

SOCIETIES AND THE JEWISH FOUNDATION OF GREATER TORONTO
A PARTNERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE



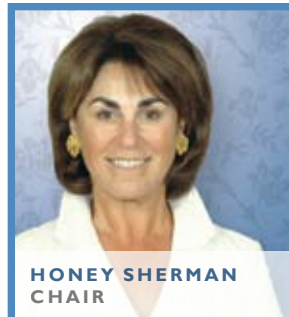
Toronto's Societies have always been leaders in helping to make the world a better place through acts of tzedakah and loving kindness...

Toronto's Societies are an inspiration to the community and an example for our Jewish future.

JEWISH FOUNDATION
OF GREATER TORONTO
Where Giving Lives Forever...

THE JEWISH FOUNDATION OF GREATER TORONTO

Committed to perpetuating the charitable values of Societies.
Creating an Endowment Fund will make sure that Society charitable gifts live forever.



HONEY SHERMAN
CHAIR

“Societies link the virtues of European Jewry’s sense of communal obligations with today’s philanthropic leadership, impacting Toronto’s entire Jewish community.”



RONIT HOLTZMAN
DIRECTOR

“The Jewish Foundation helps societies perpetuate their values... Creating an eternal legacy that keeps giving...”



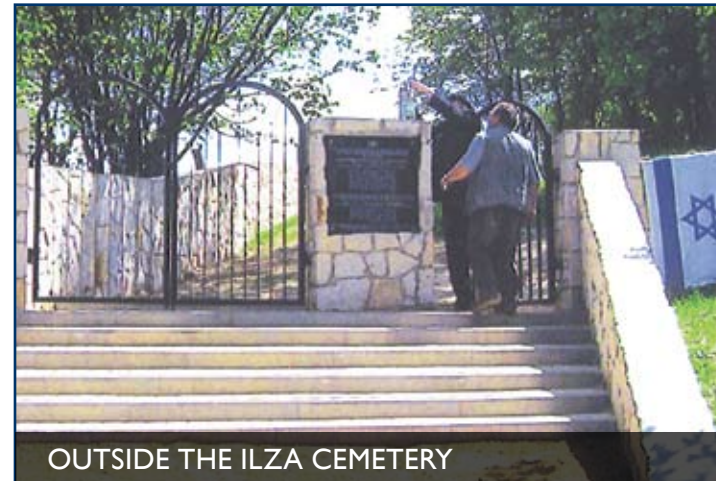
**MICHAEL ROSENBERG
AND MORRIS FLICHT**
SOCIETIES CO-CHAIRS

“Many of today’s leaders come from homes embodying the traits of European Jewish communities, perpetuated through Toronto’s landsmanschaften societies. These ideals must live on and the Jewish Foundation helps that happen.”

DRILDZER SOCIETY RESTORES SHTETL CEMETERY

Ilza, also known as Drildz, is a picturesque town in south-central Poland located 75 miles south of Warsaw, just south of Radom.

In 1837, Ilza’s Jewish community established a 3.7 acre cemetery on the outskirts of the town. After the German occupation, Ilza’s 1,900 Jewish residents were deported to the Treblinka death camp. In 1942, the cemetery was totally destroyed by the Nazis who used the matzevot (monuments) for road building.



OUTSIDE THE ILZA CEMETERY

In 2002, at a luncheon honouring Drildz descendants in Toronto, the idea of preserving the Ilza Cemetery was discussed and undertaken. This project to preserve their shtetl’s cemetery, including two mass graves, where so many of their descendants were buried, was of great importance to the Drildzer Society members.

The Drildzer Society, and its members, contributed funds for the restoration of the cemetery, including a stone wall perimeter protecting it. A commemorative plaque stands at the entrance, stating in part: “This Cemetery has been rededicated in blessed memory of the vibrant Jewish community... and those who perished in the Shoah without proper burial... they left a lasting heritage that will forever be remembered...” The official dedication was held in Ilza and attended by members of the Drildzer Society of Toronto.

Remembering...



Samuel Pupko z”l

Treasurer for the Farband of Lithuanian Jews in Toronto Society and long-time beloved Hebrew teacher in the community.



Abe Zuckerman z”l

Proud senior executive member of the Wierzbniker Society and devoted and tireless UJA canvasser for over 50 years.

May their memories be a blessing.

MANY SOCIETIES HAVE ALREADY PARTNERED WITH THE JEWISH FOUNDATION OF GREATER TORONTO

We thank the following societies for establishing endowment funds with the Jewish Foundation. This will ensure the name of their society, together with their years of charitable giving, will live on forever.

- ▶ Agudas Hamishpoche
- ▶ Chenstochover Aid Society
- ▶ Drildzer Congregation and Society
- ▶ Farband of Lithuanian Jews in Toronto & its Masada Chapter
- ▶ Kieltzer Sick Benefits Society
- ▶ New Fraternal Jewish Association
- ▶ Ostrovtzer Independent Mutual Benefit Society
- ▶ Wierzbniker Society
- ▶ Zaglemnier Ladies Auxiliary Society

WIERZBNIKER SOCIETY

“The Wierzbniker Society, like all progressive societies, is always open to new and constructive ideas. That’s why we readily agreed to direct our contributions through the Jewish Foundation and thereby assuring that our participation will benefit the whole Jewish community at present and in the future.”

