

Businesses

Bargain clothing business
on Bloor near Ossington, 091C0:31:00

Becker's delicatessen, 091C1:04:00

Bellevue Theatre
on College, 091C0:33:30

Butchers, 091C0:54:00
Jewish butcher, on Harbord, 091C0:22:00

Daiter's Dairy
cottage cheese, 091C0:53:00

Delicatessens
near movie theatres, 091C1:04:00

Delivery
coal was delivered, 091C0:39:00
Seltzer bottles were delivered, 091C0:39:00

Fox the Tailor, 091C0:33:00
on College St., north side, between Spadina and Robert, 091C0:01:00

Garden Theatre
on College, 091C0:33:00
free dish one night a week, 091C0:34:00

Goodman's grocery store, 091C0:56:30

Grocery stores
Harbord and Robert, 091C0:21:00

Harbord Bakery, 091C0:20:00, 091C0:53:30

Harbord Fish Market, 091C0:20:30

Heime's Cigar Store, 091C0:24:00

Humane Society, 091C0:50:30

Kensington Market, 091C0:52:00
Augusta and Baldwin, coffees, nuts, etc., still there, 091C0:54:00
brought live chickens to the shochet, on Harbord, 091C0:22:00
shopped there all the time, 091C0:58:30

Motor Trade
(automotive parts store), 272 College St., 091C0:01:00

Nielsen's
complained about price hike to seven cents, 091C0:24:30

Perlmutter's
for black bread, 091C0:55:30

Playhouse Theatre
on College, 091C0:33:30

Restaurants
there were very few restaurants in Toronto, 091C1:02:30

Shopsy's delicatessen, 091C1:04:30

Switzer's delicatessen
on Spadina, best one, 091C1:04:30

Victory Florists, on College, 091C0:33:00

Winston's restaurant, 091C1:02:30

Children & Youth

Dating
Bassel's for ice cream or sodas, 091C0:48:00
never alone, always in groups, 091C0:47:30
saw Wayne and Shuster perform, 091C0:48:00
started in grade six, 091C0:47:00

Playing & games

double-Dutch skipping, 091C0:19:00
kids played on the street and in each other's houses, 091C0:15:30
received nickel from father, bought Jersey Milk chocolate bar next door at Heime's Cigar Store, 091C0:24:00
went to the gym with her sister, 091C0:43:30

Social clubs
Habonim youth group, 091C0:47:30

Working & jobs
worked at father's Kensington Market store from age thirteen, 091C0:56:00

City Hall & Other Governments

Women

Many restrictions for women, 091C1:06:30

Education

Forest Hill Collegiate, 091C0:27:00

Jewish schools/Hebrew schools, 091C0:24:00

Kindergarten
demanded to go to kindergarten early, 091C0:09:30

Lord Lansdowne Public School, 091C0:07:00, 091C1:05:00
corporal punishment, 091C1:13:00
different entrances for boys and girls, 091C1:07:30
discipline, 091C1:08:00, 091C1:11:00
female teachers could not be married, 091C1:05:30
hands hit with rulers for punishment, 091C1:08:00
has been completely rebuilt, 091C1:07:30
playground was gravel and cement, 091C1:07:30
school nurse regularly checked kids' heads for lice, 091C1:06:30

Other

wanted her children to go to university, so moved to Forest Hill for the high school, 091C0:27:00

University of Toronto

now takes up more space, 091C1:02:00

Ethnicity & Culture

Christian and Jewish, 091C0:12:30

Immigration waves
in the '50s, 091C1:03:00

Jewish community
Brunswick Talmud Torah, walked alone to Hebrew school every day, 091C0:13:00
Habonim youth group, 091C0:47:30

Language
Hebrew language changed in 1948, 091C0:38:00
Hebrew & Yiddish; spoke English at home; grandparents all spoke Yiddish, 091C0:28:30
multiple; Yiddish, English, Polish, 091C0:28:00

Polish community, 091C0:28:00
Christian and Jewish, 091C0:29:00

Health Care

Doctors Hospital, 091C0:13:00
Scott Mission, 091C0:33:00

Historical Events

State of Israel, 091C0:38:00
 World War II
 celebrations at end, 091C0:40:30
 fewer horse and wagon deliveries and more truck deliveries, 091C0:40:00
 general flag-waving, 091C0:40:30
 news about concentration camps became widely available, 091C0:41:30
 parents listened to the radio and read newspapers for war news, 091C0:41:00
 truck parts were needed for the war effort, 091C0:40:30
 victory gardens, vegetables, 091C0:16:00

Houses of Worship

Convent
 on Major St., 091C0:12:30
 D'Arcy St. shul, 091C0:35:30
 Knox Presbyterian Church
 learned Christmas carols, 091C0:10:30
 nursery school, 091C0:08:30
 Londoner Shul
 on Spadina, 091C0:34:30
 Synagogues
 D'Arcy St. shul, 091C0:35:30
 Talmud Torah
 walked alone to Hebrew school every day, 091C0:13:00
 where Doctors' Hospital is now, 091C0:13:00

