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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF CANADA (1898-). Political and
Philanthropic Organization.

Originals, 1898-1973. 1.41 m. Microfilms, 1898-1951.
4 Reels, K-88, K-89, K-107 & K-108. Finding Aid No. 944.

Organized Zionism has a long tradition in Canada. The first Zionist society was established in 1898. Shortly thereafter other societies were formed in Toronto, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Vancouver and smaller centres across Canada. In 1899 the societies united together to form the Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada.

Initially the F.Z.C.S. collected funds for the purchase of land in Palestine. Shortly after the Balfour Declaration on Nov. 2nd, 1917, in which the British Government promised the Jewish people a national home in Palestine, the F.Z.C.S. began an active campaign to raise funds for all types of projects in Palestine and promote the Zionist cause among co-religionists and the Canadian public. The first executive director was appointed in 1917. In 1925 the Z.O.C. succeeded the F.Z.C.S. as the official voice of Zionism in Canada.

The Z.O.C. continued the work of the F.Z.C.S. and initiated many new projects. In 1927 the Z.O.C. purchased Emek Hephher for Jewish colonization. Annual campaigns were conducted for Keren Hayesod, the Jewish National Fund and United Palestine Appeals across Canada under the Z.O.C.'s auspices. In 1934 the official organ of the Z.O.C., the Canadian Zionist began with A.M. Klein as editor.

In 1967 the Z.O.C. became a constituent member of the Canadian Zionist Federation. Its head office moved from Montreal to Toronto. The Z.O.C. has followed the centre of the road in the political spectrum of Zionism.

Some of the leading figures who have served as President include Clarence De Sola, 1899-1919; A.J. Freiman, 1919-1944; Samuel Zacks, 1946-1952; Edward E. Gelber, 1952-1956; Michael Garber, 1956-1958; Lawrence Freiman, 1958-1962 and Joseph N. Frank, 1962-1964.

The originals were transferred from Dr. George Liban, Executive Director, Rabbi D. Monson, President, the Executive of the Z.O.C. The microfilms were received from the Central Zionist Archives, Jerusalem.

The Finding Aid No. 944 is a list describing the contents of the volumes and microfilms.

It should be noted that some volumes of correspondence and reports were reproduced by the Z.O.C. in the early 1960's from microfilm received from the Central Zionist Archives, Jerusalem. In other volumes files of correspondence with the government of Canada were reconstituted using photocopies of government records in the Public Archives. This was done in the early 1960's.

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Minute books, 1899-1973. Originals, 25 cm (Vols. 1-3).
Bound minute books of the F.Z.S.C. 1899-1913; the Montreal Zionist District Council 1920-1924 and the Z.O.C. 1921-1973; the latter is incomplete. The minute books of the F.Z.S.C. 1899-1913 are also available on microfilm, reel C-10458.

Letterbooks and Correspondence, 1898-1943. Originals, 60 cm (Vols. 4-7).

Letterbooks of the F.Z.S.C., 1898-1906; the Zionist Society of Montreal, 1898-1902; bound volumes of correspondence of the F.Z.S.C., 1898-1920; the Montreal District Zionist Council 1920-1924; the Z.O.C. 1925-1943.

Reports, 1900-1962. Originals, 26 cm (Vols. 7-9).

Bound conventions reports of the F.Z.S.C., 1900-1917; Canadian Zionist Society Conference 1946-1947; Keren Hayesod record of subscriptions 1921-1926; Financial reports presented to Z.O.C. Convention 1922-1962; Zionist Order Habonim 5th to 11th conventions, 1929-1935.

Israel's Tenth Anniversary, 1958. Originals, 30 cm (Vols. 9-10).

Bound minutes of committees, programmes, reports, correspondence and scrapbooks relating to the celebration in Canada of Israel's Tenth Anniversary.

Twenty files of correspondence and reports of the Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada and the Zionist Organization of Canada, 1898-1951. Microfilm, 4 reels K-88, K-89, K-107 & K-108.

Bound sets of the Canadian Zionist, 1934 June - 1969, The Judean, 1917-1923 and the Zionist News Bulletin, 1951-1962, and the Zionist Newsletter (Mid-West Region), 1948, were placed in the Public Archives Library.

A volume of photographs re the Tenth Anniversary of Israel Celebrations in Canada was transferred to the National Photography Collection.

