisemitism, Airplane business, Twin Otter, Spier Harben, Calgary Jewish Community Council, Calgary Hebrew School, State of Israel Bonds, Partnership 2000
Steinberg, Rosslyn	2019	Rosslyn Steinberg (nee Slutker) was born in Edmonton, spent her early childhood in Wetaskiwin and then settled in Calgary. She trained as a dental hygienist when the profession was very new. After having her children, she became an active volunteer in many organizations including the Chevra Kadisha and Calgary Hebrew School. But her primary interest was Jewish Family Service Calgary, where she taught ESL classes, fostered children, provided respite for families in crisis, and served on the board.	Wetaskiwin, fur and hide business, Jewish Family Service Calgary, National Council of Jewish Women, BBG, Young Judaea, Martha Cohen, Ruth Carnat, Rabbi Postone, Rabbi Haft, Plaza Theatre, Israel, Italy, Chevra Kadisha.
Tauber, Amalia	2018	Amalia Tauber is a Romanian survivor of the Holocaust. She was raised in Chernovitz, now in the Ukraine, a very Jewish city. She was sent to forced labour camps during the Holocaust, but survived with her parents. After the war, she lived in Bucharest, where she worked as a Yiddish radio announcer and moved to Israel in 1980 to escape antisemitism. Her Yiddish broadcasting career continued in Israel. In 1986, she followed her daughter to Canada and once again re-built her life.	Chernovitz, Romania, antisemitism, Nazis, work camps, forced labour, Yiddish-language radio, Bucharest, Seniors' Choir, Transnistria, Chassidism, Bratslav Rebbe
Ullman, Phil	2019	Phil Ullman was born and raised in Calgary. His fascinating family history includes chapters in Belarus, Harbin, China, Turkey, the Montefiore colony, Calgary and Edmonton. An engineer by training, Phil worked for government and several engineering companies, specializing in air quality. He and his wife Ruth have three children and six grandchildren (at the time of the interview).	Bessarabia, wine making, Ataturk, Harbin, China, junk business, Clover Leaf Cheese, Lord's prayer, antisemitism, Western Canada High School, University of Alberta, Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity, sports, environmental legislation, Environmental Management Associates, Matrix.
Zivot, Rose	2018	Born and raised in Calgary, Rose Sheftel Zivot, P.P.C., S.F.C.A., P.S.A., A.S.A., is the daughter of Harry and Fanny (Faige) Sheftel, early immigrants to Calgary. A well-known artist, Rose is recognized for her pastel artwork, for which she has won several awards. She speaks about her childhood, her family, her art and the Jewish community of Calgary.	Sheftel, City Hall Market, Empress Stores, Highlander Hotel, Carriage House Inn, Blackfoot Inn, Riverside apartments, Hadassah Bazaar, Young Judaea, Israel, Zivot optometry.

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