



# Canadian Jewish Heritage Network



## WEISS, David.

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Collection: WEISS, David.

Description Level: Fonds

Physical Description: Env. 4 metres of textual records.

### Scope and Content:

Biography and personal papers. Correspondence. Professional articles (social welfare manuscripts and typescripts, published materials with supporting material and documentation, Baron de Hirsch Institute, government, organizations, notes for lectures, TV scripts and related material). Educational activities (courses, lectures, announcements, notes, documentation, memos). Literary activities (manuscripts, drafts, notes, typescripts, clippings).

Date: 1929-1986.

Fonds No.: J0004

### History Biographical:

David Weiss was born in New York City (1914). He was educated at the College of the City of New York (B.S.S., 1937) and at Columbia University's New York School of Social Work (Dip. S.W., 1940). From 1947 to 1970, he served as Executive Director of the Baron de Hirsch Institute and Jewish Child Welfare Bureau, a multiple-service family and child welfare agency in Montreal. Between 1950 and 1968, he served as visiting lecturer at the McGill University School of Social Work. Between 1961 and 1970, he appeared regularly on television, as moderator of the public service program Forum on CFCF-TV (Montreal). From 1974 to 1967, he was a member of the Quebec government's first Superior Council of the Family, and from 1970 to 1975 was a Commissioner on the Quebec Social Aid and Allocations Appeal Board. Between 1970 and 1980 David Weiss served as coordinator of the Recreation Leadership Training Program at Dawson College (Montreal). He was also a guest lecturer at the Buffalo, Ottawa and Laval Schools of Social Work, at Sir George Williams University (now Concordia University, Montreal) and at the Saidye Bronfman Centre (Montreal). He acted as a consultant for a number of organizations and served as treasurer of the Canadian Centre P.E.N. International (1980-1982). He died in 1992. David Weiss's publications include the textbook Principles of Administration in Social Agencies (1956), Existential Human Relations (1975), and numerous articles and poems in professional and popular journals. Topics include leisure, human relations, and social work. A naturalized Canadian citizen, David Weiss was the recipient of the Queen's Coronation Medal (1953) and the Centennial Canada Medal (1967).

Custodial History: The collection is on permanent loan from the Jewish Public Library. It was transferred in spring of 2001.

### Notes:

The finding aid was produced by the JPL. The Biographical sketch in from the finding aid from the JPL.

Archival / Archival Descriptions

Genealogical:

Repository: Canadian Jewish Archives