

Expression of Condolence for Jules Kronis by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Councillor James Pasternak

Seconded by: Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Jules Kronis on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at the age of 79.

Jules can be remembered as someone who was filled with determination and grit. From his origins on College Street, Jules began his work life selling programs at Maple Leaf Gardens, at the age of 10 and throughout his middle school, high school and law school years. Jules' daughter recounts in a written tribute that he sold programs until the night before he was called to the Bar as a lawyer as part of his greater story of wanting to build a better life for himself and his family. His strong sense of humour and commitment to community fostered a positive environment for anyone who was fortunate to enough meet him.

Jules's early years were adventurous. He joined an all-Jewish troop of boy scouts with his good friend Michael Wyman, which led to them finding a cache of food that included live chickens for dinner on an overnight orienteering trip in the woods. Jules and Michael became the second and third Jewish boys to become Queen Scouts in Canada and were given positions on the Canadian Scouting delegation to the World Jamboree in 1959 in the Philippines. Jules eventually became a Queen's (now King's) Counsel, but he was most proud of being a Queen Scout.

While earning a Bachelor of Commerce and law degree from the University of Toronto, Jules developed a deep passion for politics. Throughout his political journey, he never lost sight of his identity, fiercely advocating for the Jewish community at all levels of government. Jules helped bring Jews to Canada, politicians to Israel and pushed Canada to stand alongside Israel and the Jewish diaspora here at home. Jules was a man of integrity and high standards. The impact he had on his family, friends and community was shown during his palliative care at Sunnybrook. The hospital eventually ran out of name stickers for the huge influx of visitors yearning to pay their respects. Jules will be missed, treasured and valued for generations to come.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to family and friends of Jules Kronis.

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