

JHSSA DESCRIPTIVE LEVEL RECORD

TITLE: JHSSA Judaica collection

No.: JHS-JUD

DATE RANGE: 1905-2019

EXTENT: 3 cm of textual records. --38 objects

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The JHSSA Judaica collection consists of items associated with Jewish practice. Some of the items are associated with mandated ritual practices; other items have no religious dictate, but are primarily associated with the cultural expression of Judaism as practiced by individuals.

The collection has been arranged into the following series: Ritual, Cultural

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of collection

CONDITION: some material and objects are in fragile condition

SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: various donors, many unknown. See individual series

LANGUAGE: some material is in Yiddish or Hebrew.

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

FINDING AID: item lists available

ACCRUALS: further accruals expected though not scheduled

RELATED GROUPS OF RECORDS: JHSSA photo collection; Beth Israel Congregation; Beth Tzedec Congregation; Calgary Jewish Federation; Chevra Kadisha of Calgary, Congregation House of Jacob; Congregation House of Jacob-Mikveh Israel; Temple B'nai Tikvah

Series Title: Ritual

No.: .01

Date Range: 1905-2019

Extent: 2.5cm of textual records.--12 objects

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of documents and objects used in religious Jewish observance.

The series has been arranged into the following sub-series: Life Cycle Events; Holy Days and Festivals; Daily Practice.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gertie Belkin; Arlein Chetner; Martha Cohen; Lil Faider; Janna Gisnburg; Riki Heilik; Jay Joffe; Sandy Kalef; Izak Paul; Jack Pepper; Donna Riback; Al Rubin; Faye Schwartz; Agi Romer Segal; Minnie Segal; Goldie Steele; some donors unknown

LANGUAGE: some material is in Yiddish or Hebrew

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

Sub-Series Title: Life Cycle Events

No.:01-01

Date Range: 1905-193-, 194-, 1960-1964, 1999-2019

Extent: 2.5cm of textual records.--5 objects

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The sub-series consists of documents and objects used in the religious observance of various life cycle events

The sub-series has been arranged into the following sub-sub-series: Birth & Childhood; *Bnai Mitzvah*; Marriage; Death.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

Sub-sub-series Title: Birth and Childhood

No.:01-01-01

Date Range: [194-], 1960, 2001, 2009

Extent: 2 documents.--1 object

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The sub-sub-series consists of a circumcision kit used by Rabbi Simon Smolensky, as well as a copy of a girl's naming certificate, and invitations to an *upsherenish* [boy's first hair cut] and a girl's first Sabbath candle-lighting, both of which happen at the age of three. The circumcision kit includes a box of cotton gauze, scalpels and case, honing stone, shield, antiseptic ointment, tannic acid powder, and two adrenalin vials. These materials were originally received in a disintegrating leather medical bag, which was discarded by the archives.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

Sub-sub-series Title: Bnai Mitvah

No.: 01-01-02

Date Range: 1906, 1964, 1999-2019

Extent: 1cm of textual records.--2 objects

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The sub-sub-series consists of memorabilia and invitations from bar and bat mitzvah celebrations, including an engraved gold pocket watch. One of the invitations is in the form of a scroll, wrapped around a wooden core.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

Sub-sub-series Title: Marriage

No.: 01-01-03

Date Range: 1905-1929, 2007

Extent: 1cm of textual records.--1 object

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The sub-sub-series consists of *Ketubot* [marriage contracts] and a *tenaim* [betrothal agreement], as well as wedding invitations and commemorative items. The 1920 *ketuba* is a colour photocopy, date of copying unknown.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

Sub-sub-series Title: Death

No.: 01-01-04

Date Range: [196-]

Extent: 1 object

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The sub-sub-series consists of an electric *Yahzeit* candle, used to mark the anniversary of a loved one's death.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

Sub-Series Title: Holy Days and Festivals

No.:01-02

Date Range: [19--]

Extent: 4 objects

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The sub-series consists of items used in the celebration of Jewish Holy Days and festivals. It includes a parchment Scroll of Esther [40cm x 185cm], silver Passover seder plate, small mass-produced torah scroll, and a sukkah wall decoration.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

Sub-Series Title: Daily Practice

No.: 01-03

Date Range: 1909, [193-], [195-]

Extent: 3 objects

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The sub-series consists of items used during the daily practice of Judaism. It includes a *mizrach* [plaque or other hanging that indicates an east-facing wall], a Book of Psalms and a set of *shechita* (kosher slaughter) knives.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

Series Title: Cultural

No.: .02

Date Range: [1922], [195-]-[200-]

Extent: .5cm textual records. --9 objects

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of objects that have no religious dictate, but are associated primarily with the cultural practice of Judaism as expressed by individuals. These objects include a bagel platter, *hackmesser* (chopping knife), decorative plaque with psalm, electric menorah, brass "ten commandments" business card holder, "ten commandments" book ends, and a copy of "*Lieder des Ghetto*" by Morris Rosenfeld. Also included is a 1948 "Cook Book" published by the Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah, and a "cupping" set (7 glass 'cups', 6 matching, one presumed to be non-original; bottle with trace of antiseptic; brush; thermometer; needle (BD-25) stuck in a cork; 8x8x5cm wooden block holding a cotton ball on the end of a wire) used for therapeutic purposes.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Toby Friedman; Bertha Gold; Naomi Kerr; Ruth Levitt; Rabbi Abraham Postone; Leah Saltman; Harry Sanders; some donors unknown

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access