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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