

Schara Tzedeck Shoah Survivors Tribute Book



This book is dedicated with love to Schara Tzedeck's Holocaust survivor members, who made their way to Vancouver during the immediate pre- and post-WWII period, and who chose to make Schara Tzedeck their spiritual home.

We are forever grateful for the precious legacy they helped build for us, whilst rebuilding their own lives and faith.

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A message from Rabbi Andrew Rosenblatt

Dear Survivors and Families,

The creation of the Survivors Wall is a wonderful moment for our congregation. It recognizes so many important themes all at once.

The celebration of survivors highlights the resiliency of the Jewish people and the Jewish tradition. As well, this dedication recognizes the important contribution made to our community by a distinct group of newcomers, whose challenges dwarfed most others and whose accomplishments in community, business and reconstruction are second to none.

There is a beautiful passage in the book of Jeremiah that refers to the return of the survivors, know in Hebrew as the שארית.

The passage is both fitting and challenging. On the one hand

> AND I MYSELF WILL GATHER THE REMNANT OF MY FLOCK FROM ALL THE LANDS TO WHICH I HAVE BANISHED THEM, AND I WILL BRING THEM BACK TO THEIR PASTURE, WHERE THEY SHALL BE FERTILE AND INCREASE. AND I WILL APPOINT OVER THEM SHEPHERDS WHO WILL TEND THEM; THEY SHALL NO LONGER FEAR OR BE DISMAYED, AND NONE OF THEM SHALL BE MISSING—DECLARES THE LORD. SEE, A TIME IS COMING—DECLARES THE LORD—WHEN I WILL RAISE UP A TRUE BRANCH OF DAVID'S LINE. HE SHALL REIGN AS KING AND SHALL PROSPER, AND HE SHALL DO WHAT IS JUST AND RIGHT IN THE LAND.

> וַאֲנִי אֲקַבֵּץ אֶת־שְׁאֵרִית צֹאנִי מִכֹּל הָאֲרָצוֹת אֲשֶׁר־הִדַּחְתִּי אֹתָם שָׁם וַהֲשִׁבֹתִי אֹתָנָן עַל־נִוֵּהֶן וּפָרוּ וְרָבוּ: וַהֲקִמֹתִי עֲלֵיהֶם רֹעִים וְרָעוּם וְלֹא־יִירְאוּ עוֹד וְלֹא־יֵחַתּוּ וְלֹא יִפָּקֵדוּ נְאֻם־יְהוָה: (ס)הִנֵּה יָמִים בָּאִים נְאֻם־יְהוָה וַהֲקִמֹתִי לְדָוִד צֶמַח צַדִּיק וּמָלַךְ מֶלֶךְ וְהִשְׂכִּיל וְעָשָׂה מִשְׁפָּט וּצְדָקָה בָּאָרֶץ:



it describes the regathering of the many sheep that were dispersed by and depleted by the storm of the Shoah. They are the survivors from Poland, Hungary, Lithuania, Belgium, Romania and many other places, who endured experiences from labor camps to fighting as partisans, from being a concealed child to hiding in plain sight as a truck driver in the Hungarian army. Schara Tzedeck became their "pasture" and in that place they "'were fertile and increased" in so many ways, building family and community, developing businesses, becoming educators and stewards of history.

Jeremiah speaks of the "shepherds who will tend them". If this passage is to apply, we are the shepherds. We hope that we have tended well. I am sure that there are times when we were excellent shepherds, but also times when we could have been better shepherds. This Wall should not just remind us of the beautiful contributions of the survivors but also of our responsibility to be the shepherds who tend to these important flocks.

I want to express gratitude to the members of the committee and particularly to Rob Krell, who provided the initial inspiration for this wall. This testimonial is a precious legacy for our community and we are proud to have its story preserved in a beautiful installation in our shul lobby to share with the next generations.

Andrew T. Rosenblatt

Rabbi Andrew Rosenblatt
Congregation Schara Tzedeck

A message from the Co-chairs

The Schara Tzedeck Shoah Survivors Tribute Wall is the culmination of several years' gestation, and nearly another year of active labour.

For each of us who have had the privilege to be a part of this undertaking, there is no question that it has been a labour of love.

We honour the collective of Holocaust survivors who made their way to Vancouver during the immediate pre- and post-WWII period, and who chose to make Schara Tzedeck their spiritual home. The reality is that for some the landing here was not as soft as it might have been, and the welcome less than warm. But over time, these survivors became instrumental in helping to build and lead our shul, whilst concurrently rebuilding their lives and faith.

As their children and grandchildren, we feel fortunate they did, and are grateful, as co-chairs, to have been able to lead the effort to create a lasting tribute to them through this project. We are further grateful to have been able to work with an amazing group of individuals to execute this member-driven initiative.