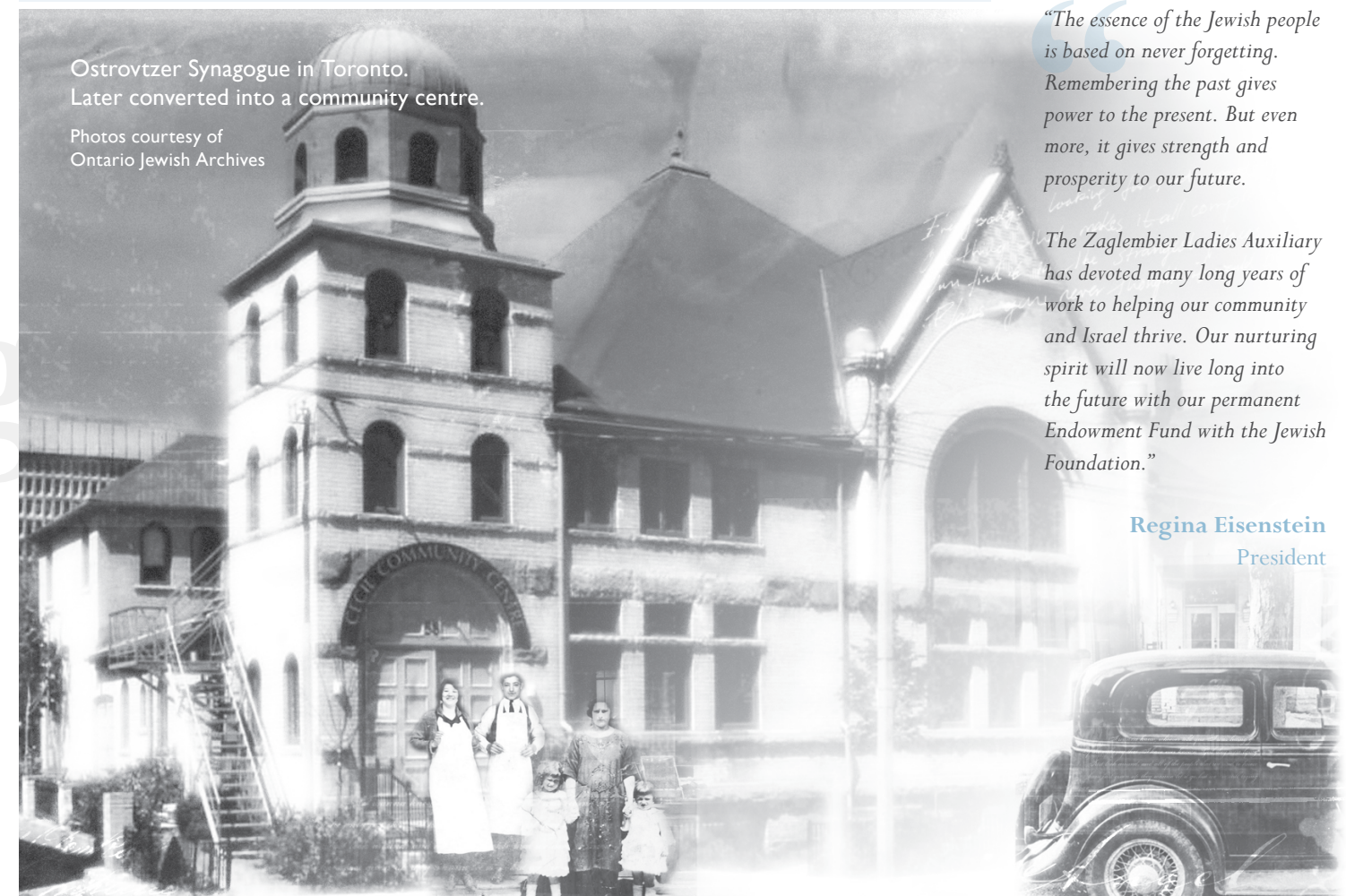
Howard Chandler
President

ZAGLEMBIER LADIES AUXILIARY SOCIETY

“The essence of the Jewish people is based on never forgetting. Remembering the past gives power to the present. But even more, it gives strength and prosperity to our future.”

The Zaglemnier Ladies Auxiliary has devoted many long years of work to helping our community and Israel thrive. Our nurturing spirit will now live long into the future with our permanent Endowment Fund with the Jewish Foundation.”

Regina Eisenstein
President



Ostrovtzer Synagogue in Toronto. Later converted into a community centre.

Photos courtesy of Ontario Jewish Archives

JEWISH FOUNDATION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

▶ WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT FUND?

An endowment fund is a sum of money held in perpetuity whereby a certain percentage of interest is distributed annually to charitable endeavours forever.

▶ WHAT IS A PLANNED GIFT?

A planned gift is a charitable gift of life insurance or a bequest in a will creating an endowment fund to ensure giving lives on forever.

▶ WHY CREATE A JEWISH LEGACY?

Your gift will keep our Jewish community strong for generations. It is a way for you to be there whenever help is needed. It is your sacred covenant with the Jewish people.

Your legacy can reflect everything that is most important to you and perpetuate your name and charitable giving forever.

▶ HOW DO I CREATE A JEWISH LEGACY?

Every family or society has a unique financial situation. Your legacy gift of any size can include the following options:

- Opening an endowment fund with a gift of cash, real estate or other asset
- A gift of life insurance
- A bequest in your will

▶ WHAT HAPPENS IF YOUR SOCIETY HAS TO DISSOLVE?

The New Fraternal Jewish Association was a Society with a proud and rich history. Over time, the group had to dissolve, but yearned for a way to perpetuate the Society's good name and deeds. In order to continue their commitment to tzedakah, they established an Endowment Fund with the Jewish Foundation and now the Society's fund will continue to donate money to its favourite charities forever.

How can you partner with the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto to make sure that your Society continues its support for the community?

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