

Businesses

Becker's delicatessen

speck (fat dipped in hot spice) on pastrami sandwich, 035F0:47:00

Benjamin's Funeral Parlour

on Spadina, 035F0:45:00

Ben's Grocery

dirty; bought 65 cents worth of candies (30s), 035F1:10:30

Butchers

Martin, kosher, Brunswick & Harbord, 035F0:51:30

Child's Restaurant

on Yonge; mother worked there, 035F0:43:00

Deliveries

fish; man dressed in white, immaculate truck, 035F0:32:00

Hayhoe Tea wagon, 035F0:32:30

ice truck; we all followed it; ice discards our popsicles; etc, 035F0:33:00

Eaton's, 035F0:35:00

Garden Theatre, 035F0:50:00

Greenwin Constuction, 035F0:54:00

Hat maker

Sammy Taft, 035F0:48:00

Kensington Market

Caplan's for butter; wooden paddle; etc., 035F0:49:30

"I was chosen one to go shopping"; thought I was Gentile so were going to charge more; etc., 035F1:17:00

Katz's delicatessen, pickles, 035F0:49:00

Ladovsky's United Bakery

fed newcomers, people without money, 035F0:04:30

LaSalle Theatre, 035F0:50:00

Playhouse Theatre, 035F0:50:00

Shopsy's delicatessen, 035F0:48:00

Switzer's delicatessen, 035F0:48:00

Theatres

on College, Bloor Spadina, for five cents, 30s, 40s, 035F0:50:00

Tip Top Tailors, 035F0:35:00

kids quit school to work, 035F0:37:30

suit cutter; considered well-off, 035F0:08:00

Wells delicatessen

on College; salamis against white tiles, 035F0:46:30

Children & Youth

Dating

dances in parents' dining rooms; jitterbug; etc., 035F0:59:00, 035F1:01:00

didn't smoke; could be marijuana (40s), 035F1:05:30

house parties with records (40s), 035F0:59:00

not till 18; strict parents; no sex ed; even pregnant didn't know anything; etc., 035F1:02:00

Playing & games

Buck-Buck coming game, etc., 035F1:12:30

chicken coop was clubhouse, 035F0:23:00

cut up pictures of movie stars and paste and pin, etc., 035F1:12:30

gambling with aggies (marbles), 035F1:11:00

girls sports teams (30s, 40s); volleyball, tether tennis; etc., 035F0:38:30

Major St. had war with Robert St. gang; she was fearless; etc., 035F0:19:00

Social clubs

couldn't date but went to clubroom, 035F0:59:00

Working & jobs

quit school, work at Tip Top Tailors; first week's pay stolen, 035F0:37:30

City Hall & Other Governments

Other

ward healer; could get stuff done, 035F0:20:30

Education

Lord Lansdowne Public School

played Aggies and Alleys in the schoolyard;

only planks on yard; etc., 035F1:11:00

successful people from 20s and 30s, 035F0:14:30

Other

sex ed, none; even pregnant didn't know anything; hid from husband; etc., 035F1:03:00

