

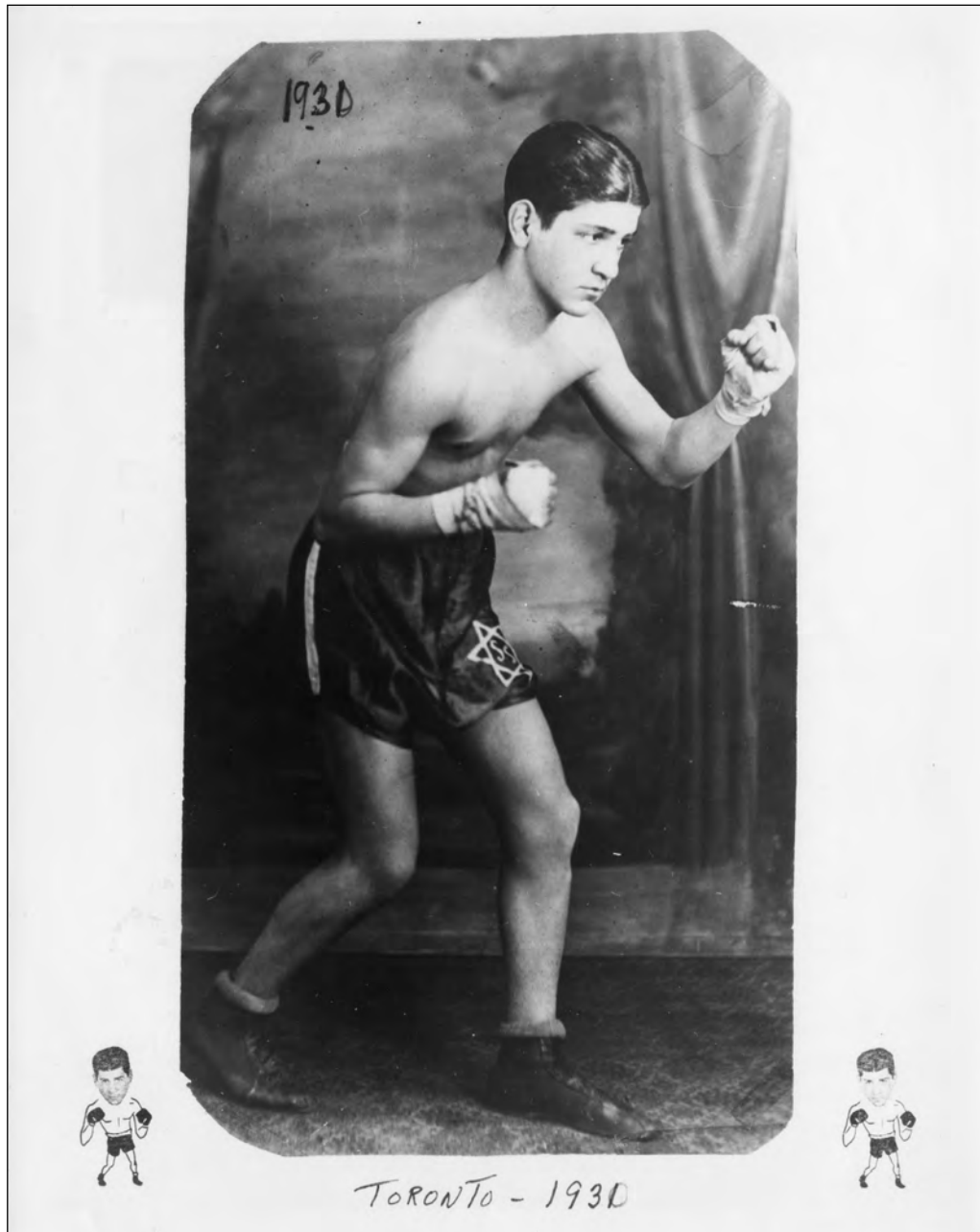
# JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH

## A Trip to the Market



# SAMMY LUFTSPRING

## Jewish Canadian Boxing Legend



Sammy Luftspring, Toronto, 1930. Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre, item 2516

- Born May 14, 1916 in **The Ward** to working-class Jewish parents
- Parents emigrated from Eastern Europe
- Moved to Kensington Market when he was a child
- Became a famous boxer in the 1930s
- Known for his fighting skills and Jewish pride
- Always wore a Star of David on his boxing shorts



# ANTI-SEMITISM

## Discrimination on the Rise in Europe

41ST YEAR JULY CIRCULATION, 209,957 TORONTO, TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1933—34 PAGES TWO CENTS

### THE TORONTO DAILY STAR

THE WEATHER: Fairly clear and cool. THE WEATHER: Moderate to fresh southeast blowing to northerly winds. Partly cloudy and somewhat cooler to-night. Wednesday, moderate winds, fair with moderate temperature.

