



Canadian Jewish Heritage Network



Jewish Labour Committee Fonds

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Collection: Jewish Labour Committee Fonds

Description Level: Fonds

Material Format: textual record

Physical Description: 0.9 m of textual records

Scope and Content:

This fond consists mainly of working documents such as correspondence and financial papers, predominantly from the late 1940s to the 1970s. The documents deal with the advocacy activities of the JLC such as bringing refugees over to Montreal and later raising money to aid Pakistani refugees. Highlights of the fonds include correspondence between David Lewis, then secretary of the CCF, his father Moishe Lewis, and Kalman Kaplansky, both labour leaders in Montreal's Workmen's Circle and JLC.

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History Biographical:

In 1934, leaders in the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, the Workmen's Circle, the Jewish Daily Forward Association, the Jewish Socialist Verband and others gathered in New York's lower east side to form the Jewish Labor Committee. The formation of the JLC was in response to the ever-growing threat of fascism in Europe. The group publicly campaigned to raise awareness of the plight of European Jewry, raised funds for partisan fighters, brought over thousands of political and cultural leaders — both Jews and non-Jews, and immediately after the war assisted in relief efforts and provided support in bringing over refugees. Jewish Labour Committees both in the United States and Canada extended their wartime work in the 1950s by campaigning against discrimination among workers as well as human rights activism on a global scale. In Montreal, the Jewish Labour Committee actively participated in pressuring the government to adopt human rights legislation at the provincial level. In 1947, the Canadian government selected two members of the JLC, Bernard Shane and Maurice Silcoff, to travel to Europe to select skilled immigrants as refugees. Both men were temporarily named colonels of the Canadian army so that they could travel more easily across war ravaged Europe. The task of bringing over skilled garment workers to Canada was no mean feat but the efforts had far reaching implications since workers were then able to bring over family members. The Jewish Labor Committee of Canada Bulletin for 1975, on reporting the death of Bernard Shane, placed the number of families brought to Canada through the work of the JLC at over 2,000.

Language: English

Yiddish

French

Access Restriction: Some material restricted due to privacy.

Related Material: Workmen's Circle Fonds

CCF Fonds (Small Collections)

Lea Roback Fonds

Accession No.: 00-078

Subjects: Labour
Labour and labouring classes
Labour leaders
Labour movement
Displaced persons
Refugee camps.
Tailors
Jewish Labour Committee (Montreal, Quebec)

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Genealogical: Archival Descriptions

Repository: Jewish Public Library Archives



Bill 22

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File No.: 00002

Storage Location: 7-3C
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Language: English

Subjects: Jewish Labour Committee (Montreal, Quebec)
Labour
Labour and labouring classes
Labour leaders
Labour movement
Human rights

Archival /
Genealogical: Archival Descriptions

Repository: Jewish Public Library Archives



Bill 50, response and briefs

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Collection: Jewish Labour Committee Fonds

Description Level: File

Material Format: textual record

Physical Description: 1 file of textual records

Fonds No.: 1023

File No.: 00003

Storage Location: 7-3C
Ctn. 001

Language: English

Notes:

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Subjects: Jewish Labour Committee (Montreal, Quebec)

Labour

Labour and labouring classes

Labour leaders

Labour movement

Human rights

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Genealogical:

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JLC Bulletins

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Material Format: textual record
Physical Description: 1 file of textual records
Date: 1975
Fonds No.: 1023
File No.: 00004
Storage Location: 7-3C
Ctn. 001
Language: English
Subjects: Jewish Labour Committee (Montreal, Quebec)
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Labour movement
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Genealogical: Archival Descriptions
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Minutes, Canadian Labour Congress on Human Rights

<https://www.cjhn.ca/en/permalink/cjhn68997>

Collection: Jewish Labour Committee Fonds
Description Level: File
Material Format: textual record
Physical Description: 1 file of textual records
Fonds No.: 1023
File No.: 00005
Storage Location: 7-3C
Ctn. 001
Language: English
Subjects: Jewish Labour Committee (Montreal, Quebec)
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Labour movement
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Canadian Labour Congress on Human Rights
Archival /
Genealogical: Archival Descriptions
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Correspondence

<https://www.cjhn.ca/en/permalink/cjhn68998>

Collection: Jewish Labour Committee Fonds
Description Level: File
Material Format: textual record
Physical Description: 1 file of textual records
Fonds No.: 1023
File No.: 00006
Storage Location: 7-3C
Ctn. 001
Language: English
Access Restriction: Restricted. Contact the JPL Archives for more information.
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Genealogical: Archival Descriptions
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Correspondence

<https://www.cjhn.ca/en/permalink/cjhn68999>

Collection: Jewish Labour Committee Fonds
Description Level: File
Material Format: textual record
Physical Description: 1 file of textual records
Fonds No.: 1023
File No.: 00007
Storage Location: 7-3C
Ctn. 001
Language: English
Access Restriction: Restricted. Contact the JPL Archives for more information.
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Correspondence (Canadian Labour Congress)

<https://www.cjhn.ca/en/permalink/cjhn69000>

Collection: Jewish Labour Committee Fonds
Description Level: File
Material Format: textual record
Physical Description: 1 file of textual records
Date: 1975
Fonds No.: 1023
File No.: 00008
Storage Location: 7-3C
Ctn. 001
Language: English
Subjects: Jewish Labour Committee (Montreal, Quebec)
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Finance, Joint Advisory Labour Committee

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Collection: Jewish Labour Committee Fonds
Description Level: File
Material Format: textual record
Physical Description: 1 file of textual records
Date: 1972
Fonds No.: 1023
File No.: 00009
Storage Location: 7-3C
Ctn.001
Language: English
Subjects: Jewish Labour Committee (Montreal, Quebec)
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Financial papers and vouchers

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Date: 1975
Fonds No.: 1023
File No.: 00010
Storage Location: 7-3C
Ctn.001
Language: English
Subjects: Jewish Labour Committee (Montreal, Quebec)
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