

***Expression of Condolence for
Mira Koschitzky by Toronto City Council***

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 Mira Koschitzky on Sunday, June 11, 2023 at the age of 87.

Born on July 5, 1935, in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, Mira and her late sister Lily, survived the Second World War and the Holocaust as hidden children. Mira and Lily (Pasternak) immigrated with their parents to Canada in 1947 where she attended Lansdowne Public School and Harbord Collegiate Institute.

After commencing her post-secondary studies at the University of Toronto, Mira spent a year abroad at the Hebrew School of Jerusalem before returning to Toronto to meet the love of her life – Saul. Married in 1957, Mira and Saul stood by each other for nearly 66 years. They had three children, 12 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Over the course of Mira's life, she engaged in volunteer work and philanthropy. Mira worked alongside several organizations such as the United Jewish Appeal, Or Chaim/Ulpanat Orot Schools, Bar-Ilan University, Associated Hebrew Schools, and Baycrest Hospital. Most notably, Mira was a steadfast promoter of freedom, human rights, and tolerance during her tenure as Chair of the National Executive at the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Mira was a positive role model to her three children; David, Joel and Tamar – all of whom are active members in their communities. A leader within the Canadian Jewish community, Mira inspired many women to follow in her path. She will be remembered for her kindness, warmth, knowledge, devotion to family, and for her passion in making this world a better place.

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

July 19, 2023