

## JHSSA DESCRIPTIVE LEVEL RECORD

**TITLE:** JHSSA Zionism collection

**No.:** JHS-ZIO

**DATE RANGE:** 193-[?], 194-[?], 1954, 196-[?], 1973, 1988

**EXTENT:** .5cm of textual records. – 20 objects

### **ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:**

The Calgary Jewish community has a long history of involvement in, and support for, Zionist causes. As far back as the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, rallies were held and monies raised for the establishment of a Jewish homeland. The city has been home to many Zionist organizations, some of which were active for many years while others existed only briefly. There is also evidence of organizations that may or may not have existed here at all except on paper, such as the Montreal-based Student Zionist Organization. In addition, there are many organizations that are mentioned in newspaper articles, like the *Keren Tarbut* (culture fund), but it is unknown whether or not the reference is to a local branch of the organization.

Local Zionist organizations have a complex history, with many amalgamations and splinterings. Several organizations began as adults' groups and subsequently developed youth arms, such as Habonim (formed in 1935 as the youth arm of the Histadrut). In other cases, the off-shoot organization developed a slightly different focus from the original group, like the "Senior Judaeans", who were formed through Young Judaea as the Junior Sharon Club. Under the leadership of Sid Caplan, this group's goals included the acquisition and use of Hebrew language skills, which led to the running of a Hebrew-speaking summer camp at Gull Lake, Alberta, in 1947.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The JHSSA Zionism collection consists of the following items: bust of Herzl; Declaration of Israeli Independence (framed); Declaration of Israeli Independence (booklet); commemorative Herzl album; commemorative Weizman album; Student Zionist Organization duotang; three Israel souvenir hats; brass pendant for Israel's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary; triangular neckerchief [light blue(116cm x 58cm) with white cloth border, Star of David applique]; 12 (historic) Israel foam core images; 1988 speech delivered by Aron & Ida Eichler. The commemorative albums were gifts to Charles Waterman on his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday (1954), and have hand-written Yiddish inscriptions.

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

**SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Aron Eichler, A Gurevitch, A & P Rubin, Keith Samuels, Ron Switzer, Helen Walker, estate of Charles Waterman; unknown donors

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access

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

**ASSOCIATED RECORDS:** Glenbow Museum & Archives

**RELATED GROUPS OF RECORDS:** 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; Calgary Young Judaea