

JHSSA DESCRIPTIVE LEVEL RECORD

TITLE: Hillel Calgary fonds

No.: HIL

DATE RANGE: 1945, 1957-[200-]

EXTENT: 2cm of textual records. –2 objects

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:

Hillel Calgary (sometimes known as Calgary Hillel, Calgary Jewish Students Hillel,, Jewish Students Association/Hillel) was organized, unofficially, in 1965, with the help of Paul Waterman. In 1967 the group was granted official status and became part of Hillel Canada, a branch of an international organization known as Hillel International, with Dr. Stanley Blank serving as the University of Calgary's Hillel Advisor.

Like other Hillel groups, Hillel Calgary was initially sponsored by B'nai Brith, which had a "Hillel Foundation" that provided guidance and training to Hillel Directors; Calgary B'nai Brith member Les Diamond served as liaison officer ("Councillor") between the two organizations. The first student President, Ronald Harshman, resigned soon after Hillel Calgary's formation, and Andria Spindel took on that position. Other inaugural executive members included Morley Blumes (Treasurer), Beverley Brodsky (Secretary), and Lyle Thompson (Cultural Chairman).

From the outset, Hillel Calgary's goal has been to ensure a welcoming on-campus environment for all post-secondary Jewish students, regardless of the details of their background, through social and leadership activities. Since the 1990's, Hillel Calgary has been sponsored by the local Jewish community council.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The fonds consists of correspondence and notes regarding the organization of Hillel Calgary, a copy of the 1957 B'nai Brith Hillel Foundations Annual Conference of Hillel Directors, a 1983 letter from then-supervisor Brenda-Anne Marks, newsletters (*Kesher*, April 1988 Vol 1 No 2; *Babble-On*, 1999 issue 1; February 2000 issue 2), and publicity material from various Hillel Calgary events. Also included are two silver metal "dog tag" chains and a postcard, received by Hillel from the American Zionist Movement. Each dog tag is embossed with the names of 3 Israeli soldiers (Shalit, Goldwasser, Regev) who had been abducted by Hezbollah in 2006.

NOTES:

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of fonds

SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Hillel Calgary; Leslie Diamond

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