

Businesses

Band's grocery store, 093K0:02:30
Chinese laundry
at Ulster & Major, 093K0:51:30
Chudleigh House
married at, 093K0:26:00
Club Rido
on College St., above a store, 093K0:24:00
Delivery
knife sharpener, 093K0:31:00
Dominion Life Insurance Co., 093K0:17:30
H. Williams & Co.
on Church St., 093K0:14:30
Kensington Market
live chicken taken to shochet to kill it, 093K0:52:30
plucked it themselves, 093K0:53:00
shopped daily, 093K0:52:30
shopped mostly at, 093K0:52:00
Koffler's
on Borden at College, 093K0:04:30
now Shoppers Drug Mart, 093K0:04:00
sold everything, 093K0:05:30
Rothbart's drugstore, 093K0:04:00
T. Eaton Co., 093K0:29:00
Waverly Hotel
on College, 093K0:06:30

Children & Youth

Dating
first date at 16 borrowed black dress from tenant,
093K0:21:30
first drink a gin gimlet, 093K0:22:00
"if you didn't get a husband at 19, you were lost,"
093K0:19:30
with older boy of about 20 or 21, 093K0:22:30
went to Hotel Embassy, 093K0:22:00
wore makeup, 093K0:22:30
Playing & games
with alleys, 093K0:55:00
double-dutch, skipping, 093K0:55:00
played house, 093K0:20:00
roller skates attached to shoes, 093K0:55:30
took piano lessons, 093K0:21:00
Triple M Club
had rings, paid dues, 093K0:39:00
Merry Modern Missies, 093K0:38:30
wore overalls, 093K0:39:30
Youth
girls went in groups to the show on Saturday,
093K0:20:00
teenagers experimented with cigarettes,
093K0:20:30

Education

Central Commerce
because "you have to know how to make a living,"
093K0:18:30
Harbord Collegiate
led to university, 093K0:18:30
Lord Lansdowne Public School
laneway from Major St. to Robert St, 093K0:02:30

Other

father sacrificed for children's education,
093K0:50:30
left school to support mother & brother, 093K0:23:30
University of Toronto
had quota for Jews accepted to Medicine,
093K0:35:00

Ethnicity & Culture

Jewish community
father was from Opatow, Poland, 093K0:27:30
immigration in 1942, 093K0:07:30
Ketubah, 093K0:27:00
only one Christian on Major St., 093K0:28:00
Passover, new clothes, 093K0:56:00
Passover, supported little Jewish grocery store,
093K0:52:00
shpatziring (strolling), 093K0:07:30
Spadina & Euclid, Markham, Palmerston,
093K0:06:30
Yom Kippur, sacrificed a live chicken, 093K0:53:30

Language

English; father spoke English, 093K0:29:00
Hebrew & Yiddish; Yiddish spoken at home,
093K0:28:30

Race relations & racism

Jews not accepted as interns at Toronto hospitals,
093K0:34:30
quota for Jews in Medicine (U of T), 093K0:35:00

Health Care

Kensington Eye Clinic, 093K0:01:30
Kensington nursing home, 093K0:01:30
St. John's Convalescent Home
across from 67 Major St., near College St.,
093K0:01:00
Anglican, 093K0:00:30
nuns gave kids cookies, 093K0:01:00
was a nunnery there, 093K0:00:30
TB clinic in London, 093K0:36:00

Historical Events

Depression, 093K0:15:00
helped in the house a lot, 093K0:22:00

World War II

conscription, 093K0:14:00
German submarines in St. Lawrence River,
093K0:13:00
Morse operators exempt from army, 093K0:13:30
in Ottawa, wireless operators listened to German
Morse code signals, 093K0:13:00
in Vancouver, wireless operators listened to
Japanese Morse code signals, 093K0:13:00

Houses of Worship

Apter shul, 093K0:27:00
father belonged to the Apter shul, 093K0:27:30
Synagogues
Henry Street shul, 093K0:27:00
a lot on Beverley St., 093K0:27:00

Housing & Home Life

Backyards

flowers, 093K0:44:00
grapevine, 093K0:44:00
grass, 093K0:44:00
instead of dirtying kitchen, 093K0:09:30
kids played in yard, 093K0:43:30
pear tree, 093K0:44:00
summer kitchen, 093K0:09:00

Boarders

three cousins, 093K0:08:00, 093K0:10:00
twin beds in one room, 093K0:10:30

Dining rooms

aunt's bedroom, 093K0:10:00

Families

father always had one shot of whiskey before dinner,
093K0:49:30
father died at 98, 093K0:48:30
mother sewed their dresses, 093K0:56:30

Food

father made vishnick (brandy) with his grapes,
093K0:44:00
father made wine in a barrel, 093K0:44:30
mother canned pineapple and pears, 093K0:45:00