That member initiator was Dr. Rob Krell. Rob first broached the idea of recognizing Schara Tzedeck's Shoah survivors in a meaningful and lasting way many years ago. But it was not until last summer that the timing and team were right to develop his idea and bring it to fruition. Thank you, Rob, for believing in us, and for never losing faith that good things come to those who wait and that timing is everything.

Profound appreciation to the members of our dream team Tribute Wall committee: Karen Cohen, Odie Kaplan, Jack Micner and Lyliane Thal. Thank you for the alacrity and efficiency with which you undertook and executed every task, for your eagle-eyed attention to minutiae, and for your commitment and contributions to ensure the success of this wonderful project.

We would like to recognize the very creative Barbi Braude for her work in putting together the beautiful commemorative tribute book. And to the incredible Rachael Lewinski, who we are pretty sure has several clones, since it is impossible to fathom how she effortlessly juggled all the details of this project without ever dropping a single one. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Last, but not least, our deepest appreciation to the talented John Nutter, for sharing his artistic gifts with us and partnering with us to create a beautiful and lasting tribute to our Schara Tzedeck Shoah survivors.

L'dor v'dor.

Hodie Eddy

Hodie Kahn and Eddy Lewin
Co-chairs,
Schara Tzedeck Shoah Survivors Tribute Wall Committee



A message from the Executive President

Dear Members and Guests of Schara Tzedeck,

It is truly gratifying for Schara Tzedeck to be able honour our remarkable Shoah survivors, who were so instrumental in the growth of our synagogue. Healing from the horrors of the Holocaust, this group built Schara Tzedeck with the same sense of purpose they brought to rebuilding their lives.

We are forever grateful to them for their commitment and devotion to our shul and community. The Tribute Wall will be a lasting reminder for future generations of this distinct group of members of our synagogue.

On behalf of Schara Tzedeck, I would like to thank our co-chairs Hodie Kahn and Ed Lewin and their entire committee for bringing this important project to fruition. They worked tirelessly to ensure the Wall and dedication evening were a great success.

Kol Hakavod.



Howard Kallner
Executive President,
Congregation Schara Tzedeck



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John Nutter, the artist



For almost 40 years, glass artist John Nutter has been designing and creating stained, leaded, cast and sandblast-carved glass at an architectural scale. His installations may be found throughout Canada and the United States, as well as Mexico and the Caribbean.

Until attending the furnace casting session at the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, NY in 1997, he primarily focused on creating large-scale architectural glass pieces, stained and carved glass windows and walls. While at Corning, Nutter explored their world-famous museum and library, introducing him to the efforts of international artists working in glass at a more intimate scale. He was inspired by the work of Bertil Vallien, as well as the Czech artists Libensky and Brychtov. He cast glass discs and ships' hulls, two forms he has since used as a constant in many of his gallery-scaled pieces.

Over the years, opportunities have presented themselves with other artists and designers to help them realize their ideas in glass and wood. Several collaborations with friend and mentor, Winston Leathers (Winnipeg), led to a joint nomination for the Saidye Bronfman Award, recognizing excellence in craft in Canada. Also in Winnipeg, Nutter, with partner and friend John Edwards, worked with architect Etienne Gaboury on two major projects—Winnipeg's St. Boniface Cathedral and the Canadian Embassy in Mexico City. A chance meeting with Haida artist Bill Reid at his Vancouver studio led to a position on sculptor George Rammell's team working to complete Reid's monumental Spirit of Haida Gwaii. Nutter stayed with Reid after completion, sharing the shop and working with