# FEAR NAZI PLOT AGAINST JEWS WORLDWIDE

## C.C.F. WON'T TOLERATE COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IS PHILPOTT'S WARNING

Crowd of 30,000 Cheers Reference Against "Run It or Ruin It"

WOMAN M.P. SPEAKS Charge "Boring From Within" By Communists Seeking to Control Party

Emphatic warning to Communist agitators, who have been "boring from within the C.C.F.," that their "run it or ruin it" will not be tolerated was sounded by Capt. James Philpott, chairman of the address to 20,000 men, women and children who flocked to Lambton Park for the C.C.F. picnic yesterday. His voice was carried by amplified several hundred yards to the assembly-parked through seated in the natural amphitheatre on all sides of the platform. Capt. Philpott was cheered to the echo as he delivered his frank "hands off" ultimatum. "I have nothing against any man because he chooses to hold Communist beliefs," he said at the close of his speech and following the somewhat similar declaration of Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P., in the opinion that the C.C.F. must beware of two extremes—the methodism element and the "irresponsibility."

"I believe that the Communist party should be as free as anyone else to present its views to the people of Canada within the law," said Capt. Philpott. "But I say if you are working for the Communist party, work for it but don't try to work within the C.C.F. on the idea of run it or ruin it."

"There has been too much boring from within the C.C.F. and I want to stop it," he said.

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## HOME AND SPORT EDITION

### FOUND IN GARAGE FLEEING YOUTH IS SHOT BY OWNER

Claims Visit Entirely Innocent — Resident Held for Shooting

IS HIT IN THE BACK

Evan Thomas, Garage Owner, Remanded One Week on \$1,000 Bail

Special to The Star

Hamilton, Aug. 7.—Surprised to find a private garage a few minutes after the owner had scolded two gasoline thieves away, George Lamonde, 22, was shot in the back early today when he became excited and ran. Evan Thomas, 425 Dundurn St. S., was arrested on a charge of shooting Lamonde's condition was reported only fair at the Hamilton General hospital.

Thomas was later remanded in police court for one week on bail of \$1,000. The charge is shooting with intent to kill.

Thomas told police of a series of strange episodes. About one a.m. he was awakened by a noise in the yard and saw two men siphoning gasoline from his car. They fled when he went out to investigate. Thomas appealed to police and searched the west end for the fugitives without success. The visitors had left a can and siphon.

He and Mrs. Thomas had just retired a half hour later when they heard a repetition of the noise. Loud-

Communist efforts to "bore from within" the C.C.F. and either "run it or ruin it," will not be tolerated for an instant, Captain Elmore Philpott, (2) seen in action at the C.C.F. picnic at Lambton Park, yesterday, Captain Philpott on the platform, to disrupt the C.C.F. organization.

to his 20,000 listeners in a frank warning to Communists to keep "hands off" the C.C.F. Captain Philpott's declaration and the similar warning sounded by Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P. (2), who preceded it, were cheered to the echo as they struck out at attempts of Communists to disrupt the C.C.F. organization.

"With the irresponsibility" came as the highlights of the most impressive show of C.C.F. strength ever seen in Ontario. Each speaker was cheered to the echo as they struck out at attempts of Communists to disrupt the C.C.F. organization.

### BEACHES IN TURMOIL AS SWASTIKA EMBLEM INCITES NEAR RIOTS

Clothes Torn From Members in Series of Holiday Clashes

EXTRA POLICE USED

Long-Brewing Storm Bursts Over East End in Full Strength

Sullen clouds of tense racial feeling, brooding over the east end waterfront for days, burst during the week-end, and developed in a series of clashes and near riots, thousands of discontented who flocked to the beaches for pleasure, and for the "thrill" which they found abundant. Trouble was in the air, and it required only the appearance of the swastika sign to make it all too actively tangible.

Throughout the turmoil, the small swastika badge, emblem of the rapidly growing club, bobbed and ebbled as gangs of non-Germans, incensed by the Hitlerism which they charged it symbolized, pummed on wearers. They tore swastikas on which the sign was emblazoned from the backs of youths, and forced them to seek shelter in nearby houses.

