

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor James Pasternak

Seconded by: Councillor Mary Fragedakis

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Elie Wiesel on July 2, 2016. Mr. Wiesel was a world renowned writer, activist, Holocaust death camp survivor and Nobel Peace Prize recipient.

Mr. Wiesel was born on September 30, 1928 in Sighet, Romania. He and his family were deported to Auschwitz in 1944 before being transferred to Buchenwald, from where he would be liberated in 1945.

In 1956, Mr. Wiesel would publish the memoir *Un di Velt Hot Geshvigen* in the Yiddish language. It tells the story of a concentration camp inmate that is based on Wiesel's own experiences. It would become his most famous work and would be translated into 18 languages including in English as *Night*. *Night* continues to be an important resource in Holocaust education and study to this day.

Mr. Wiesel would be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986. He would dedicate the honour to the survivors of the Holocaust who he called "an example to humankind how not to succumb to despair."

Mr. Wiesel will be remembered as a lifelong voice for the victims of the Holocaust and the oppressed and forgotten people of the world.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Elie Wiesel's family.

July 14, 2016