



# Canadian Jewish Heritage Network



## FEUERWERKER, Rabbi David

<https://www.cjhn.ca/en/permalink/cjhn78470>

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



## Université de Montréal

<https://www.cjhn.ca/en/permalink/cjhn78520>

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 University of Montreal during the lifetime of Rabbi David Feuerwerker, between 1965 and 1977. It reflects in particular his students' work, attendance lists, registration requests, syllabi, programs, work guidelines, administrative documents, course notes, correspondence, and topics related to courses. Cette série porte sur les documents reliés à l'Université de Montréal durant la vie du Rabbin David Feuerwerker, entre 1965 et 1977. Elle témoigne en particulier des travaux, des listes de présence, des demandes d'inscription, des syllabus, des programmes, des directives de travaux, des documents administratifs, des notes de cours, correspondance et des sujets liée à ses cours.

Date: [1965-1977].

Fonds No.: P0251

Series No.: A

Archival / Archival Descriptions

Genealogical:

Repository: Canadian Jewish Archives



## Writings / Écrits

<https://www.cjhn.ca/en/permalink/cjhn78521>

Collection: FEUERWERKER, Rabbi David

Description Level: Series

Material Format: textual record

Physical Description: 1.3 metres of textual records.

### Scope and Content:

This series focuses on documents related to the book "The emancipation of the Jews in France" written by Rabbi David Feuerwerker, between 1960 and 1987. It reflects in particular the writings, books, notes, correspondence linked to his book *L'émancipation des juifs en France*. There are also magazine and newspaper articles on various subjects, as well as posters for his book. Cette série porte sur les documents reliés au livre " *L'émancipation des juifs en France*" écrit par du Rabbin David Feuerwerker entre 1960 et 1987. Elle témoigne en particulier des écrits, des livres, des notes, de la correspondance liée à *L'émancipation des juifs en France*. Il y aussi des revues et journaux sur différents sujets, ainsi que des affiches sur son livre.

Date: 1960-1987.

Fonds No.: P0251

Series No.: B

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



## Correspondence and diverse materials / Correspondance et matériaux divers

<https://www.cjhn.ca/en/permalink/cjhn78525>

Collection: FEUERWERKER, Rabbi David

Description Level: Series

Material Format: textual record

Physical Description: 0.3 metres of textual records.

### Scope and Content:

This series consists of diverse correspondence dating between 1960 and 1991. Some of the letters relate to research questions. There are greeting cards for Jewish holidays, notably New Year's cards, and also condolence letters and tributes after the death of Rabbi Feuerwerker. There is one object; a small trophy in the shape of a buffalo, given by a Jewish scout group. There are also some negative microfilm reels of documents from French archives. Cette série porte sur la correspondance entre 1960 et 1991, reliée à divers sujets. Quelques lettres traitent des questions de recherche. Il y a aussi des cartes de vœux pour les fêtes juives, et des condoléances et louanges lors du mort du Rabbin Feuerwerker. Il y a un objet - un trophée en forme de bison donné par un troupe de scouts juifs. Il ya aussi quelques bobines négatifs de microfilm provenant des archives en France.

Date: 1960-1991.

Fonds No.: P0251

Series No.: F

Archival / Archival Descriptions

Genealogical:

Repository: Canadian Jewish Archives



## Antoinette Gluck Feuerwerker

<https://www.cjhn.ca/en/permalink/cjhn78526>

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 Antoinette Gluck, between 1960 and 1991. It includes mostly correspondence and documents relating to her life and activities after the death of her husband Rabbi David Feuerwerker. Cette série porte sur les documents reliés à les activités d'Antoinette Gluck Feuerwerker, entre 1960 et 1991. Elle témoigne en particulier des correspondances, feuillet reliée a la vie après David Feuerwerker.

Date: 1960-1991.

Fonds No.: P0251

Series No.: G

Archival / Archival Descriptions

Genealogical:

Repository: Canadian Jewish Archives