On Sunday, squads of police, under Inspector Hans Major, after a half hour's argument, forced H. W. Starkey and Bert Gantzer, leaders of the club, to remove the insignia from their shirts.

Yesterday, the air had appeared to clear, and swastika emblems, lined with swastika torn, emblems gone, announced a cessation of all activities until they meet with Toronto city council, and lay before them their plans to keep the beaches clean of "obnoxious visitors."

Bert Gantzer and MacKay declared they had been treated "rottenly" by the police, and charged his brother-in-law that from Inspector Major. "There would have been no trouble (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

### GERMAN NAZI PLOT BLAMED FOR SWASTIKAS UP NORTH

Private Property Invaded on Lake Simcoe, Placarded With Emblems

"PART OF CAMPAIGN"

Appearance of the red Swastika emblem on property of Jews at Rock's Point and other beaches throughout the world, in the opinion of Mrs. David Dunbrink, who has just returned to the city from the North York beach.

Sacramento, Calif., Aug. 8.—Peace officers of the state were asked to watch for a stolen hearse. Sheriff C. A. Rayburn of Riverside county said the hearse was the property of E. Keith Farny of Colchella.

else as to the identity of the person or persons who placed the Swastika emblems at the Rock's Point pool-office. There were not seen during it.

### CHASING VIPERS IN AUTO PLEASANT INDIAN PASTIME

Poisonous Reptiles, Oxen and Gipsies Clutter South Indian Highways

CRIME BUT YARNS

By GORDON SINCLAIR

Bremont, South India, June 25.—Traffic on Indian roads stops abruptly when, with tropical suddenness,

### DUNDALK CHILDREN AID POOR OF CITY

Special to The Star

Dundalk, Aug. 8.—Five little girls ranging in age from 10 to 14 held a sale of home-made nothings here Saturday night in aid of the Star Fresh Air Fund. Over eleven dollars was cleared for this worthy cause.

### SHOOTING AT FEET MIGHT BE JUSTIFIED

Amount Involved in Robbery Does Not Concern Arrest

"It might have been justifiable for the garage owner to shoot this man in the foot, but I would hardly thin-

### YOU SEND \$1 AND MAKE ONE CITY CHILD HAPPY

Fresh Air Fund Needs Your Help—Please Don't Fail

STAR FRESH AIR FUND

Amount previously acknowledged \$165,776.31

Today \$100.00

Balance of an amount

### NINE MARKSMEN SCORE POSSIBLE AT LONG BRANCH

### HEARSE IS STOLEN SHERIFF DECLARES

### GIRL BEATS FRISBEE IN GOLF

Beatrice "Little Ben" Gottlieb, who defeated the Prince of Wales in a private golf match in London, Aug. 4, got her start six years ago in New York on a public course. While she has yet to distinguish herself in victory in an important tournament, she is regarded as a real threat in tournament play.

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Toronto Daily Star (1900-1971); Aug 8, 1933; ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Toronto Star pg. 1

- 1933 Adolf Hitler becomes the leader (*Chancellor*) of Germany
- Hitler is leader of the Anti-Semitic Nazi party
- Nazis blame Jews for many of the problems in Germany
- Toronto newspapers report of German persecution of Jews

# ANTI-SEMITISM

## Apparent in Toronto

**THE EVENING TELEGRAM**  
TORONTO, TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1933  
THIRTY-FOUR PAGES  
PRICE TWO CENTS  
CLOSING MARKETS LATEST SPORTS EDITION

