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Eulogy for Mrs. Evelyn Nozick

WE WILL GATHER TOGETHER, TOMORROW NIGHT, AT OUR FESTIVE SEDER
TABLES, TO TELL STORIES TO OUR CHILDREN. THE TEXT OF THE
HAGGADAH, IS THE MEMORY OF OUR PEOPLE. ANCIENT DELIVERANCE FROM
SLAVERY IN EGYPT. BAT AT EVERY SEDER THERE IS ALSO A SUBTEST.
AT EVERY SEDER COMPLEMENTARY TO THE ANCIENT MEMORY OF EGYPT AND
PLAGUES AND SPILLING SEAS, THERE ARE MORE RECENT MEMORIES OF THE
SEDERS OF OUR YOUTH, OF OUR BUBBAS AND OUR ZEYDAS, OF ALL THE SEDERS
WE SPENT WITH THOSE WHO ARE NOW PART OF THE GREAT SEDER IN A WORLD
BEYOND OUR VIEW.

WE ARE HERE TODAY TO CREATE A HAGGADAH OF SORTS TO TELL THE
STORY OF EVELYN NOZICK, TO REMEMBER HER, NOT AS SHE WAS DURING THE
PAST YEARS OF FRAILITY AND ILLNESS, WHEN SHE SUFFERED WITHOUT COMPLAIN,
BUT AS SHE WAS WHEN SHE WAS ALIVE AND VIBRANT. AND EVELYN
NOZICK WAS A VIBRANT, INDEPENDENT WOMAN WHO WAS LOVED BY ALL WHO
KNOW HER.

EVELYN WAS BORN IN ODESSA IN 1900, THE YOUNGEST OF 7 CHILDREN.
HER FAMILY ARRIVED HERE IN 1905, ONE OF THE FIRST 10 JEWISH FAMILIES TO
SETTLE IN OUR CITY.

SHE WAS MARRIED TO LEO AND FOR MANY YEARS THEY WERE DEVOTED TO
EACH OTHER. AT FIRST THEY LIVED IN A LITTLE TOWN IN SASKATCHEWAN,
BUILDING THEIR LIVES. THEY DID MANY THINGS TOGETHER.

DELIGHT IN HER VISIT AND TAKE OUT THE PHOTO ALBUM AND SHOW HER FAMILY HAGGADAH, PICTURES AND MEMORIES OF THE PAST.

SAMARA ALWAYS MAKE TIME FOR HER "LITTLE GRANDMOTHER". AT AGE 13, EVELYN STARTED A STRING OF PEARLS FOR HER GRAND-DAUGHTER, ADDING A PEARL FOR EACH SPECIAL OCCASION. BUT THE PEARLS OF WISDOM THEY WERE GIVEN BY SPENDING THE TIME WITH EVELYN WAS EQUALLY VALUED.

EVEN LITTLE MAYA WOULD ASK NORMA "HOW'S GRANDMA?" WHEN SHE CALLED FROM CALGARY.

AND IT WAS A MEASURE OF HER CHARACTER THAT NOT ONLY HER NIECES AND NEPHEWS, BUT ALSO HER GREAT NIECES AND NEPHEWS WOULD MAKE THE TIME TO VISIT.

HER FATHER WAS ONE OF THE EARLY FOUNDERS OF THE BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE, AND EVELYN WAS DEDICATED TO HER PEOPLE. AFTER THE WAR, SHE HELPED SETTLE DPS THAT CAME TO CANADA FROM THE CAMPS. IT WAS IN THIS WORK THAT SHE FOUND HER COUSIN SONYA ON A RED CROSS LIST. SHE BROUGHT SONYA OVER HERE TO BEGIN A NEW LIFE AFTER EXPERIENCING THE HORRORS OF BUCHENWALD.

SHE BELONGED TO AND WAS ACTIVE IN ALL THE JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS; THE BETH SHALOM SISTERHