

Businesses

- The Stationary
  - comic books, newspapers, ice cream, pop, 122B0:55:00
- Alhambra movie theatre
  - neighbourhood entertainment, 122B1:04:30
- Connaught Laboratories, 122B0:10:00
- Corner stores
  - as hubs of communities, 122B0:56:00
- Grocery stores
  - at Robert & Harbord, 122B1:01:30
- Harbord Bakery
  - centre of the community, 122B0:59:00
  - David gave away pastries to kids, 122B0:59:00
- Harbord Fish Market
  - had a smoke odour, 122B1:00:00
  - next to Harbord Bakery, 122B0:59:30
- Kensington Market
  - could buy live fish at, 122B0:24:30
  - customer could kept fish alive in bathtub, 122B0:25:00
  - customers plucked feathers & used Bunsen burner to burn off feather quills, 122B0:23:00
  - multicultural, 122B0:20:30
  - multilingual vendors, 122B0:20:30
  - shoichet slaughtered chickens in front of customer, 122B0:23:00
  - signage bilingual, English & Yiddish, 122B0:22:30
  - smell of chickens crammed into wooden cages, 122B0:24:00
- Midtown Cinema
  - neighbourhood entertainment, 122B1:04:30
- Sealtest milk factory
  - at Spadina & Dupont, 122B0:52:00
- The Stationary
  - corner store at Major & Harbord, 122B0:55:00

Children & Youth

- Playing & games
  - Boys and Girls House, U of T library, 122B1:17:30, 122B1:18:30
  - had to look out for "samples" after horses went by before playing hockey or football, 122B0:53:00
  - kids getting hit by cars, 122B0:16:00
  - played in streets, 122B0:16:00
  - swimming pool at Christie Pits, 122B1:07:00
  - used YMHA extensively, 122B0:35:00

Education

- Central Tech
    - black kids became interested in basketball, 122B0:38:30
    - mostly non-Jewish kids, 122B0:39:30
  - Harbord Collegiate
    - mostly Jewish kids, 122B0:39:30
    - "won back-to-back city basketball championships with basically all-Jewish teams," 122B0:38:00
  - Jewish schools/Hebrew schools
    - Eitz Chaim, 122B0:06:30
    - Eitz Chaim, in afternoons after regular school; cheder at former Canadian Legion, 122B0:12:00
  - Lord Lansdowne Public School
    - best school ever, 122B0:41:00, 122B0:46:30
    - had round hallways, 122B0:41:30
    - home economics, 122B0:42:30
    - industrial arts, 122B0:42:30
    - specialty rooms, 122B0:42:00
  - University of Toronto
    - checked out years of cars on back lights of students' cars parked on Robert St., 122B1:11:30
    - library at Boys and Girls House, 122B1:17:30, 122B1:18:30
    - students rented flats in neighbourhood, 122B1:10:30
- Ethnicity & Culture
- Black community
    - black kids played cricket & soccer, 122B0:37:00
    - Jamaican kids had British values & sports, 122B0:37:30
  - Jewish community
    - Brunswick Talmud Torah, like a community centre, 122B0:36:00
    - European Jewry, 122B0:19:30
    - skills brought from Europe, 122B0:19:30

Health Care

- Mount Sinai Hospital
  - within walking distance, 122B0:02:00

Houses of Worship

- Talmud Torah
  - like a community centre, 122B0:36:00

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## Housing & Home Life

### Backyards

fierce dogs in, 122B0:48:30  
 low fences, 122B0:47:30  
 played hockey there until they broke the  
 kitchen window, 122B0:31:00  
 for younger kids to play in, 122B0:48:00

### Basements

father set up sewing machine to do  
 alterations, 122B0:32:00

### Bathrooms

tiny bathroom added to first floor,  
 122B0:27:30

### Bedrooms

parents' bed in living room, 122B0:27:00  
 two brothers' bedroom was dining room,  
 122B0:28:30

### Food

fish, chicken; potatoes were main  
 "vegetable," 122B1:03:30

### Heating

oil furnace at 184 Major St., 122B1:14:00  
 originally coal, 122B1:14:30

### Kitchens

accessed second floor roof from third floor;  
 used as patio, 122B0:30:00  
 kitchen added on second floor, 122B0:29:30

### Living rooms

parents' bed in living room, 122B0:27:00  
 TV in living room, 122B0:26:30

### Porches & verandas

long bench, 122B0:50:30  
 "the whole world came together,"  
 122B0:51:00  
 veranda was "the magic of my childhood,"  
 122B0:50:00, 122B0:54:00

### Tenants

accessed second floor through first floor,  
 122B0:30:30  
 family lived on first floor & rented out second  
 floor, 122B0:27:00

## Laneways

### Conditions

gravel surface, 122B1:09:00

### Travel

some people had openable fences to park  
 their cars in their yards, 122B1:09:00  
 used as shortcuts, 122B1:09:30