### TORONTO "SWASTIKAS" AROUSE JEWS

#### SIGN OF THE SWASTIKA IN TORONTO

**Two Prostrated By Heat As Day Waxes Sultrier But With Relief Nearing**

**Hundreds Don Swastikas In Drive to Rid Beaches of "Undesirable Persons"**

**July Was Sunniest Recorded in Toronto**

**"Hail Hitler" Sign Displayed; Jewish Leaders Denounce Mystery Club as Anti-Semitic**

**FEDERAL DRIVE ON KIDNAPPERS ROOSEVELT AIM**

**Plans to Stamp Out All Forms of Racketeering Learned As Oil Men Freed—To Charge Negotiator**

**TWO ARMED MEN ROPE DRUG CLERK AND LOOT STORE**

**Customer Also Bound During Early Morning Raid in Dundas Street Shop—Police Hunt Unusually**

**City Building Keeps Pace**

**Three Golfers Tie For Lead**



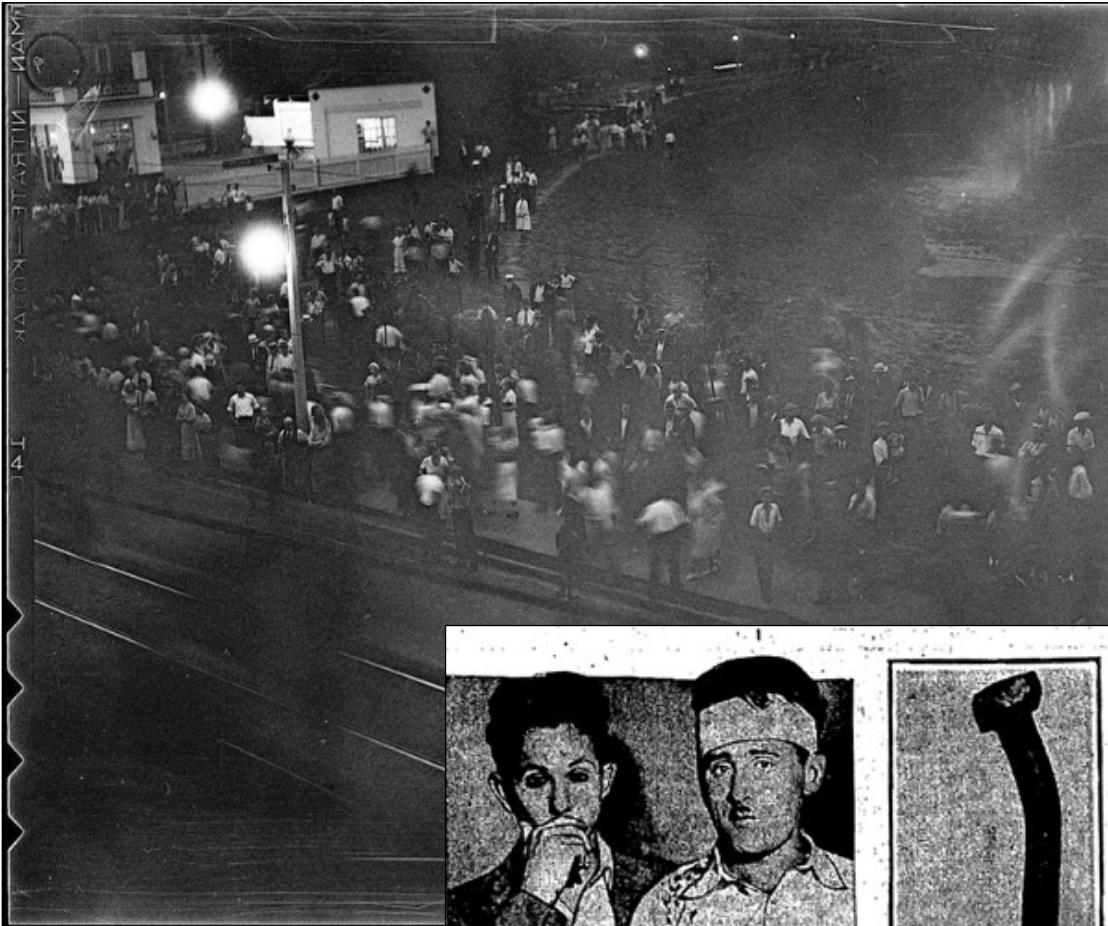
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The emergence of "Swastika Clubs" in Toronto. The Evening Telegram, August 1, 1933; <https://torontoist.com/2017/02/historicist-strike-hitlerism/>

- Acts of aggression and intimidation toward Jews in Toronto
- High number of Jewish newcomers in the early 1930s
- The **Great Depression** when many people could not find jobs
- **Swastika clubs** recruit 400 members in Beach neighbourhood
- Gangs of young white protestants wearing Swastikas would patrol the eastern beaches to intimidate Jewish beachgoers



# CHRISTIE PITS RIOT



City of Toronto Archives, Globe and Mail  
fonds/Fonds 1266, Item 30791



... during the noise in front of the  
... and escaped uninjured.  
... Due to the highlights of the riot  
... this time, was when three lads  
... lacked a bunchback, who was a  
... petalor from the laneway back of  
... service station. A taxi driver  
... they would sally forth and descend  
... on a rival gang.  
... It was on one of these occasions  
... that a youth was knocked to the  
... ground and set upon by half a dozen  
... of the gang.  
... Rescuer Attacked

they arrived, why everybody broke  
and ran in every direction.  
"Those policemen were ready for  
action, let me tell you."  
Donstead was badly injured  
around the right eye, where he had  
been struck by the 12-inch iron bolt,  
and also on the back of the scap.  
Although his companions wanted to

