

JHSSA DESCRIPTIVE LEVEL RECORD

TITLE: Calgary Young Judaea fonds

No.: CYJ

DATE RANGE: 1930-1931, 1939, [194-]-[195-], 1961-1977

EXTENT: 12 cm of textual records.-- 3 objects

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:

The Calgary Louis Marshall Judaeen Club, also referred to as the Judaeen Club or Young Judaea (YJ), was founded in 1929 due to the initiative of A.I. Shumiatcher. The group was part of the Western Division (also called Western Region) of the Federation of Young Judaea of Canada (later Canadian Young Judaea), that had been founded in 1917 as part of the international Young Judaea movement.

Calgary Young Judaea became the youth arm of the Canadian Zionist Council. Early events and activities included a census of the Jewish community, the formation of debate and oratory teams, and the establishment of regular study groups. The group also participated in community commemoration and memorial events, and collected funds for JNF. The Fifth Annual Western Judaeen Convention was held in Calgary in 1931, marking the first time the group sponsored a money-raising event. Another Calgary section, Herzl Young Judaea, was established in 1939.

By 1942 the group was reported to be the second largest in Canada, with as many as 150 members in Junior, Intermediate and Senior sections. Programming categories included *Rikud* [dance], *Bama* [theatricals] *Mischakim* [games], *Bogrim* [Senior YJ], and *Kochot* [community]. Regional YJ summer camps [generally called Judaeen Camp but later sometimes Massada] began at this time, held at various lakes in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and included members from both provinces. Calgary YJ also participated in many national events and initiatives, including *Biluim* [leadership camps] which were held in Ontario beginning in 1951. In addition, several Calgary members attended various programs held in Israel.

By the 1980s, Calgary Young Judaea had more or less ceased operations.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The fonds consists of organizational and programming material from Calgary Young Judaea, including Alberta Young Judaea, Western Canadian Young Judaea and Canadian Young Judaea.

The fonds has been arranged into the following series: Calgary / Alberta; Western Canada Region; Canadian Young Judaea; Biluim; Objects.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of fonds

SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Tammy Barron, Dave Dworkin, Jack Edelson, Aron Eichler, Lily Joffe, Archie & Charna Shapiro, estate of Dave Spindel, Doran & Patty Veiner

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

ACCRUALS: no further accruals expected

RELATED GROUPS OF RECORDS: Lethbridge Jewish Community fonds; JHSSA Zionism collection; JHSSA Photo Collection; Calgary Jewish Federation (UJA, Events); Calgary JCC (Yom Hazikaron); Calgary Zionist Association (Agudas Zion); Calgary Zionist Council; Calgary Zionist Federation; Calgary Zionist Organization; Calgary Hadassah-WIZO; Histadrut; Jewish National Fund; Mizrahi Women; Na'amat; Sharon Zionist Club; State of Israel Bonds

GENERAL NOTE: Some information for the Admin History is taken from *A Joyful Harvest* cJHSSA2007; AZA Chinook 1942; www.youngjudaea.ca/ (accessed October 2018)

Includes material from the following accessions: 99-011, 99-018, 2002-010, 2002-030, 2004-001, 2005-013, 2007-002, 2008-007

Series Title: Calgary / Alberta

No.: .01

Date Range: 1930, 1939, 1947- [195-]

Extent: 1cm of textual records. -1 object

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of Certificates of Affiliation for the "Louis Marshall Club of Calgary" and the "Herzl Judaeans", a ribbon from a 1947 YJ rally, and an event flyer c1950. Both certificates had some damage at their vertical edges, which has been trimmed by the archives.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

Series Title: Western Canada Region

No.: .02

Date Range: 1931, 1964-1967

Extent: 1cm textual records

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of the "Official Report of Proceedings of the Fifth Annual Western Canadian Judaeon Convention" 1931, Constitution of Western Region 1964; Camp Massada newsletter 1965; Convention Dec 1966 Vancouver newsletter; *Kinus* (conference) March 1967 Saskatoon agenda & event poster

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

Series Title: Canadian Young Judaea

No.: .03

Date Range: 1961-1977

Extent: 6cm textual records

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of the following program material and manuals for use by Canadian Young Judaea groups: song book; *Dugma* [programming suggestions]; *Rikud* [dance] Manual; *Bogrim* Programming Manual; *Kochot* Program Manual; *Bama* [theatricals] Manual; Program Manual; *Mischakim* [games]; Independence Day sketch; essays "Distributed by / Canadian Young Judaea -- Hanoar Hatzioni / Program Department"; "Helm" story. Also included is an undated newsletter.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

Series Title: Biluim

No.: .04

Date Range: 1966-1967

Extent: 4cm textual records

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of schedules, program material, newsletters and a list of attendees from Young Judaea Biluim, and the contents of a duotang of notes kept by Judy Shapiro during Biluim 1966.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

Series Title: Objects

No.: .05

Date Range: 1934, [194-]

Extent: 2 objects

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of a "Delegate" badge from the 1934 National Convention, and a dark blue neckerchief (116cm x 58cm) with a white Canadian Young Judaea logo stamped at the point

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access