

JHSSA DESCRIPTIVE LEVEL RECORD

TITLE: JHSSA Oral History collection

No.: JHS-OHI

DATE RANGE: 1974-1977, 1989-2019

EXTENT: 120cm of textual records.—243 sound files

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The JHSSA Oral History collection consists of oral history interviews conducted with members of the Jewish communities of southern Alberta, in a variety of formats including audio and video cassettes, computer discs and mp3 files. Most of the interviews were conducted by Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta (JHSSA) (those conducted in 1989 were part of the Shorashim project of the Calgary Jewish community, which was later taken on by JHSSA), through the JHSSA oral history program and Voices of Experience project. Other interviewers include Glenbow Museum, Provincial Archives of Alberta Jewish Historical Society of BC, CBC, as well as other organizations and individual families.

The collection also includes interview outlines, summaries and transcripts, some of which are handwritten. It should be noted that many pre-2015 transcripts, while not (to the reader) obviously edited, may in fact be neither full nor exact.

The collection has been arranged into the following series: Transcripts; Recordings

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of collection

SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta; CBC; Glenbow Museum; House of Jacob-Mikveh Israel; Jewish Family Service Calgary; Jewish Historical Society of BC; Medicine Hat Museum; National Council of Jewish Women [Calgary]; Provincial Archives of Alberta; Marsha Carnat; Catherine Lisa Cohen; family of Dave Dworkin; family of Barney Gelfand

LANGUAGE: some recordings in Yiddish or Russian

AVAILABILITY OF OTHER FORMATS: some interviews may be available in more than one format

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

FINDING AID: item list available

ACCRUALS: further accruals expected though not scheduled

ASSOCIATED RECORDS: Calgary Jewish Federation; Jewish Family Service Calgary; USC Shoah Foundation

RELATED GROUPS OF RECORDS: JHSSA Photo collection

GENERAL NOTE: The collection represents a total of 256 interviews. 192 of the interview files include both a sound recording and some form of textual record; 48 consist of only a sound recording; 16 consist of only a transcript and/or outline and/or summary. See item list.

Series Title: Transcripts
Date Range: 1974-1977, 1989-2019
Extent: 120cm of textual records

No.: .01

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of outlines and summaries and transcripts relating to 208 of the interviews in the Jewish Historical Society Oral History Collection. Few of the interviews have more than one document.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

Series Title: Recordings
Date Range: 1974-1977, 1989-2019
Extent: 92 audio cassettes, 9 video cassettes, 64 CDs, 15 DVDs, 93 mp3 Files

No.: .02

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of recorded interviews from the Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta Oral History Collection. Most of the recordings are the original format, with the exception of some CDs that were transferred by the archives from Beta tapes in the early 2000s. It should be noted that some individual interview files include 2 or more audio cassette tapes or discs.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access