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Biographical note

Milton Israel was born in Hartford, Connecticut on July 27, 1936 and obtained a Bachelor of Science from Trinity College (Hartford) in 1958. He pursued graduate studies at the University of Michigan where he received an M.A. in 1960 and Ph. D in 1965. His doctoral thesis in history was a study of "The Anglo-Indian in defense of authority, 1905-1910".

It was during his last year of study for his doctorate that Milton Israel was hired as a lecturer in the Department of History at the University of Toronto. Two years after joining the University in 1966 he was promoted to Assistant Professor. In addition to his teaching and research he served as Assistant to the Dean, School of Graduate Studies from 1967-1970. In 1971 he was promoted to Associate Professor. Through the 1970's and 1980's Prof. Israel held a number of administrative appointments and served on a number of University and departmental committees and task forces. These included his service as Vice-provost from 1974-1979, Chairman, Presidential Advisory Committee on International Exchange and cooperation (1981-1987), Board of Directors, OISE (1984-1987), Chairman, Presidential Task Force on Foreign Students (1984-1986), SGS review committee on the Centre for Russian and East European Studies (1984) and Advisory Committee on the professorship of ethnic studies (1989 -). In the 1990's he served as Director, Graduate Centre for South Asian Studies. He retired from the University in July 2002.

During his career, Prof. Israel wrote and published extensively on South Asians in Ontario, Canada and abroad. His body of work includes two books Communications and power: studies on propaganda and the press in the Indian nationalist struggle 1920-1947 (Cambridge University Press, 1994) and In the further soil: a social history of Indo-Canadians in Ontario (Toronto: TOPIC, 1994). In addition he has been the editor or coeditor of many books, contributed chapters to other books, published articles and reviews, and reports.

In addition to his teaching, research and publication activities, Prof. Israel has been a actively involved in the Ontario and Toronto multicultural community. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Multicultural History Society of Ontario since 1976 and has served as its Chairman since 1990. As Chair of the MHSO, he promoted and actively participated in the collaborative production of a book and exhibition entitled "Safe Haven. The refugee experience of five families" with the Royal Ontario Museum. In addition he was a major participant in the MHSO publication *Encyclopedia of Canada's Peoples* published in 1999. Prof. Israel has chaired the Academic Advisory Committee, Asia Television since 1994, and has served as member of the boards of Maneka Thakkar and Company, Alliance for Ontario Universities and the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute.

Scope and content

Date range: 1925-2005

Extent: 4.31 m (22 of boxes) of publications, textual and graphic materials 35 digital files (4 MB)

Scope and content: This fonds consists of eleven series documenting Milton Israel's graduate studies at University of Michigan, and his publishing, teaching and research activities as Professor of South Asian Studies in the Department of History at the University of Toronto. The records relating to his graduate studies consist of research notes and some footnote drafts for his doctoral thesis "The Anglo-Indian in defense of authority, 1905-1910".

A significant portion of the **B2002-0009** accession documents his research and teaching activities relating to South Asian settlement and migration during the 1990s and includes course materials for HIST 394, a course he developed on this topic. In addition there is correspondence and reports relating to the Sikh Studies program in the Department for the Study of Religion developed at the time he was Director for the Centre for South Asian Studies.

The **B2011-0004** accession contributes significantly to his research and teaching activities, including course materials and lecture notes for HIS 101, HUM 101, HIS 232, HIS 282, HIS 364 and HIS 394, relating to British colonialism, the history of India and particularly modern India, and South Asian civilization and migration. Also included are several popular lectures and seminars that Professor Israel gave over the course of his career.

Records documenting his publication activities in Series 5 focus on primarily three projects: his book In the future soil: a social history of the Indo-Canadians in Ontario (1994), his work on Encyclopedia of Canada's Peoples (1999) while he was Chair of the Multicultural History Society of Ontario and "Safe Haven. The refugee experience of five families", a book and exhibition produced in cooperation with the Royal Ontario Museum. Series 6 contains correspondence, research material, notes and card files relating to, with drafts of his book *Communications and Power: propaganda and the press in the Indian Nationalist Struggle,* 1920-1947 (1994). Accession **B2011-0004** also includes notes and correspondence regarding several published reviews and articles by Professor Israel, as well as reviews of these key publications.

Access: Open

Boxes:B1995-0052/001 - /005 B2002-0009/001 - /009, 001P B2011-0004/001 - /007

Digital folder: B2011-0004_df001

Series 1: Doctoral thesis, University of Michigan

Date range: ca 1961-1966 Extent: 0.44 m (4 boxes) of textual records

Scope and content: In the mid-1960's, Milton Israel undertook graduate work in history at the University of Michigan. This series contains research notes, drafts of footnotes, and copies of archival documents compiled while preparing his thesis "The Anglo-Indian in defense of authority, 1905-1910". Also included is Prof. Israel's personal bound copy of his thesis presented to his parents.

Access: Open Boxes: B2002-0009/001 B2002-0009/002 (01)-(03) B2002-0009/003 B2002-0009/009 (03)

Series 2: University of Toronto

Date range: 1964-2000 **Extent:** 0.13 m (4 boxes) of textual and graphic material

Scope and content: This series documents some of Prof. Israel's activities as teacher and administrator at the University of Toronto. It includes correspondence regarding his tenure as a University of Toronto professor, especially during the period when he was vice provost (1974-1979), Director of the Graduate Centre for South Asian Studies (1981-1991), and Chairman of the Robert F. Harney Memorial Trust. Also included are files relating to the Sikh studies program, initiated after the Conference on Sikh History and Religion in the Twentieth Century (1987) organized by the Centre for South Asian Studies. According to Prof. Israel "the program became quite controversial and attracted attacks from orthodox Sikh critics both in Canada and outside". The material on the Sikh community also includes his 1990 report prepared for the 5 Ks Interministerial Committee Government of Ontario entitled "Sikhs and their religious symbols: an Ontario perspective".

Access: Open Boxes: B2002-0009/002 (04) - (10) B2002-0009/004 (01) B2002-0009/001P B2011-0004/001 (01) - (03)

Series 3: Professional Activities

Date range: 1990-1997 Extent: 0.30 m (2 boxes) of textual records

Scope and content: This series documents Prof. Israel's external activities relating to the South Asian community in Ontario. It includes correspondence from his role as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Multicultural History Society of Toronto. Also included are documents relating to the application of South Asian Television for a CRTC licence (1996), ideas for a film on modern commonwealth and notes on his study of Urdu.

Access: Open

Boxes: B2002-0009/006 (01)-(03) B2011-0004/001 (04)-(06)

Series 4: South Asian settlement and migration

Date range: 1990-1999 Extent: 0.27 m (3 boxes) of textual records

Scope and content: This series documents Prof. Israel's research, teaching and external activities relating to the South Asian community in Ontario. The majority of files are course materials for the University of Toronto History 394 course on South Asian migration and settlement including bibliographies and collections of articles as reading material. Some of this material was also used in the preparation of his book *In the further soil: a social history of Indo-Canadians in Ontario* (see Series 5). Also included are documents relating to the application of South Asian Television for a CRTC licence (1996).

Access: Open

Boxes: B2002-0009/004 (02) - (05) B2002-0009/005 - /006 (01) - (03)

Series 5: Publications

Date range: 1965-1998 Extent:0.49 m (5 boxes) of textual records 35 digital files (4 MB)

Scope and content: Over his 38-year career, Prof. Israel has written extensively on the history of South Asian people. This series contains records relating primarily to three publication projects: the Safe Haven project for the Multicultural History Society of Ontario (MHSO) and Royal Ontario Museum, *Encyclopedia of Canada's Peoples* (1999; also sponsored by the MHSO) and *In the future soil: a social history of the Indo-Canadians in Ontario* (1994). (See Series 3 for general correspondence related to the MHSO). There is also one file of correspondence and partial manuscript relating to publication of selected articles from *History Today*, and published as *Pax Britannica* (1968). Prof. Israel was editor and wrote the introductory essay.

The records relating to "Safe Haven. The refugee experience of five families" consist entirely of the manuscript for the book submitted to Prof. Israel in 1994 for his comments. Prof. Israel also prepared the Preface (not included) and undertook research on the Tamil community. At this time Prof. Israel was Chairman, Board of Directors of the Multicultural History Society. An exhibition was also produced by the MHSO for the new Heritage Gallery of Canada's peoples at the Royal Ontario Museum.

The records relating to the *Encyclopedia of Canada's Peoples* include manuscripts of articles on South Asian people edited by Prof. Israel and files on three of the four articles he prepared for this publication: the Ismailis, South Asians and Pakistanis. The manuscript relating to the article on Ahmadis is not included.

The records relating to In the further soil: a social history of the Indo-Canadians in Ontario consist of correspondence, manuscript, Microsoft Word and Pagemaker files, and research notes.

The remaining records deal specifically with his publications on India and Indian migration, especially to Canada. These include notes and correspondence regarding his contribution of chapters in the books, The Congress and Indian Nationalism: Historical Perspectives and Reformers, Writers and Editors: Social Transformation in Maharashtra 1830-1940. They also include notes and research regarding an incomplete work entitled Violence and Empire: James Neill in the Indian Mutiny.

Access: Open Boxes: B2002-0009/006 (04)-(07) B2002-0009/007 - /009 B2011-0004/001 (07)-(17)

Digital files: B2011-0004_df001

Series 6: Publications: Communications and Power

Date range: ca. 1925-1993 Extent: 2 m (5 boxes) of textual records

Scope and content: This series consists of correspondence, research material, notes and card files relating to, with drafts of, his book, *Communications and Power: propaganda and the press in the Indian Nationalist Struggle, 1920-1947* (Cambridge University Press, 1994).

Access: Open Boxes: B1995-0052/001 - /005

Series 7: Photographs

Date range: 1980-1987 Extent: 35 photographs: color 16 photographs: b&w

Scope and content: Images of Sikh Studies Conference, the office in the Centre for South Asian Studies and photographs of M. Israel at the Indo-Canadian Institute with Canadian students and the Resident Director.

Access: Open Boxes: B2002-0009/001P (01)-(07) B2011-0004/001 (18)

Series 8: Biographical Information

Date range: 1959-2003 Extent: 0.04 m (1 box) of textual records

Scope and content: This series highlights Professor Israel's academic and professional achievements. It includes a copy of his curriculum vitae and other biographies (current to 1999), his official University of Michigan transcript, and letters of recognition, and a journal account of his first trip to India in 1963. It also includes personal and other professional correspondence, other than correspondence dealing with his tenure at the University of Toronto, Department of History (see Series 2) and in his role as Chair, Multicultural History of Ontario (see Series 3).

Access: Open Boxes: B2011-0004/001 (19)-(22)

Series 9: University of Toronto: Lecture notes and teaching materials

Date range: 1966-2005 Extent: 0.61 m (5 boxes) of textual material

Scope and content: This series documents courses taught by Professor Israel in the Department of History Faculty of Arts and Sciences. It consists of correspondence, course outlines, reading lists, examination questions, and lecture notes. The arrangement is by ascending course number and by lecture topic.

The courses documented in this series are:

HIS 101 : The Emergence of the Third World, n.d. HUM 101 : South Asian Civilization, 2001 HIS 232 : The British Imperial Experience, 1997 HIS 282 : The History of India, 1978-2002 HIS 364 : Studies in the History of Modern India, 1986-2005 HIS 394 : South Asian Migration, 1996-2004 HIS 491/JHA 1690 : Nationalism in India, 1981-2002

Access: Open

Boxes: B2011-0004/002 - /006

Series 10: Addresses, Talks and Seminars

Date range: 1966- [200-] Extent: 0.13 m (2 boxes) of textual records

Scope and content: Outside of his lectures at University of Toronto, Professor Israel gave several talks and seminars on the Indian and the South Asian communities. This series includes presentations of papers at conferences, as well as invited lectures at other academic institutions and popular speaking engagements with organizations such as Living and Learning and Learning Unlimited. The series includes correspondence, lecture notes and background materials. They have been arranged chronologically by title of talk. Talks for which the date is unknown precede those with known dates.

Access: Open

Boxes: B2011-0004/006 (12)-(15) B2011-0004/007

Series 11: Research

Date range: 1981-[2000-] **Extent:** 0.03 m (1 box) of textual and graphic material

Scope and content: This series consists of research notes and background materials regarding India, South East Asia and Kashmir.

Arrangement: arranged by subject

Access: Open

Boxes: B2011-0004/007 (11)-(14)

Appendix – File listings

Series 6: Publications: Communications and Power

File number	File title	Date range
B1995-0052/001(01)	Miscellaneous correspondence re book	
B1995-0052/001(02)	Nehru Library (New Delhi) guides	
B1995-0052/001(03)	National Archives (New Delhi) guides	
B1995-0052/001(04)	Miscellaneous biographical material	
B1995-0052/001(05)	Rough footnotes	
B1995-0052/001(06)	Bibliography material	
B1995-0052/001(07)	Miscellaneous quotations and writing ideas	
B1995-0052/001(08)	Miscellaneous research outlines	
B1995-0052/001(09)	Secondary material	
B1995-0052/001(10)	Secondary material	
B1995-0052/001(11)	Secondary material	
B1995-0052/001(12)	Secondary material	
B1995-0052/001(13)	Free Press of India (news service and	
	newspaper)	
B1995-0052/001(14)	Free Press of India Journal	
B1995-0052/001(15)	Free Press of India and Bombay business	
	community	
B1995-0052/001(16)	Free Press of India	
B1995-0052/001(17)	Annual Press Reports - 1926	
B1995-0052/001(18)	Annual Press Reports - 1932	
B1995-0052/001(19)	Press Survey - 1983	
B1995-0052/002(01)	Miscellaneous Indian Press Editorials	
B1995-0052/002(02)	The Hindu	
B1995-0052/002(03)	The Hindustan Times	
B1995-0052/002(04)	Voice of India	
B1995-0052/002(05)	Government of India: Propaganda	
	Organization	
B1995-0052/002(06)	Sind Observer Case	
B1995-0052/002(07)	Press Reports – 1925	
B1995-0052/002(08)	All India Congress Committee (AICC) –	
	relations with business and labour	
B1995-0052/002(09)	Draft material	
B1995-0052/002(10)	Times of India editorials	
B1995-0052/002(11)	S.A. Brelvi (editor of the Bombay Chronicle)	
B1995-0052/002(12)	Bardoli – 1929 (non-cooperation activity)	
B1995-0052/002(13)	Indian business leadership	

File number	File title	Date range
B1995-0052/002(14)	Press Law Commission – 1921	
B1995-0052/002(15)	Government of India – Publicity Organization	
B1995-0052/002(16)	United Press of India	
B1995-0052/002(17)	Press Report – 1905	
B1995-0052/002(18)	Reuters – 1	
B1995-0052/002(19)	Reuters – 2	
B1995-0052/002(20)	Chapter one – footnotes	
B1995-0052/002(21)	Miscellaneous material for chapter four	
B1995-0052/002(22)	Bureau of Public Information – Government of	
	India	
B1995-0052/002(23)	Press Guides – 1937, 1940	
B1995-0052/002(24)	Miscellaneous material for introduction	
B1995-0052/002(25)	The Times, India Number, 1937	
B1995-0052/002(26)	Valentine Chirol – material from his books on	
	India	
B1995-0052/002(27)	Miscellaneous end notes	
B1995-0052/003(01)	Indian Daily Mail, editorials	
B1995-0052/003(02)	National Herald, miscellaneous materials	
B1995-0052/003(03)	The Independent, miscellaneous materials	
B1995-0052/003(04)	Modern Review, miscellaneous materials and	
	quotations from "Notes"	
B1995-0052/003(05)	Jayakar Papers – a major source specially re	
	Bombay Chronicle	
B1995-0052/003(06)	Bombay Chronicle – M. Israel essay published	
	elsewhere	
B1995-0052/003(07)	Bombay Chronicle – 1, editorials and articles	
B1995-0052/003(08)	Bombay Chronicle – 2	
B1995-0052/003(09)	Bombay Chronicle – 3	
B1995-0052/003(10)	Bombay Chronicle – 4	
B1995-0052/003(11)	Bombay Chronicle – 5	
B1995-0052/003(12)	Bombay Chronicle – 6	
B1995-0052/003(13)	Bombay Chronicle – 7	
B1995-0052/004(01)	Coatman Note 1929 – Internal Government of	
	India document re press	
B1995-0052/004(02)	Cinema in India	
B1995-0052/004(03)	Broadcasting	
B1995-0052/004(04)	Indian princes and the press	
B1995-0052/004(05)	Associated Press of India	
B1995-0052/004(06)	English language	

