

**TITLE:** Jewish Family Service Calgary fonds

**No.:** JFS

**DATE RANGE:** 1956-1966, 1979-2020, 2018

**EXTENT:** 20cm of textual records

**ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:**

Jewish Family Service Calgary was established in 1960 as the Calgary Jewish Family Service Bureau (JFSB), through the combined efforts of The Canadian Jewish Federation of Welfare Funds, the Calgary Joint Jewish Administrative Office (JJAIO), Calgary B'nai Brith, National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), and the Jewish Relief Society, to provide counselling and financial assistance to Calgary's Jewish community. JFSB began operating out of the JJAIO in the House of Israel community building, with Martha Cohen as volunteer executive director / counsellor, and NCJW donated money to go toward the hiring of a part-time social worker. JFSB became one of the first member agencies of Calgary's United Jewish Appeal in 1963, and Sabine Joffe, who held a Master of Social Work degree, was hired in 1966 as full-time Executive Director.

The organization has been variously known as Jewish Family Service Bureau, Jewish Family Service (Calgary), and Jewish Family Service Calgary, providing counselling, employment and various family-life services, in many languages.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The fonds consists of correspondence, programs, reports (including Annual Reports) and newsletters from Jewish Family Service Calgary.

The fonds has been arranged into the following series: Minutes, Correspondence & Reports; Programs and Services; Annual Reports; Voices of Resilience; Events; Newsletters

**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of fonds

**SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Jewish Family Service Calgary; Ruth Carnat

**LANGUAGE:** One series contains material in Russian.

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access

**ASSOCIATED RECORDS:** Glenbow Museum

**ACCRUALS:** further accruals expected though not scheduled

**RELATED RECORDS:** JHSSA Community Events & Initiatives collection

**GENERAL NOTE:** Includes the following accessions: 2003.026, 2006-023, 2010-009, 2011-005

**Series Title:** Minutes, Correspondence & Reports  
**Date Range:** 1960-1966, 1979-1983, 1993, 2005-2006  
**Extent:** 1cm of textual records

**No.:** .01

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The series consists of minutes, correspondence and reports from Calgary Jewish Family Service Bureau / Jewish Family Service Calgary, including the results of a 1983 demographic survey. Also included is an agency history (written pre-1970).

**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of series

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access

**Series Title:** Annual Reports  
**Date Range:** 1998-2020  
**Extent:** 6.5cm of textual records

**No.:** .02

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The series consists of Annual Reports from Jewish Family Service Calgary.

**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of series

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access

**Series Title:** Programs & Services  
**Date Range:** 1979-2016  
**Extent:** 2cm of textual records

**No.:** .03

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The series consists of brochures, mailings and publicity material regarding programs and services offered by Jewish Family Service Calgary, such as Miriam's Well (kosher food box), senior's outreach and resettlement. Also included is a copy of "Welcome to Calgary / A Book for Newcomers", published by JFS in the mid-1990s.

**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of series

**SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Jewish Family Service Calgary; Anna Steinberg

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access

**Series Title:** Voices of Resilience

**No.:** .04

**Date Range:** 2010

**Extent:** 6cm of textual records

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The series consists of a copy of Voices of Resilience, a book project sponsored by Jewish Family Service Calgary to collect the stories of Holocaust survivors from the former Soviet Union. The participants' stories were recorded in Russian, and the publication includes both the original transcript and an English translation.

**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of series

**LANGUAGE:** Russian

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access

**Series Title:** Events

**No.:** .05

**Date Range:** 1982, 1995-2018

**Extent:** 2cm of textual records

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The series consists of programs and promotional material for Jewish Family Service Calgary events, as well as a self-published book of [unidentified] photos honouring Lil Faider.

**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of series

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access

**Series Title:** Newsletters

**No.:** .06

**Date Range:** 1979-1984, 2001-2016

**Extent:** 2.5cm of textual records

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The series consists of newsletters published by Jewish Family Service Calgary, including *Newsletter*, and *L'Olam of JFSC*.

The series is presumed to be incomplete.

**SOURCE OF TITLE:** title from content of series

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:** no restrictions on access