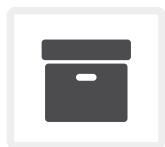




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Ben Karp fonds

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Collection: Ben Karp fonds

Description Level: Fonds

Material Format: multiple media

Physical Description: multiple media

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists Yiddish Bar Mitzvah speech delivered November 16, 1930; Benjamin Kapinsky's News Vendor's Licenses, (1934,1935); photocopy of newspaper clipping "Five Ottawa brothers are in armed services" July, 1942; Canada Club, Paris registration, 1945; Canadian Army (active) discharge certificates, 1946; two small membership pins; Agudath Israel Sisterhood Certificate and Kiwanianne tributes to Mrs. Ben Karp, 1964; memorial tributes, 1991-1992.

Date: 1930-1946, 1991-1992

Fonds No.: I0029

History Biographical:

Ben Karp (b. 1918 d. 1991) was one of nine sons of Dora and Max Kapinsky. All, except one brother Nap Kapinsky, shortened their surname to Karp. To help with the family finances after the death of his father, Ben sold news papers on the best location in Ottawa, Union Station and the Chateau Laurier. After graduation from the High School of Commerce where he met his future wife Etta Shulman, he worked briefly for the Government of Canada. He enlisted in the Canadian Army and was part of the infantry which liberated Holland. After a brief period of operating an IGA store, he entered the real estate business and formed his own company, Acadian Realty Co. Ltd. In 1990, Ben Karp received the Jewish Community Centre Volunteer of the Year Award for his outstanding achievement in volunteer involvement with the centre. He also was past president of Agudath Israel Congregation, a member of B'nai B'rith Ottawa Lodge since 1949 and a 36 year association with Rideau Kiwanis Club. He also served as president of the Ottawa Jewish Historical Society between 1986 and 1992.

Acquisition Source: Ben Karp, August 17, 1989. News Vendor Licenses donated by Mrs Ben Karp (Etta), September 23, 2002 and military material on October 3, 2002.

Notes:

1. One pin has the initials H.Y.M.A., the numbers 35 and belonged to Etta Karp's father, Harry Shulman. The other pin has the word JAFFA and the number 37. 2. All Kapinsky boys, except Nap, changed their name to Karp as a simplification. Nap maintained the family Kapinsky name as he was heavily involved in the Ottawa Jewish community. 3. Of the nine sons born to Dora and max, eight survived infancy.

Related Material: Related material in Biographical files, Ottawa Jewish Historical Society fonds, Agudath Israel Congregation fonds.

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Repository: Ottawa Jewish Archives