

## Businesses

### Automobiles

garage at Robert and College, 116G0:38:30

Ban's grocery store/Band's, 116G0:25:30

Becker's delicatessen, 116G0:30:00

Bellevue Theatre, 116G0:28:00

### Butchers

Harbord and Robert; German, "definitely not kosher, so my family never went in there," 116G0:08:00

Chinese laundry, 116G0:38:00

Club Top Hat, 116G0:18:00

### Delis

on College, German delis, 116G0:30:30

on College, Jewish delis, 116G0:30:00

on Spadina, 116G0:30:30

### Drug stores & pharmacies

"one or two pharmacies on practically every street," 116G0:24:00

Feld's Pharmacy, 116G0:22:00

### Gambling den

back of the house; mistaken for a restaurant (1930s), 116G1:00:00

on College, near Garden Theatre, "full of pool sharks," 116G1:02:00

Garden Theatre, 116G0:27:30

Gerstein Barber, 116G0:27:00

Gerstein Hardware, 116G0:26:30

### Grocery stores

Bands, on Harbord and Robert, 116G0:25:30

Shilman's, on Harbord and Robert, 116G0:07:00

Sunday closures; "had to sneak in because the police would nail you for shopping on Sundays," 116G0:08:30

Harbord Bakery, 116G0:32:30

after World War II, 116G0:39:00

### Hardware stores

on Baldwin, curbside gas pump, 116G0:35:00

on Spadina, curbside gas pump, 116G0:35:00

### Home Laundry

"thriving laundry for all the years I was there" (1933–1950), 116G0:31:30

### Kensington Market

live chickens, 116G0:34:00

live chickens, fish, pickles, odds and ends, 116G0:42:00

### Koffler's Drug Store

now Shoppers Drug Mart, 116G0:24:30

Kushner's Fish store, 116G0:32:30

Kwinter's deli, 116G0:30:00

Madison restaurant, 116G0:29:30

Midtown, now Bloor Cinema, 116G0:28:30

Playhouse Theatre, 116G0:28:00

### Pool halls

on College, near Garden Theatre, "lot of gambling," "full of pool sharks," 116G1:02:00

