



**OTTAWA JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation held at 7:00PM on June 6, 2018 in Social Hall A & B of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, Ottawa, Ontario, K2A 1R9.

**Recorder:** Sara Miller

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Gillie Vered, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05PM and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Gillie took a moment to recognize past chair Norman Zagerman, z"l who passed away over the weekend. He also welcomed past chairs Harold Feder, Michael Landau, Bernard Shinder, Charles Taylor, and Lynne Oreck-Wener, as well as new fund holders, Clergy, and agency representatives.

**ANTHEMS:**

Federation's Shinshinim, young Israeli emissaries, Idan Ben Ari and Noa Gill led the members in the Canadian and Israeli national anthems.

**D'VAR TORAH:**

Rabbi Elizabeth Bolton of Or Haneshamah delivered the D'Var Torah.

**GREETINGS FROM THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF OTTAWA:**

Hartley Stern, chair of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, brought greetings to the members on behalf of the Federation. Hartley spoke of the accomplishments of the Foundation and gave a brief presentation on the Jewish Superhighway.

**OPENING REMARKS:**

Gillie welcomed all the new fund holders in attendance and invited them up to receive their certificate and take a photo.

## **ANNUAL OVERVIEW OF THE FOUNDATION:**

### **President and CEO Address:**

Andrea Freedman gave her address, discussing how in a world of unpredictability, the Foundation can provide a sense of stability and predictability. Andrea thanked Gillie for his hard work as the chair of the Foundation, as well as the board members, staff and donors, who all contribute to making the Foundation what it is.

### **Annual Overview of the OJCF's Financial Activities and Performance:**

Adina Libin, Treasurer, provided an overview of Foundation's financial activities, performance and results in 2017. It was noted that it was a positive year and that the portfolio returned 8.2% net of fees. Following her presentation, members were given the opportunity to put forth comments and/or questions pertaining to the presentation. No questions were brought forward.

## **APPROVALS AND MOTIONS:**

### **Approval of the Financial Statements of the Foundation:**

A motion was made to approve the financial statements of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation for the year ended December 31, 2017, as audited by Ginsberg Gluzman Fage & Levitz.

Moved by: Jonathan Freedman  
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Russell Kronick

### **Appointment of Auditors:**

A motion was made to appoint Ginsberg Gluzman Fage & Levitz 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: Mitchell Leitman  
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Mike Aronson

### **Approval of the Minutes of the June 7, 2017 Annual General Meeting:**

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 7, 2017 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by: Ken Wright  
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Charles Taylor

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2017 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by: Lawrence Weinstein  
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Michael Landau

**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 7, 2017 are hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed.

Moved by: Jonathan Pivnick

Seconded by: Bob Wener

Approved Unanimously

**PRESENTATION OF THE ILANA AND STEVEN RUBIN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:**

Paul Finn, chair of Awards, presented the scholarship to two recipients. The first recipient was Mackenzie Cook, who will be attending a six-year commerce and juris doctor combination program at the University of Ottawa. The second recipient was Alise Gertsenchtein, who will be studying business and marketing at the University of Ottawa. Both recipients accepted their awards, presented by Steven Rubin.

**PRESENTATION OF THE NORMAN LESH PHILANTHROPY AWARD:**

Paul Finn presented this award on behalf of the Lesh family to the Hillel Lodge LTC Foundation for their Video Campaign project. The award was accepted by the president of their board, Russell Kronick, and Mitch Miller, the Executive Director at Hillel Lodge Long-Term Care Foundation.

**PRESENTATION OF THE GEORGE JOSEPH COOPER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:**

Paul Finn presented the George Joseph Cooper Scholarship Award.

This year's recipient is Jasmine Segal, whose long list of academic achievements, as well as extensive community philanthropic involvement makes her a wonderful role model and worthy recipient of this scholarship. Jasmine was invited to accept her award.

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Michael Landau, Chair of the Governance Committee, presented the committee's report for the coming year. He announced that Debbie Weinstein and Lorne Segal's terms were ending and thanked them for their dedication to the board. Michael noted that the report was provided in advance of the meeting on both the Foundation website and in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin.

The 2018-2019 slate of board members (elected for a 3 year term):

Sharon Appotive, nominated for a three-year term (2018–2021)

Jonathan Ben-Choreen Freedman, nominated for a three-year term (2018–2021)

Susan Margles, nominated for a three-year term (2018–2021)

Gillie Vered, nominated for a three-year term (2018–2021)

As the nomination period closed on May 31, 2018 with no additional nominations submitted, Michael 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: Lorne Segal

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

### **REMARKS:**

Gillie thanked the community for granting him the privilege of being able to chair the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation. He thanked members of the committees and the board for their involvement and volunteering their time, and he thanked the donors, fund holders and insurance policy holders for being a part of the Foundation family. He thanked Foundation staff for their hard work and expertise. Gillie stressed the importance of leadership specifically within the community. He then welcomed Yossi Tanuri, the Director General of the Israeli Office for the Jewish Federations of Canada-UIA to introduce the keynote speaker, Gabi Ashkenazi.

### **GUEST SPEAKER:**

Yossi Tanuri gave a brief introduction for Gabi Ashkenazi, the 19<sup>th</sup> Chief of Staff for the IDF and current Chair of the Rashi Foundation, which is an independent, private philanthropic foundation dedicated to assisting the underprivileged in Israel, particularly children and youth.

Gabi Ashkenazi gave a speech, emphasizing the main Israeli challenges today, including security and education for youth noting that only 52% of students are matriculating in Israel and that their future can be predicted based on where they were born. He believes that proper leadership can help to fix this issue and that is the reason joined the Rashi Foundation.

### **GOOD AND WELFARE:**

Gillie thanks Gabi for his presentation and shared three quotes about leadership. There was no further good and welfare brought forth.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made to adjourn the Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation for 2018.

Moved by: Lynne Oreck-Wener  
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Paul Finn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31PM and guests were invited to stay and enjoy a dessert reception.