



Canadian Jewish Heritage Network



ASSOCIATION OF SURVIVORS OF NAZI OPPRESSION.

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Collection: ASSOCIATION OF SURVIVORS OF NAZI OPPRESSION.

Description Level: Fonds

Physical Description: 0.3 metres of textual records. - 8 artefacts.

Scope and Content:

The earliest of these records date back to the founding of this association. Only a quarter of the original donation was retained, due to the deteriorated condition of the records. Much of the discarded information pertained to membership dues and other financial documentation. The retained records consist of one box of documents which includes the constitution, some minutes, selected membership forms, clippings, posters, and publications (including information on USA Neo-Nazis). Also donated: 5 replicas of concentration camp uniform jackets and 3 concentration camp style hats, made circa 1961 for use in commemorative events.

Date: 1960s-2004.

Fonds No.: I0090

History Biographical:

The Association was founded circa 1960 in Montreal. It was an active organization typical of several founded by post-war Jewish immigrants in order to memorialize the losses sustained by Jews during the Holocaust. Their collection includes copies of striped prison uniform jackets which are still worn in demonstrations and are potential display items. The Association ceased operations in 2004. Some of its former members now operate through the Association of Romanian Survivors.

Custodial History: The collection was donated by Issie Weisfeld and Lou Zablow on April 25, 2005. The collection had been stored in the house of Mr. Zablow, the organization's President. At the time of donation the collection contained 4 large boxes (approximately 1.6m). With the help of Mr. Weisfeld the boxes were sorted and stringently weeded, as many records were moldy and had to be discarded. In some cases photocopies were made of historical documents which could not be kept in their damaged condition. Much of the discarded information pertained to membership dues and other financial documentation.

Notes:

P05/07. The commemorative uniforms were donated on condition that they be lent back to Issie Wiesfeld as needed for Yom Ha Shoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) and related events. This was done in May 2005, after which they were returned. One jacket and cap was removed from the collection on a permanent basis Aug. 2, 2005, so the present total is 4 uniform jackets and 2 caps.

Archival / Archival Descriptions

Genealogical:

Repository: Canadian Jewish Archives