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Summary information

Repository:	Jewish Public Library Archives
Title:	Artefact Collection
Reference code:	1442
Date:	[191-? - 197-?] (creation)
Physical description:	Contains 37 objects.
Physical storage:	JPL – On display: Reference Room
Physical storage:	JPL-A Bays – Shelf: Artefact Storage
Language:	English
Language:	Hebrew
Language:	Yiddish
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Custodial history

Collection consists of artefactual objects, each donated by individual donors.

Scope and content

The Artefact Collection consists of a series of disparate objects donated to the Jewish Public Library Archives over a span of decades and by a number of different donors. The provenance of some of the objects is unconfirmed.

The Collection contains 8 Yiddish and Hebrew typewriters, a number of early-to-mid twentieth-century pieces of technology (including music players, projectors, perforators, and adding machines), and a number of menorahs, collection tins, and other miscellany.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the contents of the collection.

Location of originals

All objects are located in the Reference Room unless otherwise indicated.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Object (documentary form)
- Graphic material (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
1442-1	Item - Groyen & Richtman Weltblick Yiddish typewriter with wooden caseArtefact 001 <i>Scope and content:</i> The Weltblick Yiddish typewriter was made in the US by a German-American named Georg Canfield Blickensderfer in Stamford (Connecticut). It was distributed by Groyen & Richtman, and sold by a retailer in St. Petersburg, USSR (now Russia). The typewriter's serial number is 158422, pinning it as a No. 6 Aluminium & Featherweight model and product of 1912 according to: https://typewriterdatabase.com/blickensderfer.35.typewriter-serial-number-database	1912	1 typewriter
1442-2	Item - Jewish Community Council Kosher sign (permit 224) <i>Scope and content:</i> Kosher certification sign issued by the Jewish Community Council of Montreal Inc. Written on recto (English and Hebrew): "This establishment is under the supervision of the Rabbinical Council and the Jewish Community Council. The sign is the property of the Jewish Community Council of Montreal and may be used only with the permission of the owners and is returnable without opposition on demand. Imitations of this sign will be prosecuted."	1932	1 sign. Metal with plastic laminate. 32.5 x 43cm.
1442-3	Item - Mark Elliot Zimmerman Button Collection <i>Scope and content:</i> A collection of over 100 pin-back buttons relating to various political, cultural, social, and local campaigns and movements within Montreal.	[19-]	100+ pin-back buttons
1442-4	Item - Wollensak reel-to-reel magnetic tape recorder in caseArtefact 004 <i>Scope and content:</i> Item is a magnetic reel-to-reel Wollensak tape recorder produced in the United States by the 3M Company in the 1960s. Side reads "3M Company - Stereophonic."	[196-]	Item is one metal reel-to-reel tape recorder, roughly 32cm wide x 18cm deep x 27cm tall, in plastic pouch case that includes a pocket containing two empty plastic reels and an adapter.

1442-5	Item - Lightning Portable Adding MachineArtefact 005 [196-] <i>Scope and content:</i> Contains a Lightning Portable Adding Machine along with a stylus and instructions in English and Spanish. Package indicates that the machine was made in Los Angeles, California.	Item is one metal and brass Lightning Portable Adding Machine measuring roughly 36cm long x 10cm wide, in cardboard box along with small metal stylus and two pages of textual instructions.
1442-6	Item - Electric document perforator produced by American Perforator CompanyArtefact 006 [195-?] <i>Scope and content:</i> Item is an electric perforator from the 400 Series produced by American Perforator Company, and functioned to perforate large batches of documents. In the mid twentieth century, business cheque amounts were perforated so the amount could not be changed. Small drawer in bottom of machine includes confetti-like remnants of tiny perforations. Model is 400, serial number M1362. Sticker indicates that the perforator was produced by Cheque Writer & Signer Service Ltd. in Montreal.	Item is one electric perforator, measuring roughly 33cm long x 16cm wide x 24cm tall.
1442-7	Item - Metal stand (possibly calendar) with engraved initials "RB"Artefact 007 [192-?] <i>Scope and content:</i> Contains a metal stand, most likely a calendar due to moveable number slots. Stand is engraved with initials "RB," possibly Reuben Brainin.	Item is one brass stand (possibly calendar), 16cm long x 9cm wide x 6cm tall.
1442-8	Item - UHER 4400 Report Stereo reel-to-reel tape recorderArtefact 008 [196-] <i>Scope and content:</i> Item is a portable reel-to-reel Uher 4400 Report Stereo tape recorder produced in Germany in the 1960s and 1970s.	Item is one aluminum reel-to-reel tape recorder, roughly 27cm long x 21cm wide x 10cm tall.
1442-9	Item - Rogers Batteryless tombstone radio [192-?] <i>Note [Sources] :</i> https://www.hammondmuseumofradio.org/rogers.html <i>Scope and content:</i> Item is a wooden Rogers Batteryless radio, produced by Toronto radio pioneer Ted Rogers and using AC (alternating current). Radio has a stamp that reads "Sinclair Radio Ltd. 5159 Park Avenue, Montreal."	Item is one wood, metal, and cloth radio with plug, measuring roughly 37 cm wide x 20 cm deep x 37 cm tall.
1442-10	Item - Olympia Hebrew typewriterArtefact 010 [195-?] <i>Scope and content:</i>	Item is one plastic and metal typewriter, roughly 59 cm wide x 39 cm deep x 21cm tall.
1442-11	Item - Smith-Corona adding machineArtefact 011 [195-] <i>Scope and content:</i>	Item is one adding machine, 37cm long x 18cm wide x 23cm tall.

	Item is a Smith-Corona adding machine with receipt-like output and crank. Smith-Corona was a typewriter company established in the 1880s, and produced adding machines in addition to conventional typewriters. Item reads "Special" on the front.		
1442-12	Item - Facit Yiddish typewriterArtefact 012	[197-?]	Item is one metal typewriter, roughly 41cm wide x 43 cm deep x 21cm tall, with vinyl cloth covering.
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Contains a Facit Yiddish/Hebrew typewriter with a cloth covering.		
1442-14	Item - Bradford Solid State record player in wood caseArtefact 014	[196-?]	Item is one record player housed in a wood and purple felt-lined case, measuring roughly 46cm long x 31cm wide x 16cm tall.
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Item is a Model Z-70 Bradford Solid State record player in a matching wood case lined with purple felt. Case indicates that cycles is 60, amps is 0.350, and volts is 115.		
1442-15	Item - Corded iron for papersArtefact 015	[195-?]	Item is a metal, plastic, and fabric iron measuring roughly 20cm long x 10cm wide x 6cm tall.
1442-17	Item - Chas. Beseler Co. lantern slide projector in metal caseArtefact 017	[191-?]	Item is one projector measuring 40cm long x 13cm wide x 28cm tall, in metal case.
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Contains a Chas. Beseler Co. slide projector in a metal case. Label on side reads "Chas. Beseler Co. - New York - No. 1484." Charles Beseler was a German businessman who produced stereopticons and magic lanterns; the business moved to New Jersey after his 1909 death.		
1442-18	Item - Tribes of Israel menorah made by TamarArtefact 018	1967	Item is one menorah, 19cm long x 14cm tall.
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Item is "Tribes of Israel" menorah with inscription on back reading "Tamar - Made in Israel - Export Quality - 1967," featuring twelve tribes with their Hebrew inscriptions and corresponding symbols.		
1442-19	Item - Ornate copper menorahArtefact 019	[196-?]	Item is one copper menorah, roughly 25cm tall x 22cm wide.
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Item is an ornate gold-coloured copper menorah. Tag on bottom reads "Copper hand-crafted Jerusalem."		
1442-20	Item - Ornate candelabra (possibly menorah)Artefact 020	[194-?] [194-?]	Item is one metal candelabra measuring roughly 17cm long x 12cm wide x 23 cm tall.
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Item is an ornate metal candelabra depicting lion-esque figures and birds, possibly used as a menorah on account of its eight places for candles.		
1442-21	Item - Jewish Russian Community Centre of Montreal collection tinArtefact 021	[197-?]	Item is one collection tin measuring roughly 8cm in diameter and 11cm in height.
	<i>Scope and content:</i>		

	Item is a Jewish Russian Community Centre of Montreal collection tin with hole and slot on top for coins and bills. Sides of tin are decorated with the organization's location information, logo, and cartoon depictions of Russian immigrants, as well as various services offered by the organization in English.	
1442-22	Item - Russian Talmud Torah collection tinArtefact 022 [198-?]	Item is one collection tin measuring roughly 8cm in diameter and 11cm in height.
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Item is a Russian Talmud Torah (of the Jewish Russian Community Center) collection tin with hole and slot on top for coins and bills. Sides of tin are decorated with the organization's location information, a photograph of a boy in a kippah, as well as various services offered by the organization in English.	
1442-23	Item - Rabbi Shimon Bar Yohai collection tinArtefact 023 [200-?]	Item is one collection tin measuring roughly 8cm in diameter and 11cm in height.
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Item is a Rabbi Shimon Bar Yogai collection tin with hole and slot on top for coins and bills. Sides of tin are decorated with an image of a rabbi, an address for Cummings Square, and a message about the Sephardic community.	
1442-24	Item - Jewish National Fund collection tinArtefact 024 [199-?]	Item is one collection tin measuring roughly 8cm long, 3cm wide, and 11cm in height.
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Item is a Jewish National Fund collection tin with hole and slot on top for coins and bills. Sides of tin are decorated with a map of Israel, the Jewish National Fund logo, and scripture.	
1442-25	Item - Jewish Public Library collection tin [194-]	Item is one collection tin measuring roughly 8cm in diameter and 11cm in height.
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Item is a Jewish Public Library collection tin with hole and slot on top for coins and bills. Sides of tin read "Jewish Public Library" with slots for name, address, and location, and provide the address of one of the old Esplanade Avenue Jewish Public Library locations.	
1442-26	Item - Newton & Co. Magic Lantern ProjectorArtefact 027 [191-?]	Item is one wood, glass, and brass projector, 53cm long x 18.5cm wide x 25.5cm tall.
	<i>Note [Sources] :</i> https://collections.museumsvictoria.com.au/items/1259071 <i>Scope and content:</i> Contains a Newton & Co. Magic Lantern Projector for viewing "lantern slides," with electric illuminator. The side reads "Newton & Co - Opticians to the King - 8 Fleet Street London." Swinging door opens onto bulb. The company moved from Fleet Street in 1913; this model of magic lantern was produced between 1913 and 1920, indicating that this particular magic lantern was likely made in 1913.	
1442-27	Item - Set of glass slides for viewing in Newton & Co. Magic Lantern Projector 1948 - 1949	Includes 21 glass slides.
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Item is a set of 21 glass slides from the Montreal Neurological Institute with handwritten labels on each describing contents, including many images of maps, scenes from Kibbutz, Jerusalem, and Palestine.	
1442-27-27.1	Item - Glass slide featuring two women in kibbutz [1948-1949]	Item is one glass slide measuring 10cm x 8cm, featuring b&w image.

