



Canadian Jewish Heritage Network



WEISS, David.

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Collection: WEISS, David.

Description Level: Fonds

Physical Description: 1.6 metres of textual records. - 4 sound elements.

Scope and Content:

Published articles by donor on social services; course outline for Laval School of Social Services; Agency manual for Baron de Hirsch Institute and Jewish Child Welfare Bureau (1968) Addition 1985: Correspondence and reports pertaining to social work in New York and Montreal. Published articles on social work. Biographical press clippings. Addition 1987: Typescript of unpublished history of Baron de Hirsch Institute 1863-1962. Typescript Saidye Rosner Bronfman, O.B.E. - My Story (edited by Weiss based on interviews recorded by Lillian Reinblatt). 2 tapes of 1966 participation in radio program. Souvenir books from various organizations. Articles & publications by D. Weiss Addition 1992: 2 tapes W.Gittes by D.Weiss; transcript, published version of tapes; RP/article Oral history-taking Addition 2007: The donation consists mostly of typescripts and published articles by David Weiss. Most of the published articles appeared in the Suburban newspaper of Montreal for the column TOWARDS AN ACTIVE RETIREMENT. Includes a binder of stories in typescript, "The Parable of the Shadow and Other Stories" starting in 1952(-1957?)

Date: 1937-1980s.

Fonds No.: P0152

History Biographical:

Montreal social worker 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). 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.) He died in 1992.

Custodial History: The collection was donated by David Weiss on Sept. 25, 1984. He made additions to this collection on Aug. 15, 1985, March 18, 1987, and March 18, 1992. Nancy Weiss, his daughter-in-law, made an addition on April 23, 2007.

Notes:

P84/22, P85/21, P87/08, P92/05, and P07/14. Baron de Hirsch Institute agency manual. Adds to existing holdings donated directly by David Weiss on 4 occasions, as well as papers transferred by the JPL on permanent loan.

Archival / Archival Descriptions

Genealogical:

Repository: Canadian Jewish Archives