sex ed, none; school yard; etc., 035F1:06:30

Sports

cinder playground (30s), 035F0:38:30

escape boys who threatened, 035F1:06:30

girls teams (30s, 40s), 035F0:38:30

Ethnicity & Culture

Black community

the Pitters family next door, 035F0:30:30

Italian community

relationship with Jewish community, 035F0:30:30

Jewish community

helped newcomers; soup kitchen in my house; etc., 035F0:03:30

- Jewish identity and culture, not religious,
035F0:02:00
successful people from neighbourhood; 30s,
40s, 035F0:14:00
worked extra jobs to bring relatives over from
Poland, 035F0:43:30
- Health Care
Baycrest
mother's stroke, 035F0:57:00
Doctors
paid \$3; house calls, 035F1:00:00
Hospitals
father's death, 035F0:55:00
Other
cut finger at work; put carbolic acid on it,
035F0:43:30
- Historical Events
World War II
boys who made it home, stories, etc.,
035F0:16:00, 035F0:37:00
brother had operation in Midland so he could
enlist, 035F0:53:00
end of war, flew through streets, screaming
husband coming home; etc.,
035F1:15:00
telegram of death same night as end of war;
visited cemetery in Europe; etc.,
035F1:13:30
World War II & Boys of Major Street
"I was the leader of the gang"; etc.,
035F0:17:30
memories of Chucky Males, 035F0:20:00
were a band of kids before the war,
035F1:20:00
- Houses of Worship
Holy Blossom
feeding homeless; 500 toothbrushes; etc.,
035F0:12:30
Kiever Shul/Synagogue, 035F0:27:00
London Synagogue
on Spadina, 035F0:01:30
- Housing & Home Life
Bathrooms
one, with two, three families, 035F0:07:00
Boarders
food, boiled bones; two three families; etc.,
035F0:06:30
Families
"Mulatto" became part of Jewish family (30s),
035F0:08:30, 035F1:18:00
- "Mulatto" became part of Jewish family;
barmitzvahed; etc., 035F1:18:00
Families
father daughter and father's death; mother's
stroke, etc., 035F0:55:00
no sex ed; even pregnant didn't know
anything; hid from husband; etc.,
035F1:03:00, 035F1:06:00
Food
chicken coop; bought chickens for holidays
(30s, 40s), 035F0:23:00, 035F0:28:30
Living conditions
lucky if only three in a bed; etc., 035F0:07:00,
035F0:11:00
number of people & families; two, three
families; "Mulatto" man my father brought
home; etc., 035F0:08:30
Tenants
we lived in flats; on Major & Robert; etc.,
035F0:08:30
- Laneways
Children & youth
played in mud, 035F0:18:30
Conditions
mud, 035F0:18:30
Travel
went to school; grocery store; etc.,
035F1:09:30
- Names
Burke, Eddie
he was cute, 035F0:37:00
Cohns, Ella, 035F0:21:00
Cohns, Pop
ward healer, 035F0:20:30
Fagan, Suzie Skye
addresses (35 1/2 Major St.), age, dates
(1922-48), etc., 035F0:00:00
athletics as a girl, 035F0:38:30
and Boys of Major Street; etc., 035F0:17:30
relationship with father; father's death;
mother's stroke, etc., 035F0:55:00
volunteer activity and honours, 035F0:12:00
Herman, Mildred
ballet dancer, 035F0:14:30
Kay, Flora Lewis
addresses (Major St.), age, dates (1926-51),
etc., 035F0:00:00
age, 90, 035F0:02:30
learned cross-country skiing at 50,
035F1:08:00
Kay, Solly
girlfriend from Europe contacted family after
war, 035F1:15:30

- got his medal, hat & artifacts from Ottawa;
how he died; etc., 035F1:21:30
- "sat with me" in class, held my hand, etc.,
035F1:16:00
- telegram announcing death, 035F1:13:30
- "The boys all paid strict attention to me,"
035F0:17:30
- Males, Chucky
Boys of Major Street, 035F0:20:00
- Rasminsky, Louis
governor of Bank of Canada, 035F0:14:00
- Sobel, Harold
Boys of Major Street, 035F0:17:30
- Taplitsky
made it home from war, 035F0:16:00
- Neighbourhood & Community
- Class
all pretty much same, poor (230s, 40s),
035F0:42:00
- father worked at Tip Top Tailors, considered
well-off, 035F0:08:00
- Neighbours & neighbours' relations
among ethnicities, 035F0:30:30
- Major St. its own community, 035F0:03:00,
035F0:17:30
- Other
successful people from neighbourhood; 30s,
40s, 035F0:14:00
- Safety
safe community, 035F1:09:30
- Occupations & Finances
- Cottage Industry
watch repair, 035F0:32:00
- Dancers, 035F1:08:30
- Finances
everybody poor; mother worked to bring
people over from Poland, 035F0:43:00
- Needle trade (*see also* Tailors)
on Spadina (30s, 40s), 035F0:34:30
- Tailors
suit cutter at Tip Top Tailors, 035F0:08:00
- Women working
busheling (remove basting); factories sewing,
035F0:35:30
- everybody poor; mother worked to bring
people over from Poland, 035F0:43:00
- Real Estate
Buying, reasons for
fix up and resell, (30s, 40s?); Greenwin
Construction, 035F0:53:30
rented until could buy (30s, 40s),
035F0:54:30
- Streets & Intersections
- College St.
stables, between Robert and Spadina,
035F0:45:00
- stores, 035F0:46:30
- Major St.
1926-51, 035F0:00:00
- its own community, 035F0:03:00
- Major St., 3, 5, 35 and 35 1/2
Boys of Major St., 035F0:17:30
- Major St., 13
Taplitsky made it home from war,
035F0:16:00
- Major St., 35 1/2
1922-48, 035F0:00:00
- Robert St.
1926-51, 035F0:00:00
- Spadina Ave.
stores, 035F0:47:30
- Transportation
- Horses
Hayhoe Tea wagon, 035F0:32:30
- junk and schmatta sellers; milkman, like my
father-in-law; etc., 035F0:25:30
- more horses than cars (30s); father's horse,
Jumbo, 035F0:44:30
- stables on College between Robert and
Spadina, 035F0:45:00