

Canadian Jewish Heritage Network Welcomes First Non-Quebec Contributor

Montreal, January 09, 2013 – The genealogical research-related holdings of the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum are now available for browsing on the Canadian Jewish Heritage Network (http://www.cjhn.ca).

There are over 6600 records online from this new source, consisting of **Saint John, New Brunswick Jewish Residents, Businesses, Burials & Obituaries.** Compiled by the SJJHM museum staff and volunteers, and adapted for the web with help from CJCCCNA, this rich resource draws on over 180 years of listings, including burials information dating back to 1873, hundreds of full text obituaries, detailed photographs of tombstones, and business and residential directory details about all the known Jewish residents of this Eastern Canadian city from 1863-1999.

CJHN researchers can find the St. John listings though the <u>Genealogy/ Family History database</u>, or through the General Keyword Search bar located on every page of the site. In the <u>Genealogy Search</u> interface one can search exclusively for materials from this region by checking the museum's name in the Repository check box section.

The Saint John Jewish Historical Museum is the only Jewish Museum in the Atlantic Provinces. It was created in 1986 to preserve the history of Saint John's diminishing Jewish community, where at one time there were as many as 300 families, although fewer than 35 families remain in the community today. The museum offers tours to the general public throughout the year and sponsors an education program for schools in the province of New Brunswick. There are five exhibit galleries, the Shaarei Zedek Synagogue, an archives, and library.

Additional details about the Museum's archival holdings will be posted online in the coming months. For more information about the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum Archives, contact Curator/Archivist: Katherine Biggs-Craft, Telephone (506) 633-1833, email sijhm@nbnet.nb.ca or visit their website at http://www3.nbnet.nb.ca/sijhm/

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