

- Businesses  
Corner stores  
on Major, 028G0:41:00  
Delivery  
common practice; many things delivered,  
028G0:25:00  
common practice; many things delivered by  
horse, 028G0:25:00  
Flowerdale Tea delivered by horse,  
028G0:25:00  
Fish store  
Kushner's on Harbord, 028G0:42:30  
Flowerdale Tea  
delivered in little green truck with a horse,  
028G0:25:00  
Greenspan Butchers (Colman), 028G0:42:00  
Kushner's Fish store  
on Harbord, 028G0:42:30  
Peace Heating, 028G0:26:30  
Sammy's  
on Spadina, 028G0:54:00  
Tanenbaum's  
poultry (Brunswick) "Goldie's parents,"  
028G0:42:30
- Children & Youth  
Children  
looking after siblings, 028G0:04:30  
Dating  
dances at public schools, 028G0:37:00  
group dating; meet at the Y or B'nai Brith,  
028G0:35:30  
individually, around thirteen, fourteen; many  
details, movies, dances, kissing, etc.,  
028G0:37:30  
married at twenty, 028G0:35:00  
Playing & games  
toys from orange crates, 028G0:23:00  
Social clubs  
"Hanna Szenes at B'nai Brith; Jerry belonged  
to 103; He came off Gedolah AZA,"  
028G0:36:30
- Education  
Boys and men  
to be doctors, lawyers, accountants, etc.,  
028G0:09:00  
Girls and women  
worked to pay for brother to go to university;  
but later this changed, etc., 028G0:08:30  
Harbord Collegiate
- boys became professionals; later girls also,  
etc, 028G0:09:00  
successful year; prominent people,  
028G0:57:30  
Lord Lansdowne Public School  
successful year; prominent people,  
028G0:57:30  
University of Toronto  
getting in was easier, until after the war; also  
quota on Jews allowed into programs,  
028G0:48:00
- Ethnicity & Culture  
Immigration waves  
Italians after the war; selling upgraded  
homes to them, 028G0:33:30  
Jewish survivors after the war, 028G0:47:00  
Jewish community  
food; Shechita, ritual kill for chickens; live  
carp; shopping, etc. (lively discussion),  
028G0:19:30  
moving north, east, west, 028G0:34:00  
quota on Jews in optometry and medicine,  
028G0:48:00  
worked Sat. when came to Canada,  
028G0:02:30  
Race relations & racism  
anti-Semitism; called "dirty Jew,"  
028G0:50:30  
"didn't like to mix black and white,"  
028G0:53:30  
"We don't serve blacks here," 50s,  
028G0:52:00
- Historical Events  
World War II  
after the war, went looking for family in  
houses on Cecil St., 028G0:47:00  
after war, packages to survivors; hide money  
in flour sacks, 028G0:46:00  
balckouts during the war; made packages for  
soldiers, 028G0:45:30  
end of; we were at Kash's farm; we made  
signs saying war is over, 028G0:43:30
- Houses of Worship  
Synagogues  
Rabbi Reiger Shul, 028G0:42:00
- Housing & Home Life  
Backyards  
victory garden; grew vegetables; very small;  
used your front porch, 028G0:16:30  
Basements

home life, early to mid-20thc, shopping, dating, customs, women, Jewish community

