



CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor James Pasternak

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Colle

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Ella Moshinsky on Wednesday, December 16, 2020.

On December 10th, on the first night of Hanukkah, a five-alarm blaze displaced Toronto Community Housing residents at 6250 Bathurst Street. Tragically, one resident, Ella Moshinsky, succumbed to injuries she sustained from the fire. Born in the Soviet Union in 1935, Ella survived the Holocaust, and was evacuated with her grandparents during the war. Despite struggling immensely from hunger and cold during World War II, she persevered, and ultimately graduated from university to become a metallurgical engineer. Always an eager and avid learner, Ella would go on to become an economist later in her life. In 1990, Ella immigrated to Israel, and after her husband passed away, she was sponsored by her son, arriving in Canada in 2009. In her free time Ella advanced her understanding of computers and played chess on-line. She also stayed connected with her family in Israel and Ukraine.

Ella Moshinsky is remembered as being incredibly caring and compassionate, and for having a passion and zest for life and a wonderful sense of humour. Ella was always independent and wanted to stay that way for as long as possible. Ella served as an unending source of inspiration to those around her, and will be sorely missed by her family and friends and by fellow members of Bernard Betel Centre's Russian Golden Age Club and the Healthy at Home program.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Ella Moshinsky's family and friends.

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