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FOR 'ROYAL WILLI**  
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[https://www.blogto.com/city/2013/07/that\\_time\\_anti-semitism\\_blighted\\_toronto/](https://www.blogto.com/city/2013/07/that_time_anti-semitism_blighted_toronto/)

- August 15, 1933 a riot breaks out at Christie Pits park
- Baseball tournament: Swastika Club members taunt Jewish team
- A white flag with a Swastika symbol was unfurled
- Jewish members of the crowd rushed the flag
- 6 hour brawl involved hundreds to thousands of people

# BERLIN OLYMPICS 1936



<https://www.gettyimages.ca/detail/news-photo/the-olympic-torch-is-carried-into-the-stadium-during-the-news-photo/3046704>

- 1936 Olympics held in Berlin (capital of Germany)
- Sammy Luftspring qualifies to box for Canada in these Olympics
- He boycotts the Olympics (choose not participate) in protest of Nazi Germany's anti-semitic policies

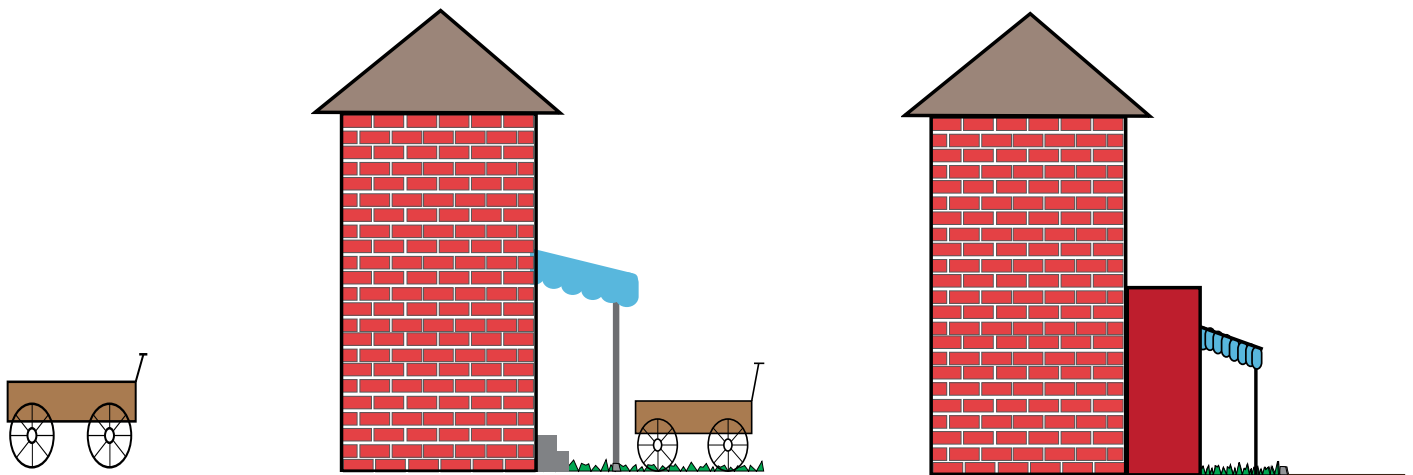


# A MARKET IN KENSINGTON

## Houses become Shops



Toronto, street view of Kensington market. Library and Archives Canada; [http://collectionscanada.gc.ca/pam\\_archives/index.php?fuseaction=genitem.displayItem&lang=eng&rec\\_nbr=4315591](http://collectionscanada.gc.ca/pam_archives/index.php?fuseaction=genitem.displayItem&lang=eng&rec_nbr=4315591)



- First, Jewish peddlars sold goods from carts in the streets
- Later, peddlars parked carts at their home, people came to them
- Eventually, these entrepreneurs added extensions to their homes with awnings, turning living rooms into stores

# A MARKET IN KENSINGTON

## Rules of Shabbat

**Shabbat** (*hebrew*) / **Sabbath** (*english*) / **Shabboz** (*yiddish*):

- a day of rest and spiritual enrichment
- observed from sunset on Friday to sundown on Saturday



Bella Tichberg and her cousin in front of Lottman's Bakery, 172 Baldwin St., Toronto, [194-]. Lottman family collection, Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre, accession 2013-11-2

- Braided challah breads are a fixture of Sabbath dinners
- Challah was baked and ready for purchase on Fridays
- Most businesses were closed on Saturday to observe Shabbat
- In 1931, there were 6 different bakeries:
  - 3 on Kensington Ave.
  - 3 on Baldwin St.