- brand new house, had a finished basement!  
parties in decoration/recreation room (10  
Ulster St.), 028G0:26:30
- trap doors; low; furnaces & coal;  
028G0:28:00
- Families
  - housekeeping & child care; after first child  
women worked at home, etc.,  
028G0:13:30
  - mother/women did all the housekeeping,  
028G0:21:30
- Food
  - buy bushels of fruit & vegetables and stored,  
canned for the winter, 028G0:18:00
  - fish for Thurs.; buy live carp, kill and scale on  
Fri. morning, 028G0:19:30
  - "mother made her own cream and butter  
during the war," 028G0:22:00
  - Shechita, ritual kill for chickens; took it to the  
flicker!, etc., 028G0:20:30
- Heating
  - from coal to gas to oil (Peace Heating),  
028G0:26:00
  - coal; women shovelled the coal,  
028G0:19:00
  - gas furnaces installed, etc., 028G0:32:00
  - jacket heater, 028G0:19:00
- Kitchens
  - sink with furniture (no built-in cupboards),  
icebox, 028G0:29:00
- Living conditions
  - hard working mothers (many lively  
anecdotes), 028G0:03:00
  - mothers looking after each other's children,  
028G0:05:30
  - number of people; two kitchens, one  
bathroom; wash, brush teeth in kitchen  
sink, etc., 028G0:29:00
  - orange crates became furniture, truck seats,  
toys, 028G0:23:00
  - recycling: women's sanitary pads made from  
rags; homemade shopping bags,  
028G0:24:30
  - rushing to get to work, all sharing one  
bathroom and kitchen sink, 028G0:31:00
  - toilet paper, used crinkly orange papers from  
oranges, newspaper, 028G0:22:30
  - "We've saved up money and had a house.  
How good was that?," 028G0:58:30
- Porches & verandas
  - watched everything going on in the street,  
028G0:15:30
- Renovations
  - painting, then upgrading kitchens, toilets,  
etc., 028G0:32:00
- Laneways
  - Activities
    - not paved, dirt lane; didn't use it,  
028G0:16:30
- Names
  - Birnbaum, Dr. Franklin
    - married Edith Drutz, 028G0:07:00
  - Dratsch, Faigy
    - mother widowed, worked full-time,  
028G0:00:00
  - Dratsch, Frieda, 028G0:05:30
  - Drutz, Edith
    - married Dr. Franklin Birnbaum, 028G0:07:00
  - Ellis, Sandra
    - mother worked outside home, 028G0:00:30
  - Gotkin, Frances
    - address; 24 Major St., 1924-1954,  
028G0:59:30
    - brother Sheldon [Silverman?], 028G0:08:30
    - father made shoes, 028G0:02:30
    - and husband Jerry, 028G0:36:30
  - Greenspan, 028G0:05:30
  - Lindbaum, Allan
    - became a judge, 028G0:57:30
  - Pell, Barbara
    - store at Sussex & Major, 028G0:41:00
  - Small, Ethel
    - married Harry Wasserman, 028G0:07:30
  - Tanenbaum, Goldie
    - parents had the chicken place on Brunswick,  
028G0:42:30
  - Wasserman, Harry
    - married Ethel Small; son Gary Wasserman,  
028G0:07:30
  - Wymans, 028G0:05:30
- Neighbourhood & Community
  - Neighbours & neighbours' relations
    - friends lived close by "all the way up to  
Harbord," 028G0:06:00
    - tight community Major St. (40s to 60s),  
028G0:40:30
    - too busy to socialize, 028G0:05:00
  - Safety
    - felt safe; occasional encounter with anti-  
Semitism; called "dirty Jew,"  
028G0:50:30
  - Sidewalks
    - "sidewalks were wonderful"; everything going  
on in the street, 028G0:15:30

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Occupations & Finances

Bootleggers, 028G0:01:00

Cottage industry

bookkeeping by women at home,  
028G0:15:00

catering or cooking for others, turkeys at  
Christmas, etc., 028G0:01:30

Doctors

dermatologist, 028G0:07:30

quota on Jews in optometry and medicine,  
028G0:48:00

Dressmaker

widow worked at a dress shop, 028G0:00:30

Lawyers

dream for boys to be professionals; but later  
this changed to include girls, etc.,  
028G0:08:30

Shoemaker

worked Sat. even though Orthodox,  
028G0:02:30

Women working

expectation that girls would study  
Commerce, work and then marry and  
stay home (50s), 028G0:11:30

widow raising two children worked full-time;  
grandparents helped, 028G0:00:00

worked in shops while men worked  
elsewhere, 028G0:03:00

worked in the house, cleaning, cooking, etc.,  
for tenants; pregnant on top of ladder,  
cleaning!, etc. (Major St.), 028G0:03:00

worked in the house, cleaning, cooking, etc.,  
"I would say women worked harder [than  
men]," 028G0:22:00

Streets & Intersections

Cecil St.

after the war, people came here; went  
looking for family there, 028G0:47:00

Harbord St.

butchers, fish store, bakery, etc.,  
028G0:42:30

Major St.

buying and selling old houses (50s, 60s),  
028G0:32:00

community of, 028G0:07:00

tight community (40s to 60s), 028G0:40:30

Major St., 12

the Y and clubs, 028G0:35:30

Major St., 20, 028G0:00:00

mother working, 028G0:03:00

Major St., 24

1941-1954, 028G0:59:30

Major & Sussex

corner store, 028G0:41:00

Major & Ulster

corner stores, 028G0:41:00

Spadina and the Crescent

B'nai Brith (where the Scott Mission is),  
028G0:35:30

St. George, 44

the Y, 028G0:35:30

Ulster St., 10

brand new house, had a finished basement,  
028G0:26:30

hard working mothers, 028G0:04:30

Real Estate

Investments

"buying and selling old houses and fixing  
them up"; upgrade kitchens, toilets, etc.  
(50s, 60s), 028G0:32:00