

Humourous stories about bringing a carp to pet show & tell day at school; Jewish immigrants driving their first car; doing Yiddish stand up comedy; delivery with horses

Businesses

Chalky's

"inferiority complex because my mother bought clothes in Kensington," 103K0:11:00

"my children...going to Chalky's to buy clothes," 103K0:11:30

Corner stores, 103K0:24:30

Daiter's Dairy

Mr. Daiter had a university degree...unheard of in those days...fascinating store etc., 103K0:10:00

Jewish stores

which were located in Kensington Market, 103K0:05:30

Kensington Market

Jewish immigrants moved to be in close proximity to market, 103K0:01:00

"take a blowtorch and burn all the pinfeathers off (chicken)" and the cheese store etc., 103K0:10:00

"wonderful...all Jewish...everybody knew everybody else," 103K0:05:30

Ontario Discount House

owned by Alf Kwinter's father, located at 378 Spadina Avenue, 103K0:02:30

Children & Youth

Playing & games

in laneways and streets, 103K0:22:00

Social

at age 16, got father's car "anybody who had a car was a big shot," 103K0:26:30

sports and games at Kiwanis K-Club "saved me" etc., 103K0:16:00

YMHA had dances and socials, 103K0:17:30

Working & jobs

"I was probably eleven or twelve...I loved working there" (father's business), 103K0:03:00

Education

Harbord Collegiate

"virtually all Jewish," 103K0:02:00

King Edward Public School

bringing a carp to school for pet show & tell day etc. etc., 103K0:06:30

teaching school song to present school principal, 103K0:09:00

Ethnicity & Culture

Jewish community

immigration and "greenies" purchasing first car, 103K0:12:30

immigration and reasons for coming to this area, 103K0:01:00

Language

Hebrew & Yiddish; "always spoke Yiddish to my parents...today I do Yiddish stand up comedy" etc., 103K0:21:00

Hebrew & Yiddish; meaning of the Yiddish word "schmatta," 103K0:01:30

Hebrew & Yiddish; meaning of the Yiddish word "shteeble," 103K0:15:00

Ukrainian community

neighbours, "friends with them, but their parents weren't enamoured with Jews," 103K0:20:30

Houses of Worship

Synagogues

Hebrew Men of England and others etc., 103K0:13:30

Housing & Home Life

Backyards

"small backyard...don't remember too much happening there," 103K0:22:30

Living conditions

families, uncle's family lived upstairs, we lived downstairs, 103K0:19:00

Porches & verandas

"looks exactly the way it did when I lived there...hot August nights...sat there," 103K0:23:00

Laneways

Children & youth

played baseball there, and played there with our bicycles, 103K0:22:00

Names

Kwinter, Alf

lived at 67 Ulster from the late 40s until 1963, 103K0:00:00

worked at father's business, Ontario Discount House, 103K0:03:00

Kwinter, Mr. (father of Alf Kwinter)

describes his father's job as a peddler, 103K0:04:00

owner of Ontario Discount House, 103K0:02:30

Rabbi Kelvin, 103K0:15:30

Neighbourhood & Community

Moving away

"couldn't get out fast enough" etc., 103K0:12:00

"idea was to move north as fast as you could," 103K0:10:30

Neighbours & neighbours' relations

chatting with neighbours from front porch, 103K0:23:00

woman who threw brooms at dogs and put horse poop on her lawn, 103K0:23:30

Safety

"basically considered a safe place...we hitchhiked everywhere," 103K0:25:30

Occupations & Finances

Finances

"didn't know it was a club (Kiwanis) for underprivileged children," 103K0:16:30

income, youth did many odd jobs "any way we could find to make money," 103K0:24:30

moving away, "couldn't get out fast enough...as soon as achieved any level of success" etc., 103K0:12:00

moving away, "you're still living on Ulster...that's too bad," 103K0:17:30

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Peddlers

"dad originally was a peddler...'you want to buy a
watch' ...fifteen watches on his sleeve,"
103K0:04:00

Textile industry

large percentage of Jews worked in textile jobs,
103K0:02:00

Streets & Intersections

Bathurst & Sheppard

"exciting to go there because everything was
new...whereas we lived in an old house,"
103K0:18:00

Spadina Ave., 378

location of Ontario Discount House, owned by Alf
Kwinter's father, 103K0:02:30

Ulster St., 67

where Alf Kwinter lived from the late 40s until 1963,
103K0:00:00

Transportation

Automobiles

at age 16, got father's car "anybody who had a car
was a big shot," 103K0:26:30
talks about Jewish immigrants buying first car and
streets driven...humourous story etc.,
103K0:12:30

Horses

neighbour came running out when delivery horses
came by to put horse poop on her lawn,
103K0:23:30

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"when the bus hit Lawrence you had to put in the
second fare," 103K0:27:00