

Rose family, still blooming, holds its 35th reunion

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TORONTO —

Over 100 members of the Rose family gathered at Beth Torah Synagogue last Sunday evening for a 35th anniversary reunion.

A family club was organized in Toronto in 1945 by Beryl Rose, who saw 11 of his 13 surviving children move from Russia to Canada by the 1920s. Joe, the only surviving son of Beryl and his wife Mintzi, said his father (and older brother Nathan) "wanted (the) family to stay together." After Beryl died later in 1945 (his wife died in 1933), the sons kept the organization alive. "We are still together," he added. "That's what it's all about."

During the reunion dinner, toasts were proposed, telegrams from city, provincial and federal politicians were read, and speeches were made, as Larry Rose (Joe's son) acted as master of ceremonies.

After various awards were presented, movies of old club anniversary parties, held in various locations every five years, were shown and old pictures were displayed.

One week before the reunion, members of the family met at the home of Marilyn and Marvin Cohen to discuss plans for the event and to reminisce about their large family.

It was obvious from the spirited discussions con-

cerning dates, names and past events that the reunion was going to be a lively affair. It was also slightly confusing to keep track of just how each person was related, since some of the children of the patriarch Beryl and matriarch Mintzi were the same age as their nieces and nephews.

Through the stories pieced together by Joe Rose (son of Beryl and Mintzi), Sarah Koszorek, Ida and Saul Shafer, and Dave Rose (grandchildren) and Marilyn and Marvin Cohen and Sheldon and Ruth Rose (great grandchildren), the history gradually emerged.

The Roses, formerly the Temnyagorod family, lived in the town of Pullen in the Ukraine, seven kilometres from the Polish border. Beryl and Mintze had 15 children, two of whom died in infancy. The 13 surviving children, with an age span of over 20 years between the oldest and youngest, were Nathan, Chasi, Sime, Louis, Max, Leah, Bella, Chya, Abie, Gussie, Jennie, Simeon and Joe. (Bella, Chya, Bussie, Jennie and Joe are still living.)

Beryl was able to bribe Russian officials to keep his oldest son out of the army, since Jews were called to serve for 25 years. Louis and Max escaped to Canada in 1913, because their father did not have enough money to bribe the officials to keep

them out. In Halifax, an immigration officer told Max, "You can't have that [last] name . . . I'll give you a good honest name," and the officer gave him his own name — Rose.

In 1920, Bella, Leah and a cousin joined their brothers in Toronto. Nathan arrived in 1921 with his wife and child. The rest of the brothers and sisters, except for two, arrived in 1922 with their parents, and the family went to live on Leonard Ave. Eventually, they moved around the Jewish section of Toronto to Cecil St. and Grange St.

Two sisters, Chasi and Sima, who were married and had children, died in Russia during World War II.

Beryl owned a tailor shop and yard goods store in Russia and the family went into the needle trade and linen supply business in Toronto.

According to rough estimates, Mintzi had six grandchildren named after her and Beryl had four grandchildren named after him.

The oldest of the four generations attending the reunion was 82-year-old Annie (Max's wife) and the youngest was 2-year-old Elliott Silverstein.

The family, which has spread to Detroit and Los Angeles, includes professionals and business people.

Dave Rose, who has been treasurer of the club for 35 years, said there is no actual president, but each monthly meeting, opened to all married cousins, is conducted by the person hosting the evening. On the average, 30 members attend.

Each family contributes to the fund every year, which is used for gifts, anniversaries and the annual Chanukah party and summer picnic.

Sarah Koszorek said her mother, daughter of Beryl and Mintzi, kept 27 years of past family meetings recorded in Yiddish. The current secretary of the club is Ida Shafer, niece of Beryl and Mintzi.

Labor Zionists celebrate birthday of Louis Sharp, 80

TORONTO —

Louis Sharp will be celebrating his 80th birthday at a testimonial dinner tendered by his family, the B. Borchov branch 124 of the Labor Zionist Alliance.



TORONTO — Bernard was appointed last month as the first director of the OISE's first American graduates who BA studies in after having in father's restaurant in Montreal. In the chain Foss, a Montreal mark. At McGill, Bernard was the recipient of the Alan O Medal when he was awarded with a BA in economics. He is the Lieutenant of's Medal in his final year. Until this year, brothers assisted in the university's post-graduate studies. Bernard was the recipient of the Alan O Medal when he was awarded with a BA in economics. He is the Lieutenant of's Medal in his final year. Until this year, brothers assisted in the university's post-graduate studies.