



Canadian Jewish Heritage Network



FEUERWERKER, Rabbi David

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Collection: FEUERWERKER, Rabbi David

Description Level: Fonds

Material Format: textual record
graphic material

Physical Description: Env. 7 metres of textual records. - Env. 35 photographs.

Scope and Content:

The collection consists of the papers of Rabbi David Feuerwerker and his wife Antoinette Gluck Feuerwerker. The collection was received in two increments, the first consisting of 15 boxes before arrangement. Subjects of these documents include correspondence, University of Montreal issues, research notes and copies of from archives used in preparation of writings on the emancipation of the Jews of France, documents about the Rabbi's involvement in the Montreal Va'ad Ha'ir, family and immigration-related papers. A few photographs of the rabbi's funeral were among these papers. Two boxes pertain specifically to the activities of the Rabbi's wife Antoinette Gluck Feuerwerker. The second group of documents, received on June 11 and distributed into an additional 8 boxes, contains additional University of Montréal materials, and approximately 25 family photographs, among them Rabbi Feuerwerker as a child with his father and with his sisters, a wartime image from when he served as a French army chaplain (newsprint photo), pictures of Antoinette Feuerwerker with their daughters, and other pictures of the daughters (notably Natania, also pictured with her husband Gérard Étienne), as well as a folder box of biographical documents about Rabbi Feuerwerker compiled at the time of his death. After cataloguing, the collection was divided into the following series: A) University of Montreal documents, B) Writings, C) Rabbinic activities D) Personal documents, E) Research notes, F) Correspondance and materials on diverse subjects, and G) Antoinette Gluck Feuerwerker's papers.

Date: [1914-1991].

Fonds No.: P0251

History Biographical:

Born in Geneva in 1912 into a family of Hungarian Jewish origin, Rabbi Feuerwerker arrived in Montreal from France in the 1966 after a career in France which included serving as an army chaplain in the French army and participating in the Resistance during World War II, then serving as Chief Rabbi in Lyon, and later officiating in Neuilly-sur-Seine and Tournelles, near Paris, as well as teaching at the Sorbonne. In Montreal he was the first native Francophone rabbi associated with the Va'ad Ha'lr of Montreal, and founded the first French language Jewish Studies program in Canada, at the University of Montreal. He also conducted religious services out of his home. His most well-known published work was about the emancipation of the Jews of France. Rabbi Feuerwerker died in Montreal on June 20, 1980 and was buried in Jerusalem. His wife Antoinette (Gluck) Feuerwerker was born in 1912, in Antwerp (Borgherout), Belgium. Before WWII she was a jurist with a degree from the University of Strasbourg, After they married in 1939, she worked with Rabbi Feuerwerker in the Resistance in France in WWII, and was involved in his research and counseling activities after the war. In Montreal she taught at College Français. Modern Orthodox (Ashkenazi) in orientation like her husband, after Rabbi Feuerwerker's death she kept his home synagogue (shtible) operating from 1980 to 2000 and served as its spiritual counselor. She died in February 2003, three years after moving to Israel.

Custodial History: The collection was donated by Rabbi Feuerwerker's daughter, Natania Étienne-Feuerwerker (via Pierre Anctil)

Notes:

Alpha-numeric designations: P15/11, MC 36.

Archival / Archival Descriptions

Genealogical:

Repository: Canadian Jewish Archives



Rabbinic activities / Fonctions rabbiniques

<https://www.cjhn.ca/en/permalink/cjhn78522>

Collection: FEUERWERKER, Rabbi David

Description Level: Series

Material Format: textual record

Physical Description: 0.3 metres of textual records.

Scope and Content:

This series covers documents related to the Rabbi David Feuerwerker's rabbinical functions between 1957 and 1978. Highlights of this series are posters, correspondence, booklets, a blank Jewish marriage contract (ketuba), documents and papers related to his rabbinical work. Included are some product labels related to his kosher certification work for the Va'ad Ha'Ir of Montreal. Note: There are restrictions on part of this series, including birth and marriage notices or certificates, course grades for bar mitzvah classes, curriculum vitae, and death certificates. Cette série porte sur les documents reliés à son travail de rabbin durant la vie du Rabbin David Feuerwerker, entre 1957 et 1978. Elle consiste en particulier des affiches, correspondance, livrets, un certificat vierge de mariage juif (ketuba), et autres documents et journaux reliés à son travail de rabbin. Il y a des étiquettes de produits alimentaires reliés avec son travail en certification de kashruth pour le Va'ad Ha'Ir de Montréal. A noter qu'il y a une partie restreinte comprenant des notices de mariages, des attestations de naissance, des curriculums vitae, des bulletins de notes pour des classes de bar mitsva, et des attestations de décès.

Date: 1957-1978.

Fonds No.: P0251

Series No.: C

Archival / Archival Descriptions

Genealogical:

Repository: Canadian Jewish Archives



Personal life / Vie personnelle

<https://www.cjhn.ca/en/permalink/cjhn78523>

Collection: FEUERWERKER, Rabbi David

Description Level: Series

Material Format: textual record

Physical Description: 1 metres of textual records.

Scope and Content:

This series focuses on documents related to the personal life of Rabbi David Feuerwerker, between 1914 and 1988. It includes in particular correspondence, posters, photographs; including an album of family pictures, agenda books, newspapers, booklets, and a book of music. Cette série porte sur les documents reliés à la vie personnelle du Rabbin David Feuerwerker, entre 1914 et 1988. Elle témoigne en particulier des correspondances, des affiches, des photos, incluant un album d'images de sa famille, des agendas, des journaux, des livrets et un livre de musique.

Date: 1914-1988.

Fonds No.: P0251

Series No.: D

Archival / Archival Descriptions

Genealogical:

Repository: Canadian Jewish Archives



Research notes / Notes de recherche

<https://www.cjhn.ca/en/permalink/cjhn78524>

Collection: FEUERWERKER, Rabbi David

Description Level: Series

Material Format: textual record

Physical Description: 3 metres of textual records.

Scope and Content:

This series focuses on documents related to the research done by Rabbi David Feuerwerker between 1955 and 1980. It includes in particular notes, texts, newspaper articles, correspondence, and folders connected to his research. Cette série porte sur les documents reliés aux recherches effectuées par Rabbin David Feuerwerker, entre 1955 et 1980. Elle témoigne en particulier des notes, des textes, des articles de journaux, des correspondances, et un feuillet reliée à sa recherche.

Date: 1955-1980.

Fonds No.: P0251

Series No.: E

Archival / Archival Descriptions

Genealogical:

Repository: Canadian Jewish Archives