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The Ottawa
Jewish Archives

Ottawa, April 5th, 2016 — The Ottawa Jewish Archives is very pleased to announce it is the 7th heritage institution to join the Canadian Jewish Heritage Network (CJHN) – a web presence that links and provides access to the collections and resources of major organizations involved in Canadian Jewish archival preservation. This partnership will facilitate online access to the holdings of the Ottawa Jewish Archives for the very first time in the Archive's 47 year history.

Partnership with CJHN was a natural choice for the Ottawa Jewish Archives as the collections showcased on CJHN are inter-related on many levels. Together they constitute an unparalleled resource for the study of Canadian Jewish social, cultural, civic and community history and in a coordinated manner this partnership furthers the goals of both institutions to increase access to collections in order to open previously under-utilized avenues for knowledge and research.

“This is a major achievement for the Archives. Through modernization of access to our collections and advancement of our digital agenda, we can make the remote accessible and the hard to see visible. This project enables the Archives to more effectively meet user expectations, encourage discovery of our collections, and better deliver archives services.”

– Saara Mortensen, Archivist, Ottawa Jewish Archives.

“This addition brings the archival holdings of a third Canadian province into the network; the Ottawa Jewish Archives being the first archive from Ontario to add information about its collections to our shared database.”

– Janice Rosen, Archives Director, Alex Dworkin Canadian Jewish Archives.

Established in 1969, the Ottawa Jewish Archives strives to maintain the collective memory of the Jewish Community of Ottawa by acquiring, preserving, and making accessible holdings which document the history, growth, and development of the Jewish community within Ottawa and the National Capital Region.

With an archival collection that tells the story of community life in Ottawa from the 1890's to the current day, the Archives contains a wide range of records relating to individuals and families, community organizations and events, congregations, and businesses. Descriptions of these collections will now be available via www.CJHN.ca and the Ottawa Jewish Archive will continue to contribute new records from its collection in the upcoming months and years.

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