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## INTRODUCTION

Bernard M. Bloomfield, born in Montreal in 1904, received his B. Com. from McGill University in 1927. He is president of Canadian Manufacturers Sales Company, Israel Continental Oil Co. Ltd., which drilled for oil in Israel from 1954 to 1967 and New Continental Oil Co. of Canada. He is Honorary Consul General, Republic of Korea since 1969.

Mr. Bloomfield has had an active communal career and has served on the boards of numerous Jewish organizations and institutions including National President, Canadian Histadrut Campaign 1958, Jewish National Fund of Canada 1969-1974, Canadian Technion Society 1974 and the Lady Davis Medical Research Institute of the Jewish General Hospital, National Treasurer, Chairman National Executive, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, Canada-Israel Maritime League, and Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada; and Founder and National Treasurer of the Canada Israel Chamber of Commerce in Israel. He is a Governor of the Jewish General Hospital, the Hebrew University, the Technion, St. Francis Xavier University and the Tel Aviv Museum. He is author of Israel Diary, 1950.

Mr. Bloomfield is one of Canada's leading contemporary Zionist figures. Together with his brother, Bloomfield is the executor of the Lady Davis estate. Income from the estate is used primarily for the benefit of the State of Israel. Numerous projects have been undertaken by the Bloomfields on behalf of the estate, including the Lady Davis Carmel Hospital, Haifa; the Lady Davis Mathematics Building and Computer Centre, Bar Ilan University; Lady Davis Amal Scholarships; and trade and vocational schools in Israel.

Projects established by the Bloomfield family include the Bloomfield Stadium, Jaffa; Bloomfield Gardens, Jerusalem; the Bloomfield Silvicultural Institute.

He has received numerous honours including the Histadrut Humanitarian Award, 1965; Commander Brother of the Order of St. John, 1965; Order of Knight of Grace, the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, 1969. He was the Montreal Negev Dinner honouree in 1968. He received a Ph.D. (honoris causa) from the Hebrew University in 1966, an L.L.D. from St. Francis Xavier University in 1969 and a D.Sc. from the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.

The Papers reflect his personal interest in the Jewish community and in the State of Israel, his activities as an executor of the Lady Davis estate and as a businessman.

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