

JHSSA DESCRIPTIVE LEVEL RECORD

TITLE: Beth Tzedec Congregation fonds

No.: BTC

DATE RANGE: 1969-2023

EXTENT: 14.5cm of textual records. –2 objects

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:

Beth Tzedec Congregation, sometimes referred to as Congregation Beth Tzedec, was created in 1986 and subsequently incorporated, taking on the assets and obligations of the Beth Israel and Shaarey Tzedec Congregations in what was commonly referred to as a merger or amalgamation. Such a merger had actually been discussed as early as 1958, when the Shaarey Tzedec Congregation was in its formative stages. The Beth Israel synagogue building underwent significant renovations and became the home of the new congregation. Beth Israel clergy, Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum and Cantor Morris Lang were the first spiritual leaders of Beth Tzedec congregation, whose first president was Lou Faber.

A member of The United Synagogue of America, Beth Tzedec Congregation supports many educational and religious programs for adults and children, and has an active Sisterhood that is associated with the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Congregation events have included the Robbie Burnstein fundraising dinner, and the annual Jewish Film Festival, inaugurated in 2001.

The Beth Tzedec building is used for many community-wide events, and includes a room dedicated to honouring the history of the Beth Israel and Shaarey Tzedec congregations. Beth Tzedec Memorial Park was purchased and developed by M. Ted Riback in 1969, and gifted to Beth Israel Congregation as "Beth Israel Memorial Park" in 1976. The name was changed after the creation of Beth Tzedec Congregation.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The fonds consists of correspondence, brochures, event programs and newsletters regarding the activities of Beth Tzedec Congregation.

The fonds has been arranged into the following series: Governance; Ritual; Memorial Park; Events; Film Festival; Newsletters.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of fonds

SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Harvey Cyngiser, Sheila Gurevitch, Jay Joffe, Jack Lister, Donna Riback, M. Ted Riback, Archie & Charna Shapiro

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

FINDING AIDS: Item lists available for some series

ASSOCIATED RECORDS: Beth Tzedec Heritage Collection

ACCRUALS: no further accruals expected

RELATED GROUPS OF RECORDS: Beth Israel Congregation fonds; Shaarey Tzedec Congregation fonds

GENERAL NOTE: The Memorial Park series includes documents from its creation, which predates the creation of Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Includes material from the following accessions: 99-011, 2001-018, 2002-025, 2003-002
2003-002, 2005-008, 2005-014, 2018-002

Series Title: Governance

No.: .01

Date Range: 1986-1993

Extent: 1cm of textual records

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of correspondence and by-laws regarding the establishment of Beth Tzedec Congregation, including documents regarding membership policy and gender. Also included are an unaudited balance sheet and projected income statements from 1987, and a procedures guide for the Heritage Collection.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

Series Title: Ritual

No.: .02

Date Range: 1993, 2010

Extent: .5cm of textual records

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of a 14-page *Service Outline Kol Nidrei – Yom Kippur 5754 (1993)*, and a program from the 2010 installation of Rabbi Shaul Osadchey and *Chazzan* (Cantor) David Edwards.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

Series Title: Memorial Park

No.: .03

Date Range: 1969-2003

Extent: 5cm of textual records

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of minutes, correspondence, land titles and planning information regarding the purchase and development of what was initially known as Beth Israel Memorial Park, as well as correspondence and notes regarding the status and renaming of the Park following the creation of the Beth Tzedec congregation. Also included is later correspondence regarding a land swap with a real estate developer.

The series has been maintained as received, in the following subseries: Preliminaries & Updates (including land swap); Governance; Landscaping, Sign, Opening & Renaming Events; Memorial Park Board Meetings; "Merger".

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: M. Ted Riback

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

Series Title: Events

No.: .04

Date Range: 1987-2020

Extent: 3cm of textual records. –2 objects

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of programs, posters, memorabilia and planning material from various Beth Tzedec Congregation events, including the building campaign and Gala Dedication Weekend, concerts, Gentlemen's Dinner, education programs and congregational anniversaries. Also included is a tartan kippah from the 2013 Robbie Bernstein Dinner.

The series has been arranged into the following sub-series: 1987- ; Gala Dedication; Concerts

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

FINDING AIDS: Item lists available

Series Title: Film Festival

No.: .05

Date Range: 2001-2023

Extent: 3cm of textual records

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of brochures from the Beth Tzedec Calgary Jewish Film Festival, originally called Beth Tzedec Congregation's Jewish Film Festival. Missing: 2005.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

Series Title: Newsletters

No.: .06

Date Range: 1986-1994

Extent: 2cm of textual records

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of newsletters, variously called *Calgary Beth Tzedec Congregation*, *Beth Tzedec Shofar*, and *Congregation Beth Tzedec Newsletter*, produced by Beth Tzedec Congregation. The series is presumed to be incomplete.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

FINDING AIDS: Item lists available