## Names

### Brik, Gordon

brother of Percy Brik, 122B0:00:30

### Brik, Percy, 122B0:00:00

climbed back fence to go to synagogue,  
 122B0:05:30

dreamed of going to Harbord Collegiate, but  
 moved away, 122B0:40:00

everywhere by car, 122B0:01:00

father bought ice cream cones at corner  
 store, 122B0:55:00

first TV was 26 inches & had bunny ears,  
 122B0:25:30

learned year, make & model of U of T  
 students' cars parked on Robert St.,  
 122B1:11:30

life was the Harbord strip and the Bloor strip,  
 122B1:05:00

lived at 184 Major St., 1953 to 1966,  
 122B0:00:00

lived up Bayview Ave., 122B0:00:00

loved seeing his dad coming home from  
 work, 122B0:03:30

loved seeing people walking by his house,  
 122B0:01:30

Major St. was "organic," 122B0:01:30

one free CNE & Maple Leaf Stadium baseball  
 game with final report cards,  
 122B0:03:00

parents used leather tote bag for shopping;  
 no plastic or paper bags, 122B0:21:30

parents were Holocaust survivors,  
 122B0:05:00

saw his first gay couple walking on Major St.,  
 122B0:02:00

saw neighbourhood and its people as "a  
 beautiful garden," 122B1:20:00

went to Lansdowne public school,  
 122B0:40:30

### Jacobs, Jane

"sidewalk living," 122B0:04:00

## Neighbourhood & Community

### Entertainment

Alhambra Theatre, 122B1:04:30

CNE, free ticket from school, 122B0:02:30

double bill movies for a quarter, 122B1:04:30  
 Maple Leaf Stadium, free ticket from school,  
 122B0:02:30

Midtown Theatre, 122B1:04:30

semi-pro baseball team, 122B0:03:00

theatres air conditioned, 122B1:05:00

### Jewish Community Centre (JCC)

used YMHA extensively as kids, 122B0:35:00

YMHA, at Brunswick & College, 122B0:35:30

YMHA, had a swimming pool, 122B0:35:30

YMHA, migrated to Spadina & Bloor,  
 122B0:36:30

YMHA, played basketball at, 122B0:36:30

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- Other  
 No Chinatown in Harbord Village, 122B0:20:00  
 Toronto ended at St. Clair, 122B0:06:00  
 Very mixed, 122B0:14:00
- Parks & playgrounds  
 Casa Loma, within walking distance, 122B0:02:30  
 Christie Pits, swimming pool, 122B1:07:00  
 Christie Pits, tobogganing at, 122B1:08:00  
 High Park, picnicked at, 122B0:02:30
- Safety  
 felt like a village, 122B0:04:00, 122B1:16:30  
 got into a stranger's car to go deliver pamphlets for 50 cents; no danger, 122B1:20:00  
 out & around city all day in summertime; never dangerous, 122B1:15:00
- Occupations & Finances  
 Bookkeeper, 122B0:34:30  
 Cabdriver, 122B0:32:30  
 Cottage industry  
 alterations, sewing, at home, 122B0:32:00  
 Delivery  
 ice by horse & wagon, 122B0:52:00  
 ice trucks, 122B0:51:30  
 iceman gave kids chunks of ice; was like having a popsicle, 122B0:52:00  
 milk by horse & wagon; horse knew the route, 122B0:51:00  
 pamphlets for 50 cents, 122B1:20:00  
 Garment industry  
 clothing fabrication on Spadina Ave., 122B0:19:30  
 seamstresses, single women worked until marrying, 122B0:34:30  
 Iceman, 122B0:52:00  
 Milkman, 122B0:51:00  
 Street-washer trucks, 122B0:53:30  
 Tailor, 122B0:32:00  
 Women working  
 mother did not work, 122B0:33:30  
 seamstresses, single women worked until marrying, 122B0:34:30
- Real Estate  
 Prices, houses cost \$10k to \$20k, 122B0:58:30
- Streets & Intersections  
 Bloor St.  
 drunks on, 122B1:05:30  
 more exciting than Harbord St., 122B1:06:30  
 more grown-up oriented than Harbord St., 122B1:05:00
- Brunswick & College  
 YMHA, 122B0:35:30  
 Harbord St., family oriented, 122B1:05:00  
 Major St., "organic," 122B0:00:00  
 Major St., 184  
 oil furnace, 122B1:14:00  
 originally coal, 122B1:14:30  
 Percy Brik, 122B0:00:00  
 veranda gone, 122B0:50:00  
 Spadina Ave.  
 textiles & clothing fabrication, 122B0:19:30
- Transportation  
 Automobiles  
 few people had cars, 122B0:14:00  
 kids getting hit by cars, 122B0:16:00  
 parked on street or at back of house, 122B0:15:00  
 traffic maze; reason for street-calming, 122B0:17:00  
 Bicycles  
 rode bicycle all over city, 122B1:15:00  
 Buses  
 Bathurst bus, everybody had to get off and get on again to pay second fare at city limits, 122B0:07:30  
 Horses  
 delivery for ice, 122B0:51:30  
 delivery for milk, 122B0:51:00  
 fed apples to the horse, 122B0:51:30  
 had to look out for "samples" after horses went by before playing hockey or football, 122B0:53:00  
 horse knew the route, 122B0:51:00  
 Streetcars  
 Bathurst streetcar went south to Fleet St. and into CNE grounds, 122B0:13:00  
 Harbord streetcar turned at Spadina Ave., 122B0:10:00  
 Harbord streetcar went west to Ossington, north to Bloor, east to Dovercourt, north maybe to Davenport, 122B0:11:30  
 paid second fare at city limits, 122B0:07:00  
 took streetcar if too far to walk, 122B0:02:30  
 took streetcar if weather inclement, 122B0:06:00  
 Subway  
 used Bloor subway line as air conditioner, 122B0:09:30  
 TTC  
 8 tickets for 25 cents, 122B0:02:30  
 Walking  
 walked everywhere, 122B0:02:00