Survivors

Nachama Abramowitz	14	Joseph and Miriam Eisner	27	Myer (Ben-Tzvi) Grinshpan	40
Joe Aceman	14	Abraham and Rose Erlichman	28	Mathilda Grunberg	40
Ben and Rita Akselrod	15	Syd Erlichman	28	Michael and Helen Grunfeld	41
Lola and Max Apfelbaum	16	David and Regina Feldman	29	Henry and Julie Gutovich	41
Josef Auerhahn	17	Zoltan and Erika Fleischer	29	Samuel and Lola Haber	42
Lotte and Ulrich Aufleger	17	Larry Flynn	30	Leon and Lola Hammer	44
Lou and Helen Berger	18	Ben and Rose Folk	30	Frank and Vera Hochfelder	46
Ignac and Rose Bing	18	Izak and Lilli Folk	31	Izzy and Helen Hooper	46
Teresa Blau	19	Izzy and Bertha Fraeme	31	Leon and Evelyn Kahn	47
Allan and Jenny Blumanfeld	19	Jack and Margaret Fraeme	32	Abrasha and Ida Kaplan	48
Anshel and Sylvia Bogner	20	Harry and Helen Fugman	33	Peter Karasz	48
Lillian Boraks-Nemetz	20	Max Fugman	33	Abraham and Blanka Kaufman	49
Bill and Irene Brandt	21	Morris and Rachela Gechman	34	Leon and Esther Kaufman	49
Larry and Esther Brandt	21	Gewush and Chana Gelfer	34	Ian Kent (Igo Eckstein)	50
Joseph Bulles	22	Henry and Sylvia Gelfer	35	Hela (Helena) and Bronek (Berish) Kister	50
Art and Rose Chinkis	22	Berl and Rachael Gempel	36	Jacques Kneller	51
Leon Dales	23	Irving Glassner	37	Mariem and Kiva Knopp	51
Michael Dales	23	Wolf and Eugenia Glassner	37	Michla and Samuel Kornfeld	52
Jack Dales	24	David and Aurelia Gold	38	Jack Kowarsky	53
Mariette Doduck	25	Bernard Goldberg	38	Joseph and Zelda Kowarsky	53
Michael and Eva Dymant	26	Irio Gray	39	Leo and Emmy Krell	54
Sydney and Sylvia Eibschutz	26	Harry Greenhut	39	Robert Krell	55

עֵץ חַיִּים הִיא לַמַּחֲזִיקִים בָּהּ וְתֹמְכֶיהָ מְאֻשָּׁר

It is a tree of life for those who grasp it – PROVERBS 3:18

Imre and Magda Kunovits 56
Bessie Landsman 57
Bernard and Clara Leibowitz 57
Helen Levitin 58
Jacob and Elka Lewin 58
Joseph and Rose Lewin 59
Harry Lowe 60
Leo Lowy 60
Sam and Sara Mandelbaum 62
Jack and Chana Margalit 62
William and Lola Mendelson 63
Leon Menkis 63
Sandor and Ilona Mermelstein 64
Szulim Chaim and Razel Shoshana Micner 64
Abe and Goldie Miedzygorski 66
Michel and June Mielnicki 67
Harvey Mills 68
Jeffrey Milton 69
Yehoshua and Bernice Neuwirth 70
Harry and Resia Nortman 70
Henry and Pola Nutkiewicz 71
Albi Papo 71
Jack and Henia Perel 72
Morris and Renia Perel 73
Malka Pishanitskaya 74
Leo and Riva Puterman 74
Aaron Puterman 76
Andrew and Magda Raab 77
Leon Raber Katz 77
Joe Radman 78
Annie Rosenberg 78
Morris and Manya Schonfeld 79
David Shafran 80
Jack and Estelle Sicherman 81
Harold Silverman 82
Joseph and Vera Slyomovics 83
David and Brana Smilovici 84
Aurel and Marga Smulevici 85
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Izidor Tischler 90
Jack and Clara Tischler 91
Lipa and Angie Tischler 91
Maurice and Miriam Trojanowski 92
Ies van Messel 92
George and Frieda Wertman 93
Leo and Regina Wertman 94
Henry and Eugenia Wertman 95
Szulim Wiseman 96
David Weinberger 96
Herschel and Rachel Wosk 97
Boris and Marie Wydra 98
Chaim Zbar 99
Ruben and Mala Zilberman 100
Henry and Sally Zimmerman 100

Regrettably, we do not have photographs for the following survivors:
Sam Dales, Helen Dales, Harry Erlichman, Miriam Davidowicz, David and Mania Krevoy

