



A TASTE OF home

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A FORMER WINNIPEGGER...

What's a Winnipegger? Someone who lives in Manitoba's capital? Of course. But our experience at the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba shows that the definition of a Winnipegger is much broader than that.

We hear all the time from people who used to live here, live somewhere else now, and still return to Winnipeg often. They open funds at the JFM. They sign the Endowment Book of Life. They contribute generously to the community. They follow community news. They hold reunions of their graduating classes, their YMHA clubs, their age cohorts, their families.

When we ask donors who live elsewhere why they stay so connected to Winnipeg and are so influenced by the experience of living here, the answers are usually the same.

"The Jewish community shaped my values."

"The city accepted my family and offered opportunity."

"The community built character – and was full of characters!"

"I don't know. It's just home."

This new newsletter supplement, to be published annually, pays tribute to some of those people – people who have a physical address somewhere else, but they call Winnipeg home. People who prove through their generosity and connection – time and time again – **that there is no such thing as a former Winnipegger.**

Winnipeg Welcomes Solly Dremán

Renowned Israeli psychologist to sign Endowment Book of Life

"You can take Solly out of Winnipeg," a friend recently wrote to Solly Dremán, who now resides in Jerusalem, "but you can't take Winnipeg out of Solly."

"I have a strong connection to Winnipeg and my friends in Winnipeg," says Dremán. "I feel committed to the community and still have family there." Dremán will be demonstrating his commitment by signing the Endowment Book of Life (EBOL), the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba's flagship planned giving program. He will attend the EBOL event on September 20 at Congregation Shaarey Zedek. He will also present a lecture at the Asper Jewish Community Campus on September 19 – an event co-sponsored by the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba, Winnipeg Friends of Israel, the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, and the Jewish Post and News.

His topic, "Integrating New Immigrants and Refugees: Is There Hope?," describes a workshop that he and a colleague, clinical psychologists, conducted at Ben-Gurion University a number of years ago to address the challenge of absorbing new Russian and Ethiopian immigrants. Through these workshops they helped immigrants and native-born Israeli students overcome prevailing prejudices and stereotypes. Dremán will relate the implications of this work to the international arena as Europe and North America open their doors to new waves of immigration.

Dremán himself was an immigrant when he made Aliya in 1964. He was struck by the beauty and dynamic nature of the fledgling state and intrigued by the challenges it presented. He became a citizen, got married, had children, learned Hebrew, earned MA and PhD degrees in clinical psychology, and became a full Professor at Ben-Gurion University. In 1973, at the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War, he was recruited as a combat soldier. In 1977, Dremán was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship, and in the course of his academic career he was appointed Director of the graduate clinical program as well as the Center for Family Life Research and Counselling at BGU. He has

published extensively and has conducted several national and international conferences on war, terrorism, immigration, and divorce.

His passion for Israel and the global Jewish community was shaped in Winnipeg. "I was raised in the North End but moved to Queenston Street as a teenager with my parents, Rae and Joe, and my siblings, David and Sherrill," reflects Dremán. "Our home served as a community centre for our friends – an open house."

Dremán was active in AZA and was a member of the Royals Club at the YMHA. His parents were prominent members of the Winnipeg Jewish community and ardent Zionists who visited Israel "umpteentimes."

Today, aside from his professional activities, Dremán golfs and spends quality time with his wife Orly, four children, and nine grandchildren.



Dr. Solly Dremán and his wife Orly proudly display Dr. Dremán's golf trophies from the Gaash Country Club near Tel Aviv.

"I'm really looking forward to greeting old friends, colleagues, and acquaintances at my lecture and at the EBOL event. I'm excited to be coming back, though you never can really leave Winnipeg," says Dremán. "At this stage of my life, however, I am truly delighted that I can still contribute to the Winnipeg Jewish community and to its link with Israel."



A Weekend of Memories

JWC class of '91 establishes JFM fund to honour classmate

When Ian Schnoor started talking up the idea of holding a 25th anniversary reunion of the Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate (JWC) class of 1991, he was pleased to discover that a few classmates were thinking about the same thing.

“...it was wonderful to listen to each other’s words and reflect on how meaningful our Jewish education was.”

“We were very close,” says Schnoor, Principal and Founder of The Marquee Group in Toronto. “As soon as we started talking to each other there was interest in making this happen.”

It came together quickly, says Schnoor. The planning began in February and by the Victoria Day weekend, 25 out of 38 graduates gathered to reminisce, lift a glass, and meet each other’s families.

From the outset, the grads agreed to connect their celebration with a philanthropic

objective. After all, tzedakah was a major theme of the Jewish education Schnoor and his classmates received at JWC, one of Gray Academy of Jewish Education’s founding schools.

They decided to open a fund at the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba to honour classmate Adam Anhang z”l, who died tragically in 2005. Income earned by the fund will support Gray Academy initiatives.

A highlight of the weekend was watching fun and serious video excerpts from their 1991 “Ethical Wills,” a long-standing reflective exercise for graduating students. “It was painful to watch myself on video,” laughs Schnoor, “but it was wonderful to listen to each other’s words and reflect on how meaningful our Jewish education was.”

On the Sunday morning of the celebration, Abe and Barbara Anhang (Adam’s parents), joined the class of '91 as special guests at a brunch. Together, they watched Adam’s Ethical Will in silence and in awe.

“He was the class rabbi,” says Schnoor. “After Adam’s video, his mother stepped forward to talk about him. It was moving beyond words – raw and powerful. We are so honoured that she shared her feelings with



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us.” The Anhangs, says Schnoor, are also very supportive of the JFM fund and will match the dollars raised by the grads.

For Schnoor and others, the weekend was a vivid reminder of the quality of Jewish education in the community.

“My experience as a student at Talmud Torah and JWC had a profound impact on who I am,” says Schnoor, who has been an active volunteer with his children’s Jewish day school in Toronto. “I learned about hard work; I learned how to cultivate lasting relationships; and it shaped my Jewish identity.”

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