# A MARKET IN KENSINGTON

## Kashrut

### Kashrut:

- laws about food that can/cannot be eaten and how it is prepared
- following kashrut means keeping a **kosher** diet
- “Jewish Market” businesses reflect the demand for kosher food



City of Toronto Archives, Fonds 1266, Item 8246



<http://spitalfieldslife.com/2012/06/18/working-people-a-dog/02-a-kosher-butcher-c-2-62/>

**Kashrut:** Meat and poultry must die in a very specific way

- Shochet (Shaw-het) was specially trained to do this work
- Jewish Shochets worked in alleys like this for years

# A MARKET IN KENSINGTON

## Selling Live Poultry



NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF CANADA, PA-084812

Kensington Market, 1926 NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF CANADA PHOTO; <https://www.cjnews.com/culture/entertainment/film-to-look-at-changing-kensington-market>

**Kashrut:** Specific birds may not be eaten (e.g., Ostrich)  
Poultry (chicken, geese, ducks and turkey) are permitted

- Live poultry was sold all over the market
- In a time of poor refrigeration, alive means fresh!
- Taking live poultry to the **shochet** made sure it was kosher
- In 1931, there were 15 different poultry sellers:
  - 1 on St. Andrew St.
  - 8 on Kensington Ave.
  - 6 on Baldwin St.



# A MARKET IN KENSINGTON

## Kosher Butchers



M. Grossman butcher shop, Toronto, 1940. Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre, fonds 33, series 4, item 12

**Kashrut:** Jews can only eat mammals with cloven hooves that also chew their cud (e.g., cows, goats, sheep and deer)

- Kosher butchers in the market sold only meat that followed Kashrut
- In 1931, there were 7 different kosher butchers:
  - 2 on St. Andrew St.
  - 4 on Kensington Ave.
  - 1 Baldwin St.

# A MARKET IN KENSINGTON

## Dairies



Trachter's Milk Store, 71 Kensington Ave., Toronto, May 1925. Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre, item 2947

**Kashrut:** milk products cannot be cooked or eaten with meat (e.g., cheese with mammals or birds)

- In 1931, there were 3 different dairies on Kensington Ave.
- Above is an example of “Yinglish” (mix of yiddish and english)
- Sometimes English words were spelled out in Yiddish
- Photo above:

*English words: Milk Store* written out in *Yiddish: מילק סטאר*



# A MARKET IN KENSINGTON

## Fish Dealers



Toronto, street view of Kensington market. Library and Archives Canada;  
[http://collectionscanada.gc.ca/pam\\_archives/index.php?fuseaction=genitem.display-Item&lang=eng&rec\\_nbr=4315657](http://collectionscanada.gc.ca/pam_archives/index.php?fuseaction=genitem.display-Item&lang=eng&rec_nbr=4315657)



<https://www.heritagefl.com/story/2017/04/14/features/remembering-that-carp-in-my-grandparents-bathtub/7827.html>

**Kashrut:** fish, fruits, and vegetables are considered pareve

**Pareve:** (Par-veh): neutral, can be eaten with dairy or with meat

- Many bought live fish (like carp above)
- Live fish kept in the bathtub until ready to prepare for Shabbat
- In 1931, there were 10 fish dealers:
  - 4 on Kensington Ave.
  - 6 on Baldwin St.

# GARMENT WORKERS



Small Toronto garment workshop, [192-]. International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU) collection, [192-]. Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre, accession 1978-4-6.

**Look at this photograph with your team and discuss:**

- What do you think is happening here?
- Does it seem like a pleasant occupation?
- Do you think these people enjoy their work? Why/why not?



# GARMENT WORKERS



Image from Eaton's – Golden Jubilee (1869-1919) (T. Eaton Co Ltd., 1919). [https://torontoist.com/2011/01/historicist\\_sewing\\_the\\_seeds\\_of\\_discontent/](https://torontoist.com/2011/01/historicist_sewing_the_seeds_of_discontent/)

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# GARMENT WORKERS

## Strike 1931



Pickets, Dressmakers General Strike, Dressmakers Union I.L.G.W.U, 1931. Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre, item 1440.

**Look at this photograph with your team and discuss:**

- Describe what you think a strike is.
- What you think is happening here?
- Why do you think people chose to go on strike?
- What perspectives are missing from this picture?



# JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH

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Doug Taylor



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“Kiever Synagogue 2005—Kensington Market,” Doug Taylor