

Greater Toronto Area

Eleven dozen Roses expected at anniversary reunion

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TORONTO — For 50 years, descendants of Beryl and Mintzi Rose have gathered to recall their heritage and keep the lines of communication open.

Besides Toronto, family members now live in British Columbia, the United States, Israel and Italy.

On Sept. 3, when the Rose Family Club gathers at the Lodzer Centre to celebrate its golden anniversary reunion, more than 130 people are expected to attend. The family will first have a picnic and baseball game at the home of Sol and Anna Mae Belmont.

Several branches of the Rose family tree are now the sixth generation to live in Canada, says Anna Mae, who will have four generations of her family at the reunion.

At the 50th anniversary, Anna Mae's mother, Jennie Waxer, who with her sister, Chaya Schwartz of Detroit are the two surviving chil-

dren of Beryl and Mintzi, will open the celebration by leading in the singing of *Hatkvah*.

Barry Rose, a great-grandson of Beryl and Mintzi, will be master of ceremonies.

Beryl and Mintzi Rose (formerly Temnograd and changed, the family says, by an immigration officer in Halifax who wanted to give them "a good honest name," so he gave them his name, Rose), arrived in Canada in 1922.

They came from the town of Pullen in Ukraine (now called Chervono-Armansk), seven kilometres from the Polish border.

The Roses had 15 children, two of whom died in infancy. They escaped to Poland to avoid having their sons in the army for 25 years until they could obtain emigration papers. Two married children who remained in Ukraine perished in the Holocaust.

Jennie Waxer, now in her 80s, recalls the family's arrival at

Southampton on their way to Canada. The doctor "wouldn't let me on the boat because I had an injured finger." She was 10 years old and had to stay alone in a hospital in Southampton for a few days.

"I cried and cried, thinking I would never see my family again."

When she did come to Canada, she spent three months in a hospital in Quebec City before joining her family in Toronto, surprising her siblings, who believed she had died.

After Mintzi died in 1932, Beryl dedicated his life to maintaining family closeness.

When he formed the Rose Family Club before his death in 1945, he told his family it was "so cousins won't pass in the street and not know each other."

The 50th anniversary planning committee consists of Anna Mae Belmont, Janice Da Costa, Barry Rose, Dave Rose, Larry Rose, Sheldon Rose and Lil Saiger.



Jennie Waxer seated (left) with her daughter Anna Mae Belmont, is seen with four generations of her family. Standing (from left) are Jennie's son, Stanley; Anna Mae's children, Michael, Sara and Brian Belmont; and Brian's son, Nathaniel.

JFEGT ends ties to Tel-Aide

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his son Richard and daughter-in-law Germinie,
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