Housing & Home Life

Backyards
 victory garden during war, 091C0:16:00
 Bathrooms
 two at 122 Robert St., 091C0:02:00
 two at 125 Robert St., 091C0:06:00
 Families
 played card games, Casino and Rummy, 091C0:53:30
 summers at grandmother's cottage, 091C0:55:00
 Food
 bought live chickens, took them to College, Brunswick, or Harbord for slaughter, 091C0:22:30
 grieben, chicken fat, 091C0:23:00
 kosher, 091C0:37:00
 plucked chickens on Thursday night for dinner on Friday, 091C0:22:30
 Heating
 coal, 091C0:04:00, 091C0:38:30
 Kitchens
 two at 122 Robert St., 091C0:02:00
 two at 125 Robert St., 091C0:06:00
 Living conditions
 dining room was bedroom, 091C0:05:00
 second floor flat, living room became bedroom at night, own kitchen and bathroom, 091C0:02:30
 Marriage & divorce
 uncle married non-Jewish woman and celebrated Christmas, 091C1:00:00

Pets

almost always had a dog, 091C0:50:00
 remembers Skippy, very smart mongrel dog from Humane Society, 091C0:50:30

Porches & verandas

played on, 091C0:19:00
 sat on, 091C0:19:00

Tenants

father & son, 091C0:05:30
 landlady, Mrs. Polisher, lived on first floor, 091C0:02:00
 own kitchen and bathroom, 091C0:06:00
 tenants upstairs, 091C0:04:30

Laneways

Automobiles

father parked truck in garage, 091C0:15:00

Travel

walked alone in regularly as a child, 091C0:14:00

Names

Bigg, Miss
 teacher, 091C1:05:30
 Chernos, Bev, 091C0:00:00
 father's parents lived at 6 Kensington Avenue, 091C0:01:30
 journalist, 091C0:26:30
 parents entertained, 091C0:17:30
 parents had a chicken store, 091C0:45:00
 parents lived on Major St., near Kosower Lane, 091C0:00:30
 very close with grandparents, both sides, 091C0:59:00
 Chernos, Saul, 091C0:26:00
 Daiter, Mrs.
 very good friend of grandmother, 091C0:53:30
 Goldman, Emma, 091C1:04:30
 Goodman, Mr., 091C0:56:30
 Gordon, Gert
 and son Harvey, 091C0:05:30
 upstairs tenants at 125 Robert St., 091C0:05:30
 Mackay, Miss
 nursery school teacher, 091C0:08:30
 Polisher, Mrs.
 fanatically clean, 091C0:03:00
 son was postman, 091C0:2:30
 very lovely landlady, 091C0:02:30
 Scott, Mr., teacher, 091C1:06:30
 Stancer, Susan, 091C0:05:30
 Treiman (nee), Mary, 091C0:57:00
 changed name to Marilyn, 091C0:55:30
 extremely nutrition-conscious, 091C0:42:30
 had a sister in New York State, 091C0:51:00
 math whiz, 091C0:57:00
 modern attitudes, 091C0:26:00, 091C0:43:30, 091C0:49:00
 on trustworthiness, 091C0:49:00
 very advanced about women's rights, 091C0:43:30
 very justice-oriented, 091C0:25:00
 very supportive of educational endeavours, 091C0:27:30

Watson, Miss
teacher, 091C1:05:30

Neighbourhood & Community

Safety
completely comfortable, 091C0:14:30
did not lock doors, 091C1:01:00

Occupations & Finances

Automotive
father travelled all over Ontario selling automotive
parts, 091C0:40:30
father worked at his brother's automotive parts store,
on College, 091C0:01:00

Cottage industry
peddling, 091C0:44:00
seamstresses, 091C0:31:30

Delivery
father's first job was driving kosher chickens from his
father's store to the Bell Ewart, Ontario, Jewish
community, 091C0:45:00

Finances
important to save money, 091C1:03:30
people couldn't afford to eat out, 091C1:03:30

Media
journalist, 091C0:26:30
Shochet, on Harbord, 091C0:22:00
Teacher, 091C0:08:30, 091C1:05:30

Women working
mothers did not work outside the home because
fathers would be embarrassed, 091C0:29:30

Streets & Intersections

122 Robert St., 091C0:02:30
from 1937 to 1942, 091C0:00:00, 091C0:02:00

125 Robert St., 091C0:05:00
from 1942 to 1949, 091C0:00:00
heating, coal, 091C0:04:00
tenants upstairs, 091C0:04:30

Augusta and Baldwin
corner store, coffees, nuts, etc., still there,
091C0:54:00

Bloor near Ossington
bargain clothing business, 091C0:31:00

College St.
florist, 091C0:33:00
movie theatres, 091C0:01:00, 091C0:33:30
restaurants, 091C1:04:00
tailor, 091C0:01:00

College St., 272, automotive parts store, 091C0:01:00

Harbord and Robert, grocery store, 091C0:21:00

Harbord St.
Jewish butcher, 091C0:22:00
now restaurant heaven, 091C1:03:30
shochet, 091C0:22:00
shopped there all the time, 091C0:58:30

Kensington Ave., 6, 091C0:52:00
father's parents lived, 091C0:01:30

Major St.
mother's parents lived on Major, 091C0:00:30
parents lived on Major, 091C0:00:30

Robert St.
1942 to 1949, 091C0:00:00
Robert St., 122, 091C0:02:00
from 1937 to 1942, 091C0:00:00
Robert St., 125, 091C0:03:30
Spadina
best delicatessen, 091C1:04:30

Transportation

Automobiles
got driver's license right after war, 091C0:43:30
very few people owned cars for pleasure,
091C0:46:30

Horses
changed to trucks near the end of the war,
091C0:40:00
ice delivery, 091C0:39:00
milk delivery, 091C0:39:00
peddlers, 091C0:44:00