**JHSSA DESCRIPTIVE LEVEL RECORD**

**TITLE:** Calgary BBYO fonds **No.:** BBY

**DATE RANGE:** [193-]-2000

**EXTENT:** 34cm of textual records. –7 objects

**ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:**

Calgary BBYO (originally called B'nai B'rith Youth Organization) began in 1926 with the establishment of an Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA) chapter called International #31. AZA, a social and community service group for Jewish teenage boys, had been founded in Nebraska in 1923, and was adopted by the men's fraternal organization B'nai Brith as its official youth program in 1925. Calgary International AZA #31 was the first chapter established outside the United States. BBYO was created in 1944 when B'nai Brith officially recognized B'nai Brith Girls (BBG), a social and community service group for Jewish teenage girls that had been in existence since 1927. The first Calgary BBG chapter, Daughters of the Star (D.O.T.S.) was established in 1947. At its peak, Calgary BBYO had 2 AZA chapters and 3 BBG chapters.

Calgary BBYO is part of Northwest Canada Region #87 (formerly District Six) of BBYO International. Following the model of its international body, Calgary BBYO was established as a pluralistic Jewish youth movement and has offered programming within distinct areas such as leadership training, social action and Jewish education. In addition to its local programs, Calgary BBYO has been an active participant in Regional activities, hosting and attending conferences and conventions throughout Alberta and Saskatchewan. Local members have also participated and served on the District level, and participated in International events. In 2002, BBYO became a legally separate entity from B'nai B'rith.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The fonds consists of minutes, newsletters, membership lists, reports and convention information regarding Calgary BBYO, as well as material produced by BBYO International.

The fonds has been arranged into the following series: Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA), B'nai B'rith Girls (BBG), Joint Programs, Conventions, Regional.

**NOTES:**

**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of fonds

**SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Calgary BBYO office, Harriett Barrett, Rena Cohen, Roseanne Kipnes Druker, Jeanette Manuseweiz Finkelstein, Allan Gurevitch, Roberta Kerr, Edythe Pearlman, Lou Pomerance, A & C Shapiro, Sheldon Smithens, Dave Spindel, D & P Veiner

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access

**ACCRUALS:** further accruals expected though not scheduled

**RELATED GROUPS OF RECORDS:** JHSSA photo collection; Lethbridge

**FINDING AIDS:** item lists available for some series

**GENERAL NOTE**: Some information for the Admin History is taken from sanfranciscobbg.weebly.com and bbyo.org, accessed October 2016.

Includes material from accessions 99-011, 2002-030, 2002-032, 2003-014, 2003-021, 2003-026, 2006-005, 2008-005, 2008-007, 2009-002, 2010-006, 2011-004

**Series Title:** Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA) **No.:** .01

**Date Range:** [193-]-1994, predominant 1964-1971

**Extent:** 7.5cm of textual records. -- 4 objects

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

There have been two AZA chapters in Calgary, International #31, established in 1926 and sometimes referred to in its early years as "Junior B'nai B'rith", and Stampede #1046, established in 1957.

The series consists of minutes, correspondence, newsletters, a membership ledger, event scripts and programs, blank stationery, a local history booklet, member pins and a trophy. The series has been arranged into the following sub-series: International #31, Stampede #1046.

**NOTES:**

**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of series

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access

**FINDING AIDS:** Item list available

**Series Title:** B'nai Brtih Girls (BBG) **No.:** .02

**Date Range:** 1962-1976

**Extent:** 1cm of textual records. –2 objects

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

There have been several BBG chapters in Calgary, including Daughters of the Star / D.O.T.S, established in 1947, Aviva, active through the 1960s-1970s, Bat Shemesh, active through the 1970s, and Zahav.

The series consists of chapter reports, a 1976 autograph book and key tag, and an event notice and program, as well as Regional BBG newsletters, a 1967 Northwest Canada BBG yearbook, an award presentation speech, a Member-In-Training (M.I.T.) welcome letter, and a script for the 1962 Installation luncheon.

**NOTES:**

**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of series

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access

**Series Title:** Joint Programs **No.:** .03

**Date Range:** 1964-1971, [199-]

**Extent:** 1cm of textual records. – 1 object

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The series consists of flyers, programs and invitations for joint activities of Calgary BBYO, including hockey games, remembrance programs, parent/teen programs and socials, including songbooks not produced for conventions. Also included is a BBYO armband, Calgary District Lists, and a 1964 BBYO phone book, listing Calgary BBYO members, advisors and alumnae.

**NOTES:**

**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of series

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access

**Series Title:** Conventions **No.:** .04

**Date Range:** 1937, 1950-1972, 1993, 2011

**Extent:** 12cm of textual records

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The series consists of programs, planning material, attendance lists, minutes, song contest lyrics, songbooks and chapter newsletters created for conventions and conferences planned and / or attended by Calgary BBYO.

The series has been arranged into the following sub-series: Conclaves (1950, 1952); Pine Lake Outing (1966, 1967); Winter/Mid-Winter Convention (1964, 1965, 1966, 1970, 1972); Regional Convention (1970); Spring Convention (1993); Leadership Training Institute/LTI (1965, 1966, 1967, 1993, 2011); District Six Convention (1937, 1966)

**NOTES:**
**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of series
**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access
**FINDING AIDS:** Item list available

**Series Title:** Regional **No.:** .05

**Date Range:** 1964-1993

**Extent:** 11.5cm of textual records

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The series consists of notices, minutes, by-laws, chapter reports, membership lists produced and / or collected at the Regional level that include Calgary BBYO, as well as organizational and planning material produced by District Six and by BBYO International. The series includes correspondence, name tags and planning calendars from Dave Spindel, who was the Calgary BBYO advisor in the1960s.

The series has been arranged into the following sub-series: Spindel, Regional, District, BBYO International.

**NOTES:**
**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of series
**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access
**FINDING AIDS:** Item list available