Heating

coal, changed to oil, 093K0:40:00

Kitchens

icebox, fridges were not self-defrosting, 093K0:40:30
icebox, had a fridge in 1945, 093K0:40:30
icebox changed to fridge, 093K0:40:00

Living conditions

boarded with a shoemaker & his wife, 093K0:12:30
had a piano at home, 093K0:21:00
had a washing machine, 093K0:45:00

Marriage & divorce

married at 19 while still in school, 093K0:23:00

Other

washed white painted chairs every Thursday,
093K0:45:00

Laneways

Conditions

muddy, 093K0:03:30, 093K0:42:30

Travel

walked to school through, 093K0:03:00

Names

Ballard, Harry, 093K0:37:30
Feldman, Louie, 093K0:10:00
Feldman, Max, 093K0:10:00
Greenberg
coalman in winter, 093K0:33:00
iceman in summer, 093K0:32:30
Hill, Wilmot, 093K0:25:00
tried to teach riding a bicycle, 093K0:42:30
Karasik, Herb, 093K0:00:00
played stickball in laneway, 093K0:43:00
Karasik, Maury, 093K0:19:00
became gemologist after war, 093K0:14:30
left school to support mother & brother, 093K0:23:30
Morse operator during war, 093K0:12:30

stationed in North Battleford, Alberta, after war,
093K0:15:30

went to Central Tech, 093K0:23:00
worked until he died, 093K0:15:00

Karasik, Tillie, 093K0:00:00

boarded with a shoemaker & his wife, 093K0:12:30
lived at 67 Major St, 1923 to 1942 & 1945 to 1952,
093K0:00:00

married at 19 while still in school, 093K0:23:00
moved with husband to Ottawa on wedding night,
093K0:12:00

travelled during war, 093K0:12:00

two other wireless operators boarded in same
Ottawa house, 093K0:12:30

Keshina, Shirley, 093K0:33:30

Koffler, Murray, 093K0:04:30

Mendelssohn, Nettie, 093K0:39:30

Rabbi Zimmerman

lived on Major St., 093K0:27:00

Siegel, Harry

killed in war; had a car; wealthy family, 093K0:42:00

Wise, Angelo

helped bring family members to Canada,
093K0:58:00

immigration man, 093K0:57:00

Wolfish, Shirley

father was a junkman, kept horse in backyard,
093K0:34:00

lived on Major St. near Bloor, 093K0:34:00

Neighbourhood & Community

Safety

yes, safe, 093K0:51:30

Occupations & Finances

Armed Forces

younger brother was in Air Force, 093K0:51:00

Coal men

Greenberg, 093K0:32:30

Cottage industry

insurance man worked from home, 093K0:41:30

Dentists, 093K0:18:00, 093K0:34:30, 093K0:51:00

younger brother became a dentist, 093K0:18:00

Doctors, 093K0:18:00, 093K0:34:30

older brother became a doctor, 093K0:18:00

older brother contracted TB while in internship,
093K0:36:00

Finances

buy on credit, a quarter a week every Sunday or
something, 093K0:30:30

worked on Spadina Ave. for \$8 a week, 093K0:19:00

Fishman, 093K0:31:30

Freelance

father freelanced as well, 093K0:37:30

Gemologist, 093K0:14:30

Ice delivery

Greenberg, 093K0:32:30

Junkman

father was a junkman, kept horse in backyard,
093K0:34:00

Knife sharpener, 093K0:31:00

Lawyers, 093K0:34:30

Milk delivery, 093K0:31:30
Morse operator, 093K0:12:30, 093K0:16:30
Other
 worked until he died, 093K0:15:00
Peddlers
 fishman used to yell, 093K0:31:00
 rugs, 093K0:30:30
 some rang a big noisy bell, 093K0:31:00
Pharmacists, 093K0:05:00
Post Office
 older brother worked for post office to support
 education, 093K0:35:00
Retirement
 father got a watch on retirement after 25 years,
 093K0:37:00
Tailor, 093K0:35:30, 093K0:36:30
 father was a tailor at T. Eaton Co., 093K0:35:30
 father worked for Maple Leaf Gardens, fixing ushers'
 uniforms, 093K0:37:00
 father worked for T. Eaton Co., 093K0:29:00
Women working
 mother was a housewife, 093K0:29:00
 mother worked very hard, cooked for family &
 boarders, 093K0:11:00

Streets & Intersections

Major St. 67
 1923 to 1942 & 1945 to 1952, 093K0:00:00
Palmerston Blvd.
 posh neighbourhood, 093K0:00:00
Spadina & Euclid, Markham, Palmerston
 Jewish community, 093K0:06:30

Transportation

Automobiles
 gravel roads, 093K0:45:30
 not many cars, 093K0:46:00
Horses
 milkman, 093K0:31:30
 rug peddlers, 093K0:30:30
Walking
 father walked to work, 093K0:48:30
 or took streetcar, 093K0:42:00