K-88 to K-89 Zionist Organization of Canada (MG 28, V 81)

K-88 File Z2-396 Letters from de Sola to Zionist
 Centralbureau in Cologne, 1905-1907

File Z2-397 Reports from Die Welt on Canadian Zionist Activity

File Z2-398 Letters from de Sola to Centralbureau in
Cologne, 1907-1909

File Z2-399 Correspondence with Canada, 1908

K-89 File S5/787 Labour Zionists and General Zionists in
Canada, 1947-1951

File Z1-273 (2 files: 1898-1905; 1900-1904) Letters of C. de Sola to Actions Committee, Vienna

File Z3-795 Correspondence. Federation of Zionist Societies in Canada, 1913-1915 with Zionist Centralbureau, Berlin

File Z3-794 Correspondence. Federation of Zionist Societies in Canada, 1911-1913 with Zionist Centralbureau, Berlin

K-107 to K-108 Zionist Organization of Canada (MG 28, V 81)

- K-107 File Z4/2366 (679/3) Mizrachi activities in
 Canada
 File Z4/2770 (679/4) Correspondence, 1924-1926 (London)
 File Z4/3223 I (679/5) Correspondence, 1926-1929 (London)
 File Z4/3223 II (679/6) Correspondence, 1929-1932 (London)
 File Z4/3223 III (679/7) Correspondence, 1932-1935 (London)
 File F 16/7 (680/1) Correspondence re attempt to form
 Canadian Jewish Congress, 1917
 File F 16/8 (680/2) Correspondence between Order of Sons
 of Zion, New York, and Isidore Maurice Goldstick of
 Toronto, 1915
 File F 16/27 (680/3) Reports on Hadassah Convention, 1924,
 1926; Reports on Z.O.C. 1932; Hadassah bulletins
 from 1920's
 File S 25/7496 (681) Canadian Consul in Israel, 1938-1947
 File S 25/1998 (682) Very important file re Zionist
 activity in Canada, 1926-1948
- K-108 File Z2/400 (679/1) Correspondence with Zionist Federation
 in Canada, 1910-1911
 File Z4/439 (679/2) Correspondence Z.O.C. with Zionist
 Organization Central Office, London, December 1919
 to February 1922.

Vol.		DATE
1	Minutes: Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada. Part 1	1899-1905
	Minutes: Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada. Part 2	1906-1909
	Minutes: Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada. Part 3	1909-1912
Vol. 2	Minutes: Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada. Part 4	1912-1913
	Executive Committee minutes: Z.O.C.	1921-1923
	Officers Committee minutes: Z.O.C. Part 1	1949-1951
	Officers Committee minutes: Z.O.C. Part 2	1951-1953
	Officers Committee minutes: Z.O.C. Part 3	1954-1956
	Officers Committee minutes: Z.O.C. Part 4	1957-1958
Vol. 3	Officers Committee minutes: Z.O.C. Part 5	1958-1960
	Officers Committee minutes: Z.O.C. Part 6	1960-1964
	Officers Committee minutes: Z.O.C. Part 7	1964-1967
	Minute Book: Montreal Zionist District Council.	1920-1924
Vol. 4	Letterbook: Zionist Society of Montreal.	1898-1902
	Letterbook: Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada.	1905-1906

Vol.		DATE
5	Letterbook: Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada. Part 1	1898-1901
	Letterbook: Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada. Part 2	1901-1905
Vol. 6	Correspondence: Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada. Part 1	1898-1907
	Correspondence: Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada. Part 2	1907-1909
	Correspondence: Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada. Part 3	1910-1911
	Correspondence: Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada. Part 4	1911-1913
	Correspondence: Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada. Part 5	1913-1915
	Correspondence: Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada. Part 6	1914-1920
Vol. 7	Correspondence: Montreal District Zionist Council.	1920-1924
	Correspondence: Z.O.C. Part 1	1925-1931
	Correspondence: Z.O.C. Part 2	1932-1943
	Correspondence: Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada. Part 1	Jan. - July 1919

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7	Correspondence: Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada. Part 2	Aug.-Dec. 1919
	Reports on Conventions of the Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada (1st and 7th Conventions). Part 1	1900-1908
	Reports on Conventions of the Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada (10th to 11th Conventions). Part 2	1909-1910
Vol. 8	Reports on Conventions of the Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada (12th to 15th Conventions). Part 3	1912-1917
	Conference of Canadian Zionist Societies, Niagara Falls, Ontario, April 26-27.	1947
	Financial Reports, 1st to 17th Conventions, Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada and the Z.O.C.	1900-1921
	Record of subscriptions towards the Keren Hayesod.	1921-1926
	Finance Reports Z.O.C. 18th, 19th, 30th Conventions.	1922, 1924, 1950
	Financial Reports, Z.O.C., 20th - 36th Conventions.	1926-1962
Vol. 9	Correspondence, programmes: 5th to 11th Conventions, Zionist Order Habonim.	1929-1935

Tenth Anniversary of the State of Israel, celebrated in Canada:

- Programmes in several cities 1958
- Budget and correspondence 1958

Vol.		DATE
9	- Minutes of Committees	1958
	- Letters from prominent personalities	1958
	- Report, Part 1	1958
	- Report, Part 2	1958
Vol. 10	Scrapbook: Celebration in Canada of Israel's Tenth Anniversary. Part 1	1958
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