

***Expression of Condolence for Eric Roher z”l
by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Josh Matlow

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Colle

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Eric Roher z”l.

Eric was at the centre of our community in Toronto-St. Paul’s, and his leadership was felt across the City and our country. He will be remembered as the ultimate mensch – for his great kindness and generosity, and for his remarkable ability to bring people together.

Eric served as the President of Holy Blossom Temple, where he had attended since his early years in their religious school, and where generations of his family continue to attend. He will be remembered for leading the congregation with good humour, encouragement, and a prayerful spirit. The Temple’s Roher Library, the Roher family stained-glass window, and everyone whose lives he touched in the community, will carry on his memory.

Eric’s professional legacy is no less remarkable. He helped to shape the field of education law in Canada, including by co-developing the education law course at the University of Toronto which he taught for 18 years and through his influential books. He was inclusive, fair-minded, and compassionate, and he wanted to make education better for everyone. His advice helped schools navigate challenges to produce better outcomes for students and educators.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Eric’s family and the Holy Blossom community.

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