

JHSSA DESCRIPTIVE LEVEL RECORD

TITLE: Chabad-Lubavitch of Alberta fonds

No.: CLA

DATE RANGE: 1991-2022

EXTENT: 2.5cm of textual records. – 1 object

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:

Emissaries of the international Chabad-Lubavitch organization first came to Calgary in 1981 to organize a summer day camp. Chabad-Lubavitch of Alberta became a full-time presence in Calgary in 1988 with the arrival of Rabbi Menachem Matusof and his wife Rochel, and an Edmonton branch was opened in 1990. In keeping with the policies of the parent organization, Chabad-Lubavitch of Alberta maintains a completely open-door policy with no membership required, seeking to strengthen local Jewish identity and to increase awareness, knowledge and observance of Judaism. Local personnel's fluency in Russian allows outreach to Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union. In the fall of 2016 Chabad-Lubavitch of Alberta purchased a building and land in south-east Calgary, allowing them to move from the rented space in a suburban strip mall that had previously served as the Chabad Centre.

Chabad-Lubavitch of Alberta offers a wide range of religious, educational and recreational programs and events for children and adults, and annually co-ordinates the lighting of community Chanuka menorahs at Calgary City Hall and the Alberta Legislature in Edmonton.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The fonds consists of religious service schedules, newsletters, invitations to Life Cycle events, and publicity material and programs from Chabad-Lubavitch of Alberta, including the annual Community Menorah Lighting. Also included is a yarmulke from a 2007 wedding.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of fonds

SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Chabad-Lubavitch of Alberta, Lou Pomerance, Harry Sanders

LANGUAGE NOTE: some material in Russian

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

ACCRUALS: further accruals expected though not scheduled