Rothbart's pharmacy, 116G0:23:30

Shoichet, 116G0:33:30

slaughter house, 116G0:33:30

## Children & Youth

### Candy

"bought grab bags with licorice and stuff like that," 116G0:26:00

### Dating

clothes, boys and girls "dressed nicely," 116G0:20:00

dances, at Kiwanis Club in Casa Loma, 116G0:18:00

movies, downtown, 116G0:18:30

socialized in groups, 116G0:17:30, 116G0:19:30

### Playing & games

ice skating in local parks, 116G0:57:00

in street, hockey, 116G0:43:00

in street, playing ball, 116G0:43:30

in street, "very few people had cars," 116G0:43:30

### Working & jobs

delivering for a drug store, 116G0:23:00

### Youth

clothes, boys and girls "dressed nicely," 116G0:20:00

dances, at Kiwanis Club in Casa Loma, 116G0:18:00

Hebrew free school had dances and concerts, 116G0:15:00

"sit on the veranda with our buddies," 116G0:49:30

### Youth organizations

Sea Cadets, 116G0:40:30

## Education

Cadets, Sea Cadets, 116G0:41:00

### Central Tech

curriculum for auto mechanics specialization, 116G0:53:30

"Hitler's doing the right thing," anti-Semitic teacher, 1940, 41, 116G1:05:30

student in the 1940s, teacher in the 1960s, 116G0:52:30

Hebrew free school, 116G0:14:00

### University of Toronto

geography of campus in 1940s; campus

"ended at St. George," 116G0:58:30

student residences on Huron St.,

116G0:59:00

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## Ethnicity & Culture

### Class

working people, 116G0:21:00

### German community

neighbourhood, "scattered around our house on Robert St.," 116G0:12:30

### Jewish community

Bar Mitzvah, 116G0:12:00

kosher, kept a kosher home, 116G0:09:00

neighbourhood, "close to ninety percent would be Jewish," 116G0:12:30

shoichet, 116G0:33:30

### Yiddish

spoken in homes, 116G0:13:00

### Language

Hebrew & Yiddish; Albert Jackson spoke "a very passable Yiddish," 116G0:14:00

Hebrew & Yiddish; Yiddish spoken in homes, 116G0:13:00

### Race relations & racism

anti-Semitism; "Hitler will get you guys," 116G1:05:30

## Health Care

### Doctors

Goldin, Dr., family doctor, didn't live in neighbourhood, 116G0:21:30

Goldin, Dr., house calls and office, 116G0:58:00

house calls, 116G0:58:00

## Houses of Worship

### Beth Radom Synagogue

its forerunner was Radimer; at Bathurst and Sheppard today, 116G0:011:30

### Radimer Synagogue, 116G0:011:30

### Romanisha Shul

bar mitzvah, 116G0:012:00

### Synagogues

house on Beverley was Radimer Synagogue, 116G0:11:30

house on Brunswick that was a synagogue, 116G0:09:30

house on Major St. that was a synagogue, 116G0:09:30

house on Robert St. that was a synagogue, 116G0:10:00

Sephardic synagogue in otherwise Ashkenazi area, 116G0:011:00

## Housing & Home Life

### Backyards

small; two yards wide, 116G0:47:30

### Basements

coal delivered through window, 116G0:56:30

## Bedrooms

dining room used as bedroom, 116G0:03:00

uninsulated addition behind house used as children's bedroom, 116G0:03:30

## Dining room

parents' bedroom in dining room, 116G0:03:00

## Families

mother was a homemaker, 116G0:05:00

## Food

bought live chickens in Kensington Market, took them to Harbord for slaughter, 116G0:34:00

