

JHSSA DESCRIPTIVE LEVEL RECORD

TITLE: Calgary Jewish Family Loan Association fonds

No.: FLA

DATE RANGE: 1932-1940, 1966, 1975, 1996

EXTENT: .5 cm of textual records. -1 VHS tape

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:

The Calgary Jewish Family Loan Association (CJFLA) was incorporated as The Polish-Jewish Family Loan Association in January 1932.

Nate Horodezky and Berel Aizenman, along with many members of the extended Switzer, Belzberg and Fishman families, came together to form a mutual-aid society that would provide interest-free loans to members of the Calgary Polish Jewish community, who sometimes had trouble getting loans from other agencies. The founders each contributed a set sum, and further monies were raised at teas and dances, as well as through the sale of memberships. PJFL offered \$25 loans, later increased to \$50, to be repaid at \$2 per week. The name of the association was legally changed to The Calgary Jewish Family Loan Association in 1966, although it continued to be known and referred to as The Polish Jewish Family Loan Association.

The association was dormant for several years in the 1970s but was reactivated, by descendants of some of the Charter members, in 1983. At this time it became known as The Calgary Jewish Family Loan Association. By the mid-1990s, loan amounts had increased to a maximum of \$2000, with a two-year payback period.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The fonds consists of a 1937 Polish-Jewish Family Loan Association membership certificate made out to Peter Block, and a printed envelope from The Calgary Jewish Family Loan Association, as well as an invitation to the 65th Anniversary CJFLA brunch and a VHS tape of the event.

Also included are photocopies (date of copying unknown) of The Polish-Jewish Family Loan Association incorporation application, certificate, by-laws, and 1966 name change, as well as a 1940 clothing-drive flyer, and an Association history excerpted from a 1975 interview with Nate Horodezky.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of fonds

SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: CJFLA; Manny Cohen; Mim Diamond

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

ACCRUALS: further accruals expected though not scheduled

GENERAL NOTE: Includes accessions #99-009, 2003-009