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CHIEL, Arthur A. (1920-1983). Rabbi and Historian.

Originals, 1881-1974. 42.5 cm. Photocopies, 1891-1975. 5 cm. Finding Aid No. 344.

Arthur Chiel was born in Taylor, Pennsylvania on Dec. 16, 1920. He graduated from Yeshiva University in 1943 and received ordination at the Jewish Institute of Religion in 1946. In 1949, Rabbi Chiel moved to Winnipeg to become the director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of Manitoba. In 1951 he founded the Department of Judaic Studies at the university. In 1952 he became the first spiritual leader of the Rosh Pina Synagogue a Conservative Congregation which he had helped to found that year. Rabbi Chiel was the first historian of Manitoba Jewry. His books Jewish Experiences in Early Manitoba (1955) and a social history, The Jews in Manitoba (1961) are still the major source works for study of the Jewish community. For the latter work he received his D.H.L. from the Jewish Theological Seminary. In 1957 he left Winnipeg for the Genesis Hebrew Center, Tuckahoe, New York. In 1962 he became rabbi of Congregation B'nai Jacob, Woodbridge, Connecticut where he served until his death on August 26, 1983.

Presented in 1975 by Arthur A. Chiel, Woodbridge, Conn. and the photocopies were made from originals in the possession of Rabbi Arthur Chiel.

Finding Aid No. 344 is a file list.

Correspondence, 1953-1973. Originals, 2 cm (volume 1).

Letters relating to Rabbi Chiel's research on the history of Manitoba Jewry.

Research Material, 1881-1951. Originals, 4 cm. Transcripts and photostats, 1881-1892. 1.5 cm (volume 1).

A series of short family histories written by Jewish students at the University of Manitoba and material relating to Jewish settlement in Western Canada, including teaching aids and statistical reports.

Manuscript, n.d. Originals, 4 cm.

A history of the Winnipeg Jewish Community and a typescript copy of Jews in Manitoba, by Rabbi Chiel.

Printed Material, 1911-1974. Originals, 32.5 cm. Photocopies, 1950-1975. 3 cm (volumes 1-3).

Newspapers, Magazines and brochures relating to Jewish history including the Golden Jubilee edition of the "Israelite Press", 1911-1961 and three books; A History of Beth Jacob Congregation 1886-1969, Hamilton, Ont., Jewish Experiences in Manitoba (1955) and Rosh Pina Congregation, Winnipeg, a dedication book (1952).

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<b>A CORRESPONDENCE AND PERSONAL PAPERS</b>			
1	1	Biographical materials	n.d.
	2	General correspondence	1955-1973
	3	Correspondence re. history	1953-1955
	4	Speech to Winnipeg Historical Society, June	1970
<b>B MANUSCRIPTS</b>			
	5	<b>Jews in Manitoba</b> , Chapter 1 to 5	
	6	<b>Jews in Manitoba</b> , Chapter 6 to 8	
	7	<b>Jews in Manitoba</b> , Chapter 9 to end	
	8	<b>History of the Winnipeg Jewish Community</b>	
<b>C RESEARCH MATERIAL</b>			
	9	Miscellaneous transcripts	1881-1909
	10	Canadian Jewish Congress: transcript of minutes of first meeting (incomplete)	
	11	Jewish immigration: negative photostats of immigration records	1891-1892
	12	Family histories by students at University of Manitoba	1951
	13	<b>Winnipeg Jewish Welfare Fund</b> : papers by student	1950
	14	Jewish references in <b>Manitoba Free Press</b>	1872-1881
	15	School texts	1961

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1	16	<b>Canadian Jewish Population Studies, Toronto, Sudbury, Chatham</b>	1952-1954
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<b>D PRINTED MATERIAL</b>			
<b>1 Articles and Periodicals</b>			
	18	"Looking Back": news clippings compiled by A.A. Chiel	1972-1974
	19	<b>World Over:</b> periodical	1954, 1968
	20	<b>Jewish Spectator:</b> periodical	1955-1960
	21	Periodicals	1955-1969
	22	Periodicals and articles	1953-1964
	23	<b>In My Lifetime,</b> by Bella W. Rosenbaum: xerox copy	1967
	24	Articles: xerox copies	1950-1960
2	1	Articles: xerox copies	1961-1973
	2	Articles: xerox copies	1974-1975
<b>2 Magazines, Newspapers and Books</b>			
	3	Magazines	1961-1962
	4	<b>Canadian Jewish Review,</b> 16 September	1960
	5	Clippings	1954-1974
	6	Newspapers	1951-1957
	7	Newspapers	1959-1963
	8	Newspapers	1966-1974
	9	Pamphlets	1930-1971
	10	<b>Rosh Pina Congregation Dedication Book, 1892-1952</b>	

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		<p>Note: The Rosh Pina Synagogue was founded in 1892 as the center of the North Winnipeg Jewish community. It was destroyed by fire and the site left vacant. In 1942 the heirs of the traditions and assets of the old congregation combined forces with a group seeking to establish a new congregation. The result was the new Rosh Pina Synagogue which was dedicated in 1952 with Rabbi Chiel as the spiritual leader. The Rosh Pina agreement (1903) in the collection is a copy of a seat sale contract from the original synagogue.</p>	
	11	<b>A History of Beth Jacob Congregation, 1886-1969:</b> Hamilton, Ontario, May	1969
	12	<b>Jewish Experiences in Early Manitoba</b>	
3	1	<b>Israelite Press</b> , "Golden Jubilee Edition, 1911-1961", 23 June	1961
	2	<b>The Jewish Post</b> , 26 September 1957, 1 October 1959	1957, 1959
	3	Rosh Pina agreement (see note above)	1903