File number	File title	Date range
B1995-0052/004(07)	Hindu Communalism	
B1995-0052/004(08)	No Changers and Responsivists (competition	
	with Indian nationalism)	
B1995-0052/004(09)	Press Ordinance – 1930	
B1995-0052/004(10)	Congress Punjab Committee	
B1995-0052/004(11)	The British Committee of the Indian National	
	Congress	
B1995-0052/004(12)	Anglo-Indian Press	
B1995-0052/004(13)	H. W. Durand correspondence with G.W. Allen,	
	owner of the Pioneer	
B1995-0052/004(14)	M. R. Jayakar, correspondence	
B1995-0052/004(15)	M. R. Jayakar, The Federal Times Project	
B1995-0052/004(16)	M. R. Jayakar, correspondence with T. B. Sapru	
B1995-0052/004(17)	B. Shiva Rao Papers (correspondent for the	
	Hindu)	
B1995-0052/004(18)	K.C. Roy (editor, Associated Press of India)	
B1995-0052/004(19)	J. N. Shani (editor, The Hindustan Times,	
	interview material)	
B1995-0052/004(20)	Vishnu Dutt, newspaperman, Interview	
B1995-0052/004(21)	T. Prakasam (nationalist and newspaperman)	
B1995-0052/004(22)	Pothan Joseph (one of the most important	
	newspapermen of his time)	
B1995-0052/004(23)	C. Y. Chintamani (editor of the Leader)	
B1995-0052/004(24)	Kalinath Roy (editor of the Tribune)	
B1995-0052/004(25)	Motilal Nehru (notes from his papers)	
B1995-0052/004(26)	Purshottamdas Thakurdas (Bombay	
	businessman – notes from his papers)	
B1995-0052/004(27)	Durga Das (newspaper man, interview)	
B1995-0052/004(28)	Naoroji Dumasia (newspaperman with Times of	
	India)	
B1995-0052/004(29)	Indian Social Reformer	
B1995-0052/004(30)	Provincial Assemblies and publicity	
	organization	
B1995-0052/004(31)	Local Governments – propaganda	
B1995-0052/004(32)	Anti-Communist propaganda	
B1995-0052/004(33)	Press Legislation	
B1995-0052/004(34)	Overseas problems and propaganda	
B1995-0052/004(35)	Lawrence Statute debate	
B1995-0052/004(36)	Indian press in the UK	

File number	File title	Date range
B1995-0052/004(37)	Madras Mail	
B1995-0052/004(38)	The Times	
B1995-0052/004(39)	Dalmia-Jain Press Project	
B1995-0052/004(40)	M. K. Gandhi	
B1995-0052/004(41)	Jawaharlal Nehru and Gandhi	
B1995-0052/004(42)	J. Nehru and the Foreign Department of the	
	AICC	
B1995-0052/004(43)	J. Nehru and the Foreign Department of the	
	AICC	
B1995-0052/004(44)	J. Nehru	
B1995-0052/004(45)	J. Nehru – secondary material	
B1995-0052/004(46)	J. Nehru – Miscellaneous AICC	
	correspondence	
B1995-0052/004(47)	Allahabad Law Journal	
B1995-0052/004(48)	AICC, the Akalis and Nabha	
B1995-0052/004(49)	AICC and the Muslim Mass Contact	
	Movement	
B1995-0052/004(50)	Miscellaneous AICC material	
B1995-0052/004(51)	AICC and propaganda campaign finances	
B1995-0052/004(52)	Vernacular Press – 1936	
B1995-0052/004(53)	Times of India – editorials	
B1995-0052/004(54)	Miscellaneous material for chapter 4	
B1995-0052/005(01)	Galley pages of book	

