

# TEACHING AND LEARNING



Knowledge is gained through personal experience, but education teaches the experience of others. Education and learning has been the cornerstone of Jewish life in Ontario for over a century. In the beginning, one-room *cheders* and Talmud Torahs provided the only formal instruction for Jewish youth, but today there are a myriad of choices from after-school instruction to large Hebrew day schools. Jewish education is a major force in building vital and dynamic Jewish communities around the province.



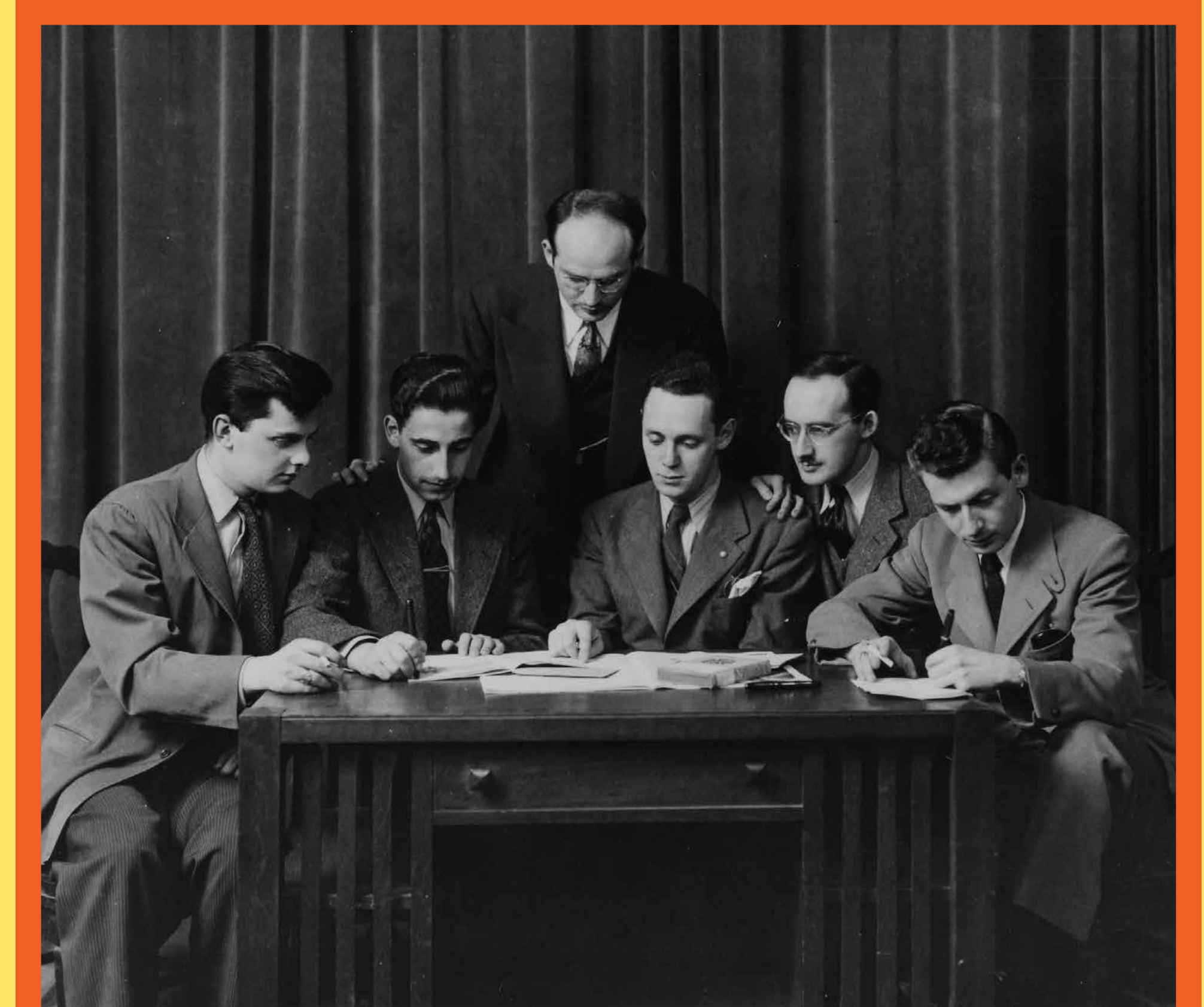
Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) students  
Toronto, 2007  
Photo courtesy of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto



Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) citizenship school  
Toronto, 1964  
Ontario Jewish Archives, fonds 9, series 12, item 5



Choir at groundbreaking ceremony for Associated Hebrew School  
(Neptune Drive campus)  
Toronto, 1955  
Ontario Jewish Archives, photo 2389



B'nai Brith Hillel (campus student organization) at Queen's University  
Kingston, 1943  
Ontario Jewish Archives, photo 2543



Cheder (Hebrew) class  
Oshawa, ca. 1925  
Ontario Jewish Archives, photo 4102



Jewish day school students playing music  
Toronto, ca. 1979  
Ontario Jewish Archives, photo 2778



Students of Congregation Beth Jacob Talmud Torah  
Sault Ste. Marie, 1954  
Ontario Jewish Archives, photo 4835



Eitz Chaim Talmud Torah class  
Toronto, 1958  
Ontario Jewish Archives, fonds 18, series 3, file 16

## Being Jewish in Ontario: A Pictorial Celebration

May is Jewish Heritage Month in Ontario. Discover the many different ways of "being Jewish" in the province through this exhibit of photographs from UJA Federation's Ontario Jewish Archives. Each of the five banners on view present a different aspect of Jewish life in the province, reflecting the vibrant texture of both the past and the present. From a bar mitzvah in St. Catharines, to the Jewish students' organization at Queen's University, to a Hadassah Bazaar in Brantford; this exhibit celebrates the multiplicity of Jewish life in Ontario.

The Ontario Jewish Archives (OJA) acquires, preserves and makes accessible the records that chronicle our province's Jewish history including photographs, films, and oral histories. Through exhibitions, programs, research assistance, and walking tours, the OJA tells the stories of Ontario's Jewish community. Our Stories are your stories. This exhibition is co-organized by the OJA and the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA).

