

## JHSSA DESCRIPTIVE LEVEL RECORD

**TITLE:** JHSSA Recreational Sports collection

**No.:** JHS-RSP

**DATE RANGE:** 195-, 196-, 1995

**EXTENT:** 2 documents.—4 objects

### **ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:**

Participation in recreational sports has long been part of the Jewish communities of southern Alberta. Both in Calgary and in small towns, Jewish individuals took part in curling, hockey and baseball within the larger community, both as players and as managers.

As the community in Calgary grew, sports activities were coordinated by organizations such as Bnai Brith and BBYO. In addition, several service organizations, for both men and women, had curling and /or bowling leagues. Interest in curling was strong enough that the community built its own facility under the name, Meadowlark Athletic Association.

Before there was construction on the north side of the House of Israel property on 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the unused land -- which sometimes served as a parking lot -- was flooded for ice skating. Formally and informally, the community centres -- first the House of Israel on 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and later the Calgary JCC on 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue -- have hosted a wide range of organized and pick-up activities. Some of these, like the Calgary Jewish Hockey League, have had an extended life, whereas others, like the various baseball leagues, have had several iterations.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The JHSSA Recreational Sports collection consists of four curling sweaters, and two newspaper ads for a Calgary Jewish Men's Baseball League.

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

**SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Hy Davids; Sheldon Smithens; estate of Leo Sheftel; some donors unknown

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access

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

**RELATED GROUPS OF RECORDS:** JHSSA Photo Collection; Meadowlark Athletic Association;  
Calgary Jewish Hockey League; Bnai Brith Calgary; Calgary BBYO; Calgary JCC