



**OTTAWA JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4TH, 2025**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation held at 7:00 PM on June 4, 2025 in the Social Hall of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, Ottawa, Ontario, K2A 1R9.

Recorder: Solange Ashe

ISRAELI AND CANADIAN ANTHEMS

Adam Moscoe performed the Israeli and Canadian anthems.

CALL TO ORDER:

Sandy Pollack, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Sandy gave a special welcome to all past chairs, clergy, agency representatives and fund holders.

D'VAR TORAH:

Rabbi Zischa Shaps delivered the D'var Torah.

PRESENTATION OF NEW FUND CERTIFICATES:

Sandy acknowledged the new funds that were opened in 2024.

APPROVALS AND MOTIONS:

Approval of the Financial Statements of the Foundation:

Be it resolved that: The presentation of the financial statements of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation for the year ended December 31, 2024 as audited by GGFL, together with the audit report thereon, as approved by the Board of Directors, is hereby accepted.

Moved by: Aaron Smith
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Susan Viner Vered

Appointment of Auditors:

A motion was made to appoint GGFL as auditors until the next Annual Meeting or until a successor is appointed, and that the remuneration of such auditors be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Moved by: Karen Palayew
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Chuck Merovitz

Approval of the Minutes of the June 5, 2024 Annual General Meeting:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2024 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by: Sabina Wasserlauf
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Bruce Fischer

Approval of the Acts of the Officers and Directors:

A motion was made that all acts, contracts, by-laws, proceedings, appointments, elections and payments enacted, made, done and taken by the Directors and Officers of the Foundation since the last Annual General Meeting on June 5, 2024 are hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed.

Moved by: Sharon Appotive
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Jeff Miller

Approval of the Articles of Amendment:

A motion was made to approve the Articles of Amendment as presented to the Board of Directors on May 8, 2025.

Moved by: Adina Libin
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Sharon Appotive

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Sandy Pollack, presented the committee's report for the coming year.

Sandy advised that the Governance Committee has recommended the following names to stand for election to fill the board vacancies for 2025/2026: Board members ending their term as of June 4, 2025, are Adina Libin and Sabina Wasserlauf and new board members: Stephen Saslove and Michelle Zilbergerts. The proposed board slate was provided in advance of the meeting and has also been posted online.

Sandy asked for the following motion:

Be it resolved that: The Board member slate is declared elected and approved by acclamation to their respective positions.

Moved by: Sandy Pollack
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Aaron Smith

Sandy thanked the members of the committee for their hard work.

PRESENTATION OF THE GEORGE JOSEPH COOPER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

Erin Zipes announced the George Joseph Cooper Scholarship Award winner.

This year's recipient is Samuel Benzaquen. Sam plans to study Law at McGill University. This year, the scholarship awarded was \$22,770.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ILANA AND STEVEN RUBIN EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

Erin Zipes announced the recipient of the Ilana and Steven Rubin Education Scholarship Award.

This year's winners are Calvin Curry and Ayla Martin who received a scholarship award of \$1,800.

PRESENTATION OF WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT

Eileen Melnick McCarthy and Lynne Oreck-Wener presented the Women's Collective Endowment Fund Grant.

This grant supports initiatives that strive to expand and improve opportunities and choices in the lives of women and children in Ottawa.

The first recipient of the 2025 Women's Collective Endowment Fund grant in the amount of \$3,100 was Yulia Elgin for her program: Russian-Speaking Jewish Women and Children Empowerment Initiative. This initiative will empower participants by offering a wide range of programs that promote language education, leadership development, and social engagement, with a particular emphasis on supporting women and children who are new to the Canadian Jewish community.

The second recipient of the 2025 WCEF grant in the amount of \$3,100 was Hillel Lodge Long-Term Care Foundation's Green Thumb Club Horticultural Program. The Green Thumb Club aims to enhance the quality of life for the predominantly female residents at Hillel Lodge by providing therapeutic gardening activities. This initiative will create a supportive environment where participants can connect with nature, learn new skills, and foster friendships, thereby reducing isolation.

FIRESIDE CHAT

Adam Silver, Sandy Pollack and Erin Zipes in conversation, discussed the successes and challenges faced by leadership over the last year.

Sandy Pollack reflected on her time as Chair of the Foundation including her biggest challenges and the initiatives she was most proud of: the successful completion of the Life & Legacy Program with 351 donors and over \$20M in future support secured, the launch of the new Grandparent Legacy Initiative supported by David and Sharon Appotive, and gratitude for the trust donors place in the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation.

Sandy thanked outgoing board members Sabina Wasserlauf and Adina Libin for their invaluable input and dedication to the Foundation and Jewish community.

Erin Zipes discussed her goals as the new Chair of the Foundation including participation in the Life & Legacy Plus program in July, 2025, and the launch of the Grandparent Legacy Initiative.

Adam and Erin thanked Sandy for her grace, integrity and purpose leading the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation.

GRANDPARENT LEGACY INITIATIVE

Sharon Appotive introduced the Grandparent Legacy Initiative aimed at encouraging grandparents to engage their grandchildren in philanthropic giving and helping them understand what it means to live Jewish values.

Michael Reznick then presented a breakdown of the matching components of the Grandparent Legacy Initiative.

Sandy Pollack thanked Sharon and David Appotive for their foresight in supporting the initiative and Michael Reznick for his presentation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Sandy Pollack thanked everyone for attending and made a motion to adjourn the Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation for 2025.

Moved by: Steve Morgan
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Charles Mirsky

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM