



Canadian Jewish Heritage Network



COHEN, Rabbi Zvi Hirsch.

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Collection: COHEN, Rabbi Zvi Hirsch.

Description Level: Fonds

Physical Description: 0.23 metres of textual records. - 1 sound element.

Scope and Content:

Register of marriages and births officiated by him 1899-1925 at Congregation Beth Israel of Montreal. Provincial marriage licences, official birth declarations and Hebrew marriage certificates. Biographical press clippings and articles on religion mostly in Yiddish. (Addition I) Approx 200 letters, 3 files of clippings by and about Rabbi Zvi Hirsch Cohen of Montreal, and his son-in-law Harry Fierst (USA). 164 letters by Hirsch to family members in Yiddish and Hebrew (1904-1947). 25 other letters to Fierst. Report and sermon. (Addition II) Letters to P. Fierst, Hebrew letter 1929 from Israel describing the Arab Riots, letter 1927 about his son's Bar Mitzvah in Jerusalem, Jewish Welfare Board in New York, Rabbi Eisenstadt Correspondence from New York. (Addition III) 1 interview cassette of Herbert Fierst interviewing Phil Vineberg (relative) about recollections of Rabbi Zvi Hirsch Cohen.

Date: 1899-1980.

Fonds No.: P0040

History Biographical:

Rabbi Zvi Hirsch Cohen was born in 1862 in Lithuania and received his rabbinical ordination in Vilna and Volozhin. He was dean of the Canadian Rabbinate and president of the Montreal Council of Orthodox Rabbis; opened the first session of Canadian Jewish Congress with a prayer in 1919; founder of Jewish Community Council of Montreal (Va'ad Ha'ir) and Talmud Torah School; active in Mizrahi organization of Orthodox Zionists; served on executive of Federation of Jewish Philanthropies; author of many learned articles on religion. He died in 1950

Custodial History: The donor, Herbert Fierst, is the son of Harry Fierst, son-in-law of Zvi Hirsch, to whom most of the correspondence is addressed. Harry Fierst, a businessman, was involved in religious and Zionist Jewish causes. Herbert, a lawyer, helped displaced person (DPs) after WWII.

Notes:

Fragile materials.P97/11, P97/11add, P97/11add2.English, Yiddish and Hebrew.An interview tape about the family history was donated by Mr. Fierst in 1998.

Archival / Archival Descriptions

Genealogical:

Repository: Canadian Jewish Archives



WOLOFSKY, Harry (Zvi Hirsch).

<https://www.cjhn.ca/en/permalink/cjhn260>

Collection: WOLOFSKY, Harry (Zvi Hirsch).

Description Level: Fonds

Physical Description: 0.05 metres of textual records.

Scope and Content:

Biographical press clippings in Yiddish. Correspondence about trade with Poland and USSR. Letters in Hebrew from New York rabbis. Personal correspondence. Letter from Prime Minister R. B. Bennett on hate literature. Share certificate of Talmudic Literature Publishers Inc. "A Kehilah for Montreal" - Pamphlet in English and Yiddish proposing establishment of a Jewish Community Council.

Date: 1921-1949.

Fonds No.: P0155

History Biographical:

Harry Wolofsky was born in 1876. He was the founder, owner and publisher of Keneder Adler (The Canadian Jewish Eagle) Canada's major Yiddish newspaper. He exerted a great influence on Canadian Jewish community and world Yiddish press through the quality editors and contributors who wrote for the Adler and his Anglo-Jewish weekly The Canadian Jewish Chronicle. He died in 1949.

Notes:

Yiddish, English and Hebrew. See Keneder Adler box.

Archival / Archival Descriptions

Genealogical:

Repository: Canadian Jewish Archives