File Cards: The material on file cards overlaps and extends the material in file folders

File number	File title	Date range
B1995-0052/005(03)	Gandhi	
B1995-0052/005(04)	Miscellaneous	
B1995-0052/005(05)	J. Nehru and Congress Propaganda	
B1995-0052/005(06)	Bardoli	
B1995-0052/005(07)	S. A. Brelvi	
B1995-0052/005(08)	G. A. Natesan	
B1995-0052/005(09)	Swarajists	
B1995-0052/005(10)	Propaganda and World War I	
B1995-0052/005(11)	Anglo-Indian press and Government	
B1995-0052/005(12)	A. H. Joyce	
B1995-0052/005(13)	Reaction to the Simon Report	
B1995-0052/005(14)	Press Subsidy	
B1995-0052/005(15)	Press in 1937	

File number	File title	Date range
B1995-0052/005(16)	Censorship	
B1995-0052/005(17)	The British Committee of Indian National	
	Congress	
B1995-0052/005(18)	Government Advertising	
B1995-0052/005(19)	Historical Context (Press History)	
B1995-0052/005(20)	Business and politics	
B1995-0052/005(21)	K. Natarajan and the Indian Social Reformer	
B1995-0052/005(22)	Gandhi's Fasts	
B1995-0052/005(23)	The Pioneer	
B1995-0052/005(24)	All Parties Congress and Nehru Report	
B1995-0052/005(25)	Bombay Congress Bulletin	
B1995-0052/005(26)	Press Ordinance – 1930	
B1995-0052/005(27)	B. G. Horniman	
B1995-0052/005(28)	Bombay Chronicle	
B1995-0052/005(29)	AICC and the Press	
B1995-0052/005(30)	AICC and Akali Propaganda	
B1995-0052/005(31)	C. Y. Chintamani	
B1995-0052/005(32)	The Independent	
B1995-0052/005(33)	Motilal Ghosh and the Amrita Bazar Patrika	
B1995-0052/005(34)	Cinema Propaganda	
B1995-0052/005(35)	Indian Daily Telegraph	
B1995-0052/005(36)	Federal Times, Jayakar Papers	
B1995-0052/005(37)	National Herald, J. Nehru Papers	
B1995-0052/005(38)	The Hindu	
B1995-0052/005(39)	The Modern Review, Ramananda Chatterjee	
B1995-0052/005(40)	Overseas Propaganda – material for chapter	
	four	
B1995-0052/005(41)	J. Nehru	
B1995-0052/005(42)	Government Publicity	
B1995-0052/005(43)	Swarajists and Responsivists	
B1995-0052/005(44)	B. N. Malabari (early 19 th century writer and	
	newspaper man)	
B1995-0052/005(45)	AICC Propaganda	
B1995-0052/005(46)	Princes and the Press	
B1995-0052/005(47)	Government of India Propaganda	
B1995-0052/005(48)	Bardoli – 1922	
B1995-0052/005(49)	M. R. Jayakar	
B1995-0052/005(50)	Bardoli – 1928	
B1995-0052/005(51)	Miscellaneous	

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File number	File title	Date range
B1995-0052/005(52)	J. Nehru	
B1995-0052/005(53)	Sanial, Press history articles	

Series 7: Photographs

File number	File title	Date range
B2002-0009/001P (01)-(05)	Sikh Studies Conference: photographs	1980-1987
	taken at a dinner in the home of Prof.	
	Israel.	
B2002-0009/001P (06)-(07)	Photographs of the office in the Centre	1980-1987
	for South Asian Studies, room 2054 Sidney	
	Smith, 1985	
B2011-0004/001 (18)	Photographs of M. Israel at the Indo-	1980-1987
	Canadian Institute, 1980, with Canadian	
	students, and Resident Director	