bought live fish, "off with the head," 116G0:33:30

buying chickens, fish and pickles in Kensington Market, 116G0:42:00

kosher, 116G0:09:00

## Heating

coal furnace; "octopus hoses"; "basement was black with coal dust," 116G0:56:00

radiator used in the winter, 116G0:04:00

## Language

Hebrew & Yiddish; Yiddish spoken in homes, 116G0:13:00

## Other

Work downstairs, live upstairs; Gerstein's barbershop, 116G0:27:00

## Porches & verandas

sit on veranda; cool place to sit; no air conditioning, 116G0:48:30

slept out on porch...no air conditioning, 116G0:48:30

socialize on veranda as a teenager, 116G0:49:30

veranda connected to roof and upstairs bedroom, 116G0:48:30

watch and heckle passersby, 116G0:49:30

wooden verandas, no ornamental iron, 116G0:49:00

## Renovations

brick addition to the back of the house, used as bedroom, 116G0:03:30

## Tenants

second family (of four) upstairs, 116G0:02:00

second floor rented to pay mortgage, 116G0:04:30

## Laneways

### Changes

few cars then, 116G0:39:30

unnamed laneways in those days (1930s and 1940s), 116G0:44:30

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<p>upgrading the garages in the laneways, 116G0:46:30</p> <p>Children &amp; youth playing ball, 116G0:44:00</p> <p>Conditions not paved; "dirt, and weeds, and in the springtime it was mud," 116G0:44:30 not plowed in the winter; "knee-deep in snow before December came," 116G0:55:00</p> <p>Garages automobiles stored in garages during winter, unplowed laneways, 116G0:54:30 changes over time; "ramshackle to recent-looking garages," 116G0:46:30 close to house; small backyard, 116G0:47:30 coal bin in garage, 116G0:56:00</p> <p>Kosower Lane woodworking business, cottage industry, 116G0:06:00</p> <p>Names Gerstein family hardware shop and barbershop, 116G0:27:00 Gladstone, Gerald artist and sculptor, 116G1:04:00 Glass, Saul address (160 Robert St.), age, dates (1933–1950), 116G0:00:00 Glickman, Seymour (Cy Mann) men's clothier, "not as big as Tom in Kensington," 116G1:04:30 Goldin, Dr. family doctor, didn't live in neighbourhood, 116G0:21:30 house calls and office, 116G0:58:00 Klein, Joe boxer, 116G0:16:00 Lutsky family woodworking business on Kosower Lane, 116G0:06:00 Mann, Cy (Seymour Glickman) men's clothier, "not as big as Tom in Kensington," 116G1:04:30 Markowitz, Cecile Saul Glass's first girlfriend, 116G0:19:00 McEnny, Mr. non-Jewish pharmacist, "about the only...one" in neighbourhood, 116G0:24:30</p>	<p>Neighbourhood &amp; Community Changes restaurants, from delis to Chinatown, 116G0:30:30 restaurants, from delis to Japanese restaurants, 116G0:31:00 Jewish Community Centre (JCC) YMHA, boxing rings, 116G0:14:30, 116G0:16:00 YMHA, gyms, 116G0:14:30 YMHA, swimming, 116G0:14:30 YMHA on Brunswick, 116G0:13:30 Moving into parents "wanted to have a house that they owned," 116G0:01:00 "relatives all within a few minutes' walk between Robert St. and Brunswick," 116G0:01:00 Neighbours &amp; neighbours' relations anti-Semitism; German neighbour would say "Hitler will get you guys," 116G1:06:00 Safety felt safe; occasional encounter with anti-Semitism, 116G1:05:30 felt safe; took it for granted, 116G0:50:00 police walked their beat and the streets, 116G0:50:00 Occupations &amp; Finances Artists artist and painter lived "next door to Lutsky's on Robert," 116G1:04:00 Cottage industry "woodworking business" in the back of the Lutsky house, 116G0:06:00 Garment industry Clothiers, 116G1:04:30 ladies' purses, 116G0:04:30 Grocers Harbord and Robert, 116G0:07:00 Sunday closures, 116G0:08:30 Income father made "twenty dollars a week, if that," in 1933, 116G0:02:00 Mechanics learned auto mechanics at Central Tech, 116G0:53:30 Police officers familiar faces; patrolled on foot; call boxes on lampposts, 116G0:51:00 Shoichet, 116G0:33:30 Teachers Central Tech, auto mechanics, 1962–1963, 116G0:52:00</p>
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#### Woodworkers

Lutsky "had a woodworking business" in the back of his house, 116G0:06:00

#### Real Estate

Buying, reasons for

Robert St., 160; rented until could buy; family nearby, 116G0:01:00

Prices

Robert St., 160, \$3,000 in 1933, 116G0:01:30

#### Streets & Intersections

Baldwin St., 116G0:01:00

Bathurst & Adelaide

purse factory, 116G0:05:00

Bathurst & Sheppard

Beth Radom Synagogue, 116G0:011:30

Beverley & Cecil

Radimer Synagogue, 116G0:011:30

Brunswick

house that was a synagogue, 116G0:09:30  
YMHA, 116G0:14:00

Brunswick & Harbord

Feld's Pharmacy, 116G0:22:00

Centre & Dundas

Romanisha Shul, 116G0:12:00

College & Spadina

gambling den, barely disguised as a restaurant (1930s), 116G1:00:00

College St.

delis, 116G0:30:00  
movie theatres, 116G0:27:30

Harbord & Robert

German butcher shop, not kosher, 116G0:08:00

grocery store in 30s and 40s, 116G0:07:00

Harbord & Willcocks

pharmacy, 116G0:24:00

Kosower Lane

woodworking business owned by Lutsky family, 116G0:06:00

Lakeshore Blvd. & Sunnyside

Sea Cadets, 116G0:41:00

Major St.

house that was a synagogue, 116G0:09:30

Robert St.

Jewish and German communities, 116G0:12:30

Sephardic synagogue in a private house, 116G0:010:00

Robert St., 160

paid \$3,000 for house in 1933, 116G0:01:30

Spadina Ave.

"delicatessens almost every third or fourth store" "before it became Chinatown," 116G0:30:30

St. Patrick St.

purse factory, north of Queen St., 116G0:05:00

#### Transportation

Automobiles

curbside gas pumps, 116G0:35:00  
driving in winter "was a nightmare," 116G0:52:00

"my father and maybe another handful of people on the whole street had a car," 116G0:43:30

seasonal use; parked in garage during winter, 116G0:55:30

Streetcars

"wherever we went, we would go by streetcar," 116G0:19:00

Subway

Scarborough didn't have a station in early 1960s, so drove to Central Tech, 116G0:52:00

Walking

police patrolled on foot, not in cruisers, 116G0:50:00