	<i>Note [General] :</i> Label adhered to slide reads "MTL. NEUROL. INST."	
1442-27-27.2	Item - Glass slide with label "Judaen Desert From Mr. Scopus (?)" [1948-1949]	Item is one glass slide measuring 10cm x 8cm, featuring b&w image. <i>Note [General] :</i> Label adhered to slide reads "MTL. NEUROL. INST. Judaen Desert From Mr. Scopus."
1442-27-27.3	Item - Glass slide featuring building with tower in Palestine [1948-1949]	Item is one glass slide measuring 10cm x 8cm, featuring b&w image. <i>Note [General] :</i> Label adhered to slide reads "MTL. NEUROL. INST."
1442-27-27.4	Item - Glass slide with label "Road to Jerusalem" [1948-1949]	Item is one glass slide measuring 10cm x 8cm, featuring b&w image. <i>Note [General] :</i> Label adhered to slide reads "MTL. NEUROL. INST."
1442-27-27.5	Item - Glass slide with label "2 Yemenite" [1948-1949]	Item is one glass slide measuring 10cm x 8cm, featuring b&w image. <i>Note [General] :</i> Label adhered to slide reads "MTL. NEUROL. INST."
1442-27-27.6	Item - Glass slide with label "Eretz Israel (?)" [1948-1949]	Item is one glass slide measuring 10cm x 8cm, featuring b&w image. <i>Note [General] :</i> Label adhered to slide reads "MTL. NEUROL. INST."
1442-27-27.7	Item - Glass slide with label "Judaen Desert" [1948-1949]	Item is one glass slide measuring 10cm x 8cm, featuring b&w image. <i>Note [General] :</i> Label adhered to slide reads "MTL. NEUROL. INST."
1442-27-27.8	Item - Glass slide featuring image of Palestine [1948-1949]	Item is one glass slide measuring 10cm x 8cm, featuring b&w image. <i>Note [General] :</i> Label adhered to slide reads "MTL. NEUROL. INST."
1442-28	Item - Lockable wooden "Suggestions" box Artefact 028 <i>Scope and content:</i> Contains a lidded wooden box with "Suggestions" written in English, Hebrew, and Yiddish on its side. A key allows the box to lock.	Item is one wooden box, 38cm long, 20cm wide, and 27cm tall.
1442-29	Item - Jewish Public Library stone-laying trowel dedicated to Samuel Bronfman Artefact 029	1952 Item is one wood and metal trowel measuring 25cm long

			x 6cm wide, nestled in satin, cardboard, and plastic case.
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Contains a trowel with the inscription (in English and Hebrew) "This trowel was used by Mr. Samuel Bronfman at the ceremony of the laying of the corner stone of the Jewish Public Library, October 19th, 1952."</p>		
1442-31	<p>Item - Facit Yiddish typewriter with A.B.C. Typewriter Co. covering</p> <p>Artefact 031</p>	[197-?]	<p>Item is one metal typewriter, roughly 35cm wide x 43 cm long x 21cm tall, with vinyl cloth covering.</p>
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Contains a Facit Yiddish/Hebrew typewriter with a cloth covering that reads "A.B.C. TYPEWRITER CO. - SALES - SERVICE - RENTALS - 1445 VAN HORNE AVE. MONTREAL."</p>		
1442-32	<p>Item - Rapid Electric "Elstapler" automatic stapler</p> <p>Artefact 003</p>	[196-?]	<p>Item is one electric stapler, roughly 27cm x 15cm.</p>
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Item is a Rapid Electric automatic stapler made in Sweden by Isaberg Rapid.</p>		
1442-33	<p>Item - YM-YWHA ski patches and HSC patch</p>	1942-1945	<p>Item is one box containing 3 patches roughly 5cm x 10cm.</p>
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Contains three patches: a YM-YWHA skil member 1942-1943 patch, a YM-YWHA skil club 1944-1945 patch, and an HSC sports patch.</p>		
1442-34	<p>Item - Lavy Becker brass life mask</p>		<p>Item is one brass life mask measuring 24cm in length and 11cm in width.</p>
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Contains brass life mask of Lavy Becker, a longtime member of the Jewish Public Library board of directors. The brass mask is linked to Becker's position as vice president of Rubenstein Bros. Company, a brass foundry founded in Montreal in 1864 (and until 1929 when it was sold to the Becker family, co-run by Louis Rubenstein). The mask was sand-casted during Becker's lifetime by the company and rested on a pedestal in his home.</p>		
1442-35	<p>Item - Alphascope Hebrew alphabet teaching aid</p>	[195-?]	<p>Item is a wood, plastic, and metal teaching aid, roughly 47cm tall x 20cm wide.</p>
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Contains a standing wooden teaching aid for Hebrew verbs, featuring three panels for a given verb's characters, a rotating disc in which vowel sounds can be explored, and a corresponding set of cards containing large printed Hebrew characters. The teaching aid previously belonging to Dov Sheinson, a teacher who likely worked at Jewish People's and Peretz Schools.</p>		
1442-36	<p>Item - Embroidered tefillin bag containing tefillin set</p>	[195-?]	<p>Item is one embroidered cloth tefillin bag, roughly 16cm x 16cm, containing a set of leather and plastic tefillin.</p>
1442-37	<p>Item - Rabbinical College of Canada collection tin</p>	[196-?]	<p>Item is one tin, roughly 8cm x 11cm, containing some coins.</p>
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p>		

