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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF LAZARUS PHILLIPS

Lazarus Phillips, K.C., O.B.E., L.L.D., was born in Montreal, Quebec, 10 October 1895. He was educated in Montreal, studied law at McGill University and started his legal career with S.W. Jacobs. The partnership of Jacobs and Phillips was formed after Phillips was called to the Montreal Bar in 1920. After Jacobs death in 1938 a new partnership, Phillips, Sperber and Bloomfield was formed. This was followed by the partnership of Phillips, Vineberg in 1945.

Phillips stood for election as a Liberal candidate in Cartier in 1943, but was defeated by Fred Rose. In 1968 he was appointed to the Senate where he served, as acting chairman of the standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs and as deputy chairman of the Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce, until his retirement in 1970.

In 1931 Phillips was named a King's Council and was awarded his O.B.E. in 1946. A Negev Dinner was held in his honour in Montreal in 1967. He was awarded two L.L.D.'s, one by McGill in 1965 and the other by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1972.

Phillips was one of the founders and former chairmen of the Canadian Tax Foundation, Past President of the United Talmud Torahs of Montreal and President of the Jewish Colonization Association of Canada. He was active in numerous Zionist and community organizations and campaigns.

In 1923 Phillips married Rosalie S. Idelson, now deceased. They had two sons Neil Franklin and Ivan Edward, both lawyers.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PHILLIPS PAPERS

Originals, 1909-1975, 88 cm.

The papers were presented by Mr. Phillips in 1975.

Access to the material is restricted. Please consult the National Ethnic Archives Section for further information.

Photographs transferred to the National Photography Collection, accession number

The Phillips collection of Judaica and rare books was transferred to the Public Archives Library.

Items placed in vertical storage cabinet:

- Jewish National Fund Certificate, 1923
- United Talmud Torahs, Montreal, 1966  
(executive photos)
- Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 1972  
(citation)
- Negev Dinner, 25 May 1967
- Centennial Forest, 25 May 1967
- Decalogue Society of Lawyers, 25 June 1968

Correspondence	(Vols. 1-3)	52 cm.
Subject Files	(Vol. 3)	7 cm.
Printed Material	(Vols. 3-6)	29 cm.

CORRESPONDENCE

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1

Personal and General

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Correspondence 1927-1936  
Correspondence 1939-1947  
Correspondence 1948-1974  
Correspondence 1977 - 1979  
Business and Finance

Correspondence with Business Leaders 1949-1969  
Correspondence with Business Leaders 1970-1975  
Correspondence: Canadian Tax Foundation 1948  
Correspondence: Canadian Tax Foundation 1949-1958  
Correspondence: Letters of Congratulation 1966  
Re: Vice-President  
Royal Bank of Canada

- 1 Correspondence: Letters of Congratulation on Appointment as Director of The Royal Bank 1954
- 2 Correspondence: Letters of Congratulation on Appointment as Director of The Royal Bank 1954
- 3 Correspondence: Letters of Congratulation on Appointment as Director of The Royal Bank 1954

Community Activities

Correspondence with the Bronfman Family 1946-1975  
Re: Community Affairs  
Correspondence: Jewish Theological Seminary 1964-1975  
Correspondence: Re McGill University Faculty of Law Building Campaign 1965-1966

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1	Jewish Theological Seminary Convocation	Sunday April 23rd 1972
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2	<u>Honours</u>	
	Correspondence: Letters of Congratulation. Re: O.B.E.	July 31, 1946
	Correspondence: Letters of Congratulation. Re: O.B.E.	August 1, 1946
	Correspondence: Letters of Congratulation. Re: O.B.E.	August 2-3, 1946
	Correspondence: Letters of Congratulation. Re: O.B.E.	August 5, 1946-1947
	Correspondence: Letters of Congratulation. Re: L.L.D. Awarded by McGill University	October 1965
	Negev Dinner - Lazarus Phillips	1967
	<u>Political</u>	
	Jacobs - S.W. Sympathy and Memorial messages	1938-1967
	Correspondence with Prime Ministers Pearson, Trudeau and St-Laurent	1951-1975
	Correspondence with Paul Martin	1952-1975
	Correspondence - Cartier Constituency	1938-1940
	<u>Senate</u>	
	Correspondence: Senate	1955-1967
	1 Senate: Letters of Congratulation	16th Feb. 1968
	2 Senate: Letters of Congratulation	16th Feb. 1968
	3 Senate: Letters of Congratulation Undated and 17th, 18th, 19th	Feb. 1968

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2	4	Senate: Letters of Congratulation 20th, 21st, 22nd	Feb. 1968
	5	Senate: Letters of Congratulation 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th	Feb. 1968
	6	Senate: Letters of Congratulation	March 1st- 27th 1968
	7	Senate: Letters of Congratulation	April 1st- Oct. 7th 1968
	1	Senate: L.P.'s Replies to Letters of Congratulation	24th Feb.- March 18th 1968
	2	Senate: L.P.'s Replies to Letters of Congratulation	27th Feb.- 1st April 1968
	3	Senate: L.P.'s Replies to Letters of Congratulation	29th Feb.- 6th March 1968

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3	4	Senate: L.P.'s Replies to Letters of Congratulation	29th Feb.- 28th March 1968
	5	Senate: L.P.'s Replies to Letters of Congratulation	5th March- 25th March 1968
	6	Senate: L.P.'s Replies to Letters of Congratulation	25th March- 3rd April 1968
	7	Senate: L.P.'s Replies to Letters of Congratulation	10th April- 19th July, 1968
		Senate - Working Files	Feb. to June 1968
		Senate - Working Files	July to Dec. 1968
		Senate - Working Files	1969
		Senate - Working Files	1970-1973

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3	75th Birthday Greeting Senate Retirement	Oct. 1970

SUBJECT FILES

Biographical Material - Lazarus Phillips	
National Liberal Convention	1968
Mr. Sam Steinberg, Negev Dinner 1972, Jewish National Fund	1972
Miscellaneous	
Senate - Speeches about the Senate	1918-1968
Speech to The Royal Bank and Canadian Conference on Banking	Sept. 16-17 1974
Community Activities	1942-1974
Jewish Community Activities	1958-1975

PRINTED MATERIAL

Senate - Debates and Reports	1966-1974
Clippings	
Clippings	
Clippings	
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Clippings	

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5	Scrapbooks (2) Senate Speeches - tributes to Lazarus Phillips	1970
	Expo 67 - Pavillion of Judaism booklet	



## Vol.

6	Jewish National Fund Testimonial book	
	Jewish General Hospital - certificates of Life Governorship	1962
	Scrapbook	
	Scrapbook - re illness	1943