

Loewith Family Legacy Endowment Fund



When Joe Loewith arrived in Canada from Czechoslovakia in 1938, a condition of his immigration was to work on a farm for a minimum of five years. Now, 81 years and two generations later, the family farm has grown to one of the largest dairy operations in Southern Ontario.

Joe originally settled south of Brantford, working on rented farms until he was able to purchase one of his own. In 1947, Joe, his wife Minna, their five year old son, Harry and two-month-old son Carl, acquired their current farm in Ancaster Township. Soon a third son, David, was born.

Living outside of the city made it difficult for the family to stay involved with the Jewish community. However, because Joe and Minna placed such a strong importance on Jewish values and their heritage, the Loewiths joined Temple Anshe Sholom and have remained members ever since. With the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, Joe and Minna became passionate supporters of the Jewish National Fund, and, in 1999, were recognized for their generosity by being named Negev Dinner honorees.

Since Joe and Minna's passing, their three sons and respective families have continued their commitment as leaders in the Hamilton Jewish community. Harry and his wife Shani relocated to Tavistock, Ontario, but still remain active members of the Temple and the Hamilton Jewish community. Carl served as president of both Temple Anshe Sholom and Shalom Village. His wife, Sandi, has worked on the Hamilton Jewish Federation Holocaust Education Committee, and facilitated leadership workshops for Federation's Genesis program. She has also volunteered with Shalom Village's Creative Arts program, and is currently on the Temple's executive.

Dave has served as president of the Jewish Community Centre, the Jewish National Fund and Temple Anshe Sholom. He still sits on the JNF board and Federation's Campaign Cabinet. His wife, Bonnie, has also served as president of Shalom Village and the Hamilton Jewish Federation.

Through their generosity to the Hamilton Jewish Federation Legacy Endowment Fund, the Loewith family has helped to sustain Jewish life in Hamilton for future generations.

"We feel very positive about the community at this time," said Dave. "We have great confidence in the Federation staff and in their ability to lead the Jewish community forward. Hamilton has a lot to offer for people living here and we want to ensure its long term viability and sustainability."

