

## Businesses

- Apollo Dance Hall and Bowling Alley  
going to dance hall with brown bags (liquor);  
fights at closing time etc.,  
124K0:58:00
- Art Plastic Products  
made hosiery, 124K0:55:30
- Benjamin's funeral home  
on Spadina, 124K0:11:30
- Brunswick Hotel, 124K0:57:30
- Brunswick House Tavern  
neighbourhood very safe except for  
Brunswick House..."they would  
wander...walk into wrong house...my  
father picked him up and threw him off  
the porch," 124K0:05:00
- Crown Bread  
bakery on Augusta, 124K0:14:30
- Davidson's Pharmacy, 124K1:08:30
- Delivery  
horse and wagon, 124K0:16:30  
ice, "look for chunks...big treat," 124K0:16:30  
kosher chickens, 124K0:14:30
- Grainer's drug store  
run by Lou Grainer and Ron Kashin's brother  
"that was the meeting place,"  
124K1:08:00
- Greenspan Butcher (Colman)  
and Willy Martin, 124K0:15:00
- Grocery stores  
various small stores along Harbord and  
Bloor, 124K0:18:00
- Home Laundry  
"run by Elias family" Ron Kashin worked  
there, 124K0:53:30
- Kinsella's  
small grocery store along Bloor, 124K0:18:00
- Puritan Laundry  
"used to do a great job," 124K0:53:00
- Seaton's  
delivered kosher chickens, 124K0:15:00
- Tenenbaum's  
poultry dealer, 124K0:15:00
- Weltz deli  
"steamed hotdogs...marble...white-topped  
tables," 124K0:19:30
- Wiener's Hardware  
at 270 Bloor St., 124K0:09:30

## Children & Youth

- Dating  
"(guys) married all the gals in the area for  
some reason," 124K0:08:30

## Entertainment

- sneaking out at midnight to watch fights at  
closing time at Apollo and the  
Brunswick etc. "shimmy down from  
third floor bedroom," 124K0:59:00

## Other

- anti-Semitism, "anybody gave you a rough  
time...punch ourselves out, I'd go  
home bloody," 124K0:40:30
- sharing clothes with brother "last one up...got  
the knickers with the holes,"  
124K0:31:00

## Playing & games

- road hockey on the streets, 124K0:28:00  
on the street but police didn't like it; "played  
wherever you wanted to play,"  
124K0:52:00

## Social clubs

- AZA B'nai Brith, club called Club Garnett,  
124K0:14:00
- AZA B'nai Brith located on Spadina,  
124K0:10:30
- AZA B'nai Brith reunion "we still go -14 guys,"  
124K0:13:30
- rented a spot and put on shows, 124K0:12:00  
"we had two clubs," 124K0:09:30

## Working & jobs

- selling football game ticket stubs at halftime,  
tossing friend over fence into stadium  
to get ticket stubs, 124K0:37:00
- selling oranges door-to-door as a child,  
124K1:01:30
- selling Toronto Star newspaper at Varsity  
Stadium, getting fired for stuffing old  
newspapers inside new. etc.,  
124K0:36:00
- sold newspapers, hotdogs, team colour  
ribbons at Varsity Stadium football  
games etc. etc., 124K0:31:30

## Education

- Harbord Collegiate  
"I didn't have high hopes," 124K0:41:30
- Huron Street Public School  
attended by Ron Kashin "anybody gave you  
a rough time...punch ourselves out, I'd  
go home bloody," 124K0:40:00
- Jewish schools/Hebrew schools  
Talmud Torah, "always got in trouble"  
custodian told to stay extra half-hour,  
would escape down fire escape etc.,  
124K0:20:30
- Talmud Torah, sneak out and go to Weltz  
Delicatessen "put our hand up to go to

- the bathroom and go right around the corner and get a hotdog" etc., 124K0:20:00
- Ethnicity & Culture
- Jewish community
    - language, Yiddish, reading Jewish newspaper *Forward* and Yiddish/English speaking at home, 124K0:44:30
    - language, Yiddish, sent grandson to the bank, she couldn't speak English, 124K0:42:00
    - neighbours, "lot of Jewish people...ghetto type thing," 124K0:04:00
    - neighbours would remove ashes on shabbos for Jewish neighbours, 124K0:46:30
    - racism, anti-Semitism, called band-wagoning and Christie Pits riot, 124K0:39:00
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  - Language
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    - Yiddish, sent grandson to the bank, she couldn't speak English, 124K0:42:00
  - Race relations & racism
    - anti-Semitism, called band-wagoning and Christie Pits riot, 124K0:39:00
    - anti-Semitism "anybody gave you a rough time...punch ourselves out, I'd go home bloody," 124K0:40:30
  - Health Care
    - Doctors
      - paid by Young Men's Hebrew Association, Sick Benovolent Society, 124K1:05:30
    - Pharmacies
      - pharmacist would discount price of drugs (before OHIP), 124K1:10:30
  - Historical Events
    - Christie Pits riots
      - 80th anniversary in 2013, 124K0:39:30
    - World War II
      - end, lot of noise and jubilation, 124K0:57:00
  - Houses of Worship
    - Narayever Synagogue
      - "they would grab you...need a tenth person...didn't share schnapps" etc, 124K0:21:30
  - Shomrai Shabos Synagogue
    - "should never have sold it" etc., 124K0:21:30
  - Synagogues
    - shteebles, small synagogues in houses, 124K0:22:00
  - Housing & Home Life
    - Air conditioning
      - took blankets to sleep at the lakeshore, 124K0:49:30
    - Backyards
      - victory gardens in the back, 124K0:52:30
    - Bathrooms
      - grandmother used paper that came around oranges as toilet paper "bring back the paper," 124K1:02:30
    - Bedrooms
      - "dining room was their bedroom," 124K0:02:00
    - Food
      - fishing for carp at Grenadier Pond in High Park, taking back on streetcar and putting in bathtub, 124K1:03:00
    - Heating
      - coal, then oil, 124K0:56:30
    - Kitchens
      - icebox, "bring in block of ice...chip away and make sure it fit," 124K0:16:30
    - Laundry
      - would be dirty from hanging over unpaved laneways and soot from coal, 124K0:54:00
    - Other
      - sharing clothes with brother "last one up...got the knickers with the holes," 124K0:31:00
    - Pets
      - dogs and needing a license, 124K0:29:00
    - Porches & verandas
      - sit on porch after synagogue, 124K0:49:00
    - Tenants
      - at 262 Brunswick Ave., 124K0:00:00
      - parents on main floor, children on third floor and different tenants on second floor etc., 124K0:01:30
  - Laneways
    - Children & youth
      - didn't play there, only used as a shortcut, 124K0:28:30
    - Conditions
      - laundry would be dirty from hanging over unpaved laneways; neighbour got the lane paved, 124K0:54:00