NACHAMA
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BLAU



ALLAN
& JENNY
BLUMANFELD



ANSHEL & SYLVIA **BOGNER**



LILLIAN **BORAKS-NEMETZ**



BILL & IRENE **BRANDT**



LARRY & ESTHER **BRANDT**



Esther Brandt with
her sister Marie Doduck

JOSEPH **BULLES**



Joe Bulles with
L-R: Ida Green and Mary Bulles

ART & ROSE **CHINKIS**



LEON **DALES**



Leon Dales with his wife Betty

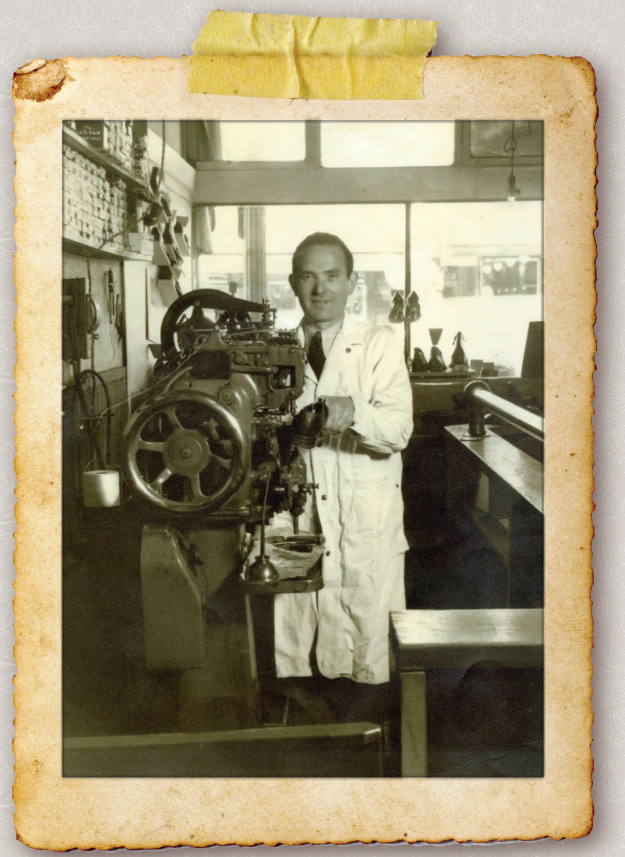
MICHAEL **DALES**

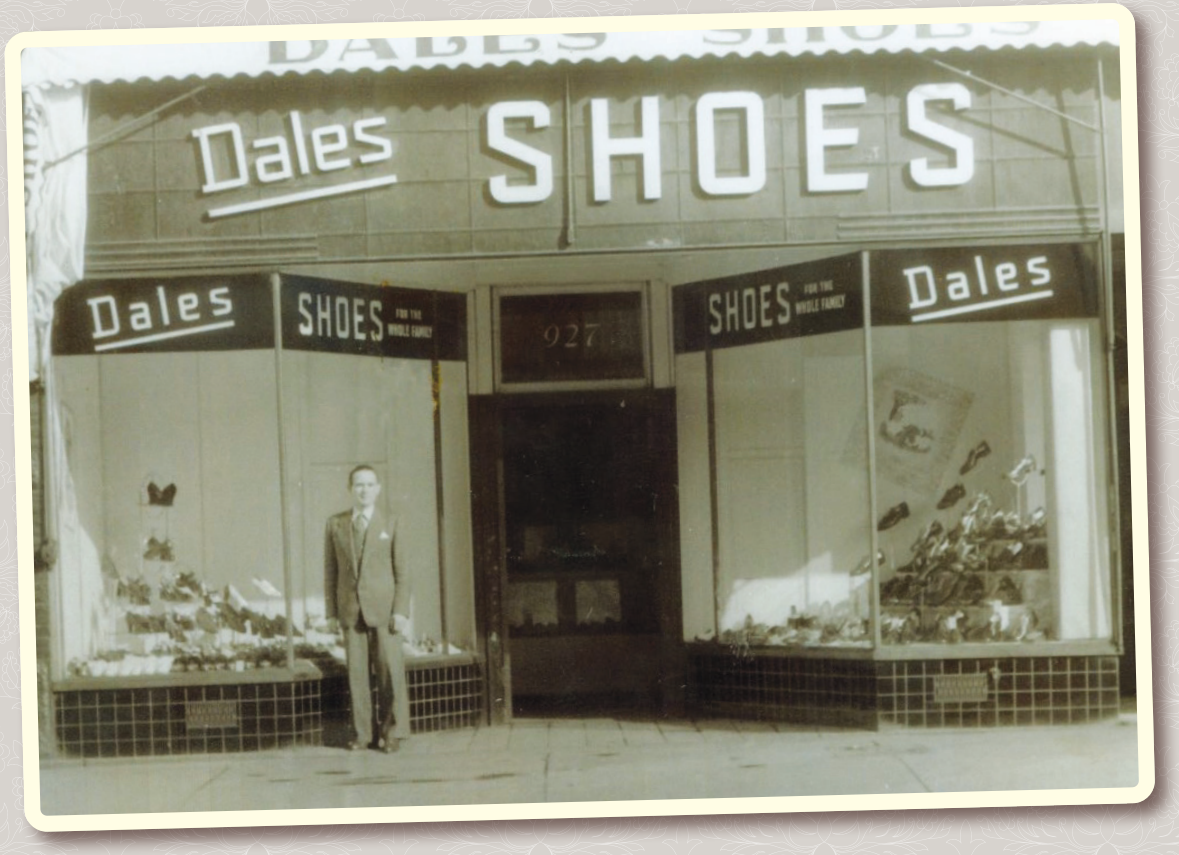


Photo of Michael Dales (standing left) taken immediately after the end of the war. He was a hidden child survivor aged 10 at liberation and pictured on the left.

JACK
DALES







MARIETTE
DODUCK





Marie Doduck with her husband Sidney