	Contains one tin with coins inside. Outside of coin reads "Rabbinical College of Canada Tomche Tmimim Lubavitch - 6405 Westbury Ave. Montreal," along with other brief information.		
1442-38	Item - Private Death Registry of the Russian and Polish Holy Congregation of Montreal	1919-1950	Contains one bound volume of 965 pages.
	<i>Scope and content:</i> The item is entitled "Private Redzister af Toyte un Informayshen buch af di Russish Poylish Haderet Kodesh Shul af Montreal," or "Private Death Registry of the Russian and Polish Holy Congregation of Montreal." Its pages contain templates which were filled out with information pertaining to Russian and Polish Holy Congregation members' deaths from 1919 to 1950, inclusive. Only pages 857-964 are filled out.		
1442-39	Item - Remington Yiddish typewriterArtefact 001	[193-?]	Item is one metal typewriter, roughly 31cm x 36cm.
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Contains a Remington Yiddish typewriter with the phrase "Made at Ilion, New York, U.S.A." inscribed on its front.		
1442-40	Item - Cup dedicated to Max Seigler on behalf of the Hebrew Educational InstituteArtefact 025	1931	Item is one brass trophy measuring 44cm tall and roughly 19cm in diameter.
	<i>Note [Sources] :</i> http://memoire.mile-end.qc.ca/fr/hebrew-educational-institute-united-talmud-torahs/ <i>Scope and content:</i> Contains a brass trophy with inscription, "In appreciation of the faithful services and devotion in the erection of the Hebrew Educational Institute - The Building Fund Council presents this token of esteem to Ald. Max Seigler on the occasion of its dedication, Montreal, May 31st, 1931." Max Seigler was the municipal counsellor of Laurier.		
1442-41	Item - Typewriter formerly belonging to Léa RobackArtefact 002	[195-]	Item is one typewriter in blue leather bag, roughly 33cm long x 30cm wide x 8cm tall, with instruction manual.
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Contains a Royalite typewriter formerly belonging to Léa Roback, housed in its original handled blue leather bag. Typewriter is from Royal Typewriter Co. Ltd. in Montreal.		
1442-42	Item - Henry Troemner Philadelphia scale	[191-?]	Item is one metal, marble, glass, and wood scale, roughly 48cm long x 20cm wide x 18cm tall.
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Contains one scale made by Henry Troemner, a German-American entrepreneur who made scales for the United States Mint and was mostly active in the 1840s to 1870s. Both scale dishes read "Henry Troemner Philad'a - 14 M - 751." A glass window on the side shows arrows which shift with added weight.		
1442-43	Item - Hermes Baby portable typewriter in hard blue case	[1957]	Item is one plastic and metal typewriter, roughly 27 cm wide x 27 cm deep x 8 cm tall, with hard fitted shell lid.
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Contains a Hermes Baby Hebrew typewriter in hard blue case. Model was made by E. Paillard & Cie. SA.		

1442-44	<p>Item - Moatti Collection [ca. 1930-1950] 2 cuffs : mink fur with cotton lining, white</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i> JPL – On display: Reference Room</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i> Consists of two white cuffs of mink fur with cotton lining, belonging to Myriam Moatti.</p>
1442-45	<p>Item - Esther Megillah Scroll ca 1900 1 scroll case on stand : silver, ivory, paper ; 54.5 x 15 x 22 cm</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i> JPL – On display: Reference Room</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i> Item is one scroll case and stand made out of silver from the nineteenth Century Turkey or Germany. The case features a Rococo style floral ornamentation on a pointillism ground, with one carved ivory handle. The case was made to house a scroll depicting the story of Esther in classic Sephardic script, with an illustrated water colour border. The paper scroll megillah was a recent addition.</p>