Names

Grainer, Lou  
ran pharmacy with Ron Kashin's brother,  
124K1:08:00  
would discount price of drugs (before OHIP),  
124K1:10:30

Jackson, Ronnie  
would walk in suit, tie & hat with newspaper;  
also remove ashes on shabbos for  
Jewish neighbours, 124K0:46:30

Kashin, Marion (wife of Ron Kashin)  
her family and where they lived, 124K0:08:00

Kashin, Ron  
buying first car, 124K0:54:30  
discussion on extended close-knit family,  
124K0:05:30  
door-to-door salesman selling hosiery,  
124K0:55:30  
lived at 262 Brunswick Ave. from 1938 -  
1955, 124K0:00:00  
selling oranges door-to-door as a child,  
124K1:01:30  
sneaking out at midnight to watch fights at  
closing time at Apollo and the  
Brunswick etc. "shimmy down from  
third floor bedroom," 124K0:59:00  
working as a child selling newspapers and  
team colour ribbons at Varsity  
Stadium etc. etc., 124K0:31:00

Kashin, Ron (brother of)  
ran pharmacy with Lou Grainer, 124K1:08:00

Kashin, Ron (father of)  
worked as a pattern maker in dress factory  
as a "schneider," 124K0:26:30

Kashin, Ron (father-in-law of)  
"grease-ball guy...great guy...he was a  
character," 124K0:26:30

Kashin, Ron (grandfather of)  
language was Yiddish, couldn't speak  
English, would walk in suit, tie & hat  
with newspaper, 124K0:46:00

Kashin, Ron (grandmother of)  
religiously strict and expectations for children  
to be as observant, 124K0:48:30  
sent Ron to the bank, she couldn't speak  
English, 124K0:42:00

Kashin, Ron (uncle of)  
automobile with rumble seat "kind of a  
character guy," 124K0:07:00

Moldofsky, Harvey  
Ron Kashin sold team colour ribbons at  
football games as a child with him,  
124K0:33:30

Tepperman, Dr.  
paid by Young Men's Hebrew Association,  
Sick Benevolent Society, 124K1:06:30

Weiman, Harry  
called the Mayor of Borden St., 124K1:10:30

Neighbourhood & Community  
Jewish Community Centre (JCC)  
Jewish Y, "wasn't a major part" but would  
play basketball at 44 St. George,  
124K0:12:30

Moving away  
"everyone was striving to leave the  
neighbourhood...it meant that  
everyone was stepping up a bit,"  
124K0:25:30

Safety  
very safe except for Brunswick House..."they  
would wander...walk into wrong  
house...my father picked him up and  
threw him off the porch," 124K0:05:00

Occupations & Finances  
Credit  
form of credit used to pay for delivery of ice  
and milk, 124K0:17:00

Finances  
credit union formed and sick benevolent  
society, 124K1:05:30  
families, grandmother borrowing money from  
the Bank of Nova Scotia, child sent  
"go to the bank...tell her your  
grandmother has to buy coal" etc.,  
124K0:42:00

Income  
"if you're making a hundred and twenty-five  
dollars a week, you managed,"  
124K0:26:00

Insurance agents, 124K1:09:00

Peddlers  
door-to-door selling hosiery, 124K0:55:30

Schneider (pattern maker)  
a cutter in a dress factory, 124K0:26:30

Women working  
not working, but worked if husband had a  
business; "maybe it was a sign that  
you shouldn't be working, and he's  
doing okay...men would have felt, 'My  
wife has to work, it would look bad for  
me that my wife is working,'"  
124K0:27:00

Streets & Intersections  
Bloor, St., 270  
location of Wiener's Hardware, 124K0:09:30  
Brunswick Ave., 262  
home of Ron Kashin from 1938 - 1955,  
124K0:00:00

Transportation

Automobiles

automobile with rumble seat and De Soto,  
124K0:07:00

buying first car, 124K0:54:30  
very few in the '40's - made it easier to play  
on the street, 124K0:51:00

Bicycles

if you were lucky you had a bicycle, or your  
feet, 124K0:50:30  
needing a bicycle license and using laneway  
as shortcut to avoid police,  
124K0:28:30

Horses

delivery of ice by horse and wagon,  
124K0:16:30

Streetcars

"streetcars all over the place," 124K0:51:00