

Endowment Book of Life

2018 Signers' Brunch

Congratulations to all our 2018 Endowment Book of Life signers!
 Below are excerpts from each of their stories. To read them in full, visit www.jewishfoundation.org.



REEVA ABRAMS

"My greatest joy was working with clay – from earthenware to stoneware to my favourite medium, which is the beautiful and versatile porcelain. I am proud to say that my pieces are in many homes in Winnipeg and around the world."



LAUREL MALKIN

"One of the great passions from my youth was Camp Massad. I went every summer from the age of eight until the age of sixteen, including a summer as a counsellor when I earned a grand total of \$52!"



BEVERLY ARONOVITCH

"Although she never expected to move back to Western Canada, Bev moved to Winnipeg after a whirlwind romance with her husband Don, whom she met at a family wedding there."

BEVERLY ARONOVITCH IN MEMORY OF SHEILA & ALBERT KROLIK

"In 1938, after three years of a long distance romance, Albert sold his Chevrolet sedan for \$600 so that he could get married and bring Sheila to Saskatoon."



MARCIA NUSGART IN MEMORY OF ISAAC & REBECCA (SILVER) NUSGART

"Friendships were forged in the neighbourhood and at the Rumanishe Shul on Dufferin Avenue, where we grandchildren remember attending High Holiday services in the classic building with its distinctive pulpit and horseshoe-shaped balcony – women and girls upstairs and men and boys on the main floor."



HANNON BELL IN MEMORY OF ROSE & LEON BELL

"My Dad and his good friend Nate Bogoch went on a double date in 1946. Nate's date was my mother, but she and my father were immediately smitten with each other and three weeks later they were engaged."



ARNICE POLLOCK

"All my life, I had been called 'Chanah' by family and friends, but while at university, a friend introduced me to Harold Pollock using my English name 'Arnice' and 'Chanah' disappeared."

ARNICE POLLOCK IN MEMORY OF HAROLD POLLOCK

"Harold also enjoyed the outdoors and derived much pleasure from activities with our children. Our backyard was a playground and baseball diamond in the summer and a hockey rink in the winter."



ERICA DORFMAN & GUILLERMO SZPIGIEL

"Erica glanced over Guillermo's shoulder and noticed on his desk a file folder with Hebrew writing. He turned to her to ask a question; she pointed out that she understood the writing on his folder. And there the relationship began."



DR. DEBORAH GAIL POLLOCK & BENJAMIN PHILLIP POLLOCK-KREEL

"My most precious memory was when I gave birth to Benny, on February 1st, 2004 at the Women's Hospital in Winnipeg. He was welcomed into the world surrounded by his loving parents and grandparents."



DAVID FOLK

"I have a vivid memory of one 'Auntie Lotte', a fabulous baker who wore weighted shoes. I later learned she lost her toes in a concentration camp. These were my first encounters with the horrors of the Holocaust."



LYNN & MISCHA POLLOCK

"A family friend, Ann Becker, was having a tea for her cousin, Doris Margolis, in Regina. Doris was from Winnipeg and told me to come to Winnipeg to meet the bachelor, Mischa Pollock. Doris planned a blind date for us and four months later, we were married."



ROSLYN & MICKEY ROSENBERG

"Roz attended Machray and St. John's Tech, and Mickey attended Peretz Shul, Edmund Partridge and West Kildonan Collegiate. In 1960, the Mandel family moved to Hartford Avenue and Mickey had a good friend who lived next door and that's how they met."



DR. LEAH WEINBERG

"I attended Gladstone School, Machray School, and St. John's Technical High School. I joined Habonim and the YMHA as a young teenager. My Jewish experiences were greatly influenced by my parents and grandparents and I loved the Jewish holidays and family gatherings."



EMILY SHANE IN MEMORY OF AVRAHAM BAUM

"After fleeing the ghetto the second time, Avraham made his way to Russia, where he was interned in a slave labour mining camp. He survived the camp, partly because his friend's mother, who also ended up settling in Winnipeg, always saved him soup from the bottom of the pot."



RICHARD WEISS

"I don't want lone soldiers in Israel to ever have to do their own laundry."

EMILY SHANE IN MEMORY OF ZAHAVA BAUM (ZLATKA SLUTZKY)

"In spite of struggling with health issues much of her life, Zahava sewed her daughters' clothes for years, embroidered, pressed flowers, read the Jewish Forward every day and remained fluent in several languages."



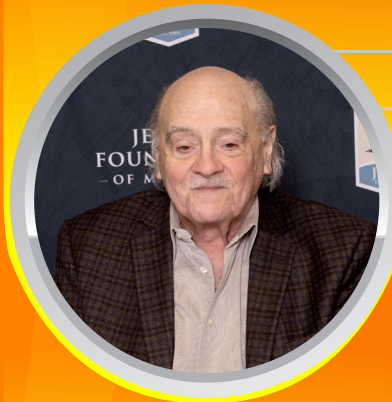
ILANA SHAPER

"This is a tale of two grandfathers: Papa Monty Shapera, my father's father; and Ted Jacob, my grandmother's second husband. Both men have passed on; both have left a rich legacy of kindness and generosity."



IGAL MARGOLIN

"It is my privilege to honour my Babushka and Dedushka – my grandmother and my grandfather – through the Endowment Book of Life. Isaac and Sophia Serebnitski (née Skoblova) were remarkable people who led my family from Ukraine to Israel, and who each set a remarkable example of how to live life."



MORTON SIMCOE

"I was introduced to Elaine Thomson by a friend. Elaine shared some of the same qualities I loved about my mother – she was beautiful, quiet but with a deep inner strength, very competent, charismatic and passionate."



FAYE VICKAR-LAZER & JOEL LAZER

"Be where you are". It's one of Joel Lazer's written principles – a principle shared by his wife, Faye. It speaks to being present, mindful, generous, and grateful for what life has to offer. That is the story of Faye and Joel."



DR. JEFF WALDMAN IN MEMORY OF CELESTE WALDMAN

"She was driven – always seeking to learn more, do more, and contribute more. She made no secret of the fact that she wanted her kids to learn from that example, and she also expected that they would treat people the way that they themselves would like to be treated."

EBOL Program Celebrates 20 Years

CROWD GATHERS TO HONOUR NEW SIGNERS

In 1998, the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba launched the Endowment Book of Life program as a way to capture family stories and inspire community members to make a bequest to the Foundation.

The program has been wildly successful. Over 800 people have stepped forward to share their stories and sign them as a pledge to leave a bequest.

On October 21, nearly 200 people gathered at the Viscount Gort Hotel to welcome 23 new signers.

"When I look around the room and see the enthusiasm that our community has for the Foundation and for the Endowment Book of Life, I feel a sense of optimism and even excitement for our community's future," Foundation Chair Dr. Eric Winograd told the crowd. "The Foundation is one of our community's great success stories and it is critical that we work together to nurture it and grow it. That is exactly what we are doing today."

Notable among this year's signers was Marcia Nusgart signing the story of her grandparents, Isaac and Rebecca Nusgart. Nusgart signed on behalf of 11 cousins who gathered in Winnipeg for the EBOL event. Cousin Dian Nusgart Cohen addressed the crowd on behalf of the family.

Following the traditional signing ceremony, the crowd enjoyed a performance produced by the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre featuring a handful of showstopping numbers and a stirring excerpt from WJT's acclaimed production of *Becoming Dr. Ruth*.

To learn how you can participate in the Endowment Book of Life program, please contact Rob Berkowits, Director of Development & Gift Planning, at 204.477.7522 or toll-free from the US/Canada at 1.855.284.1918 or by email at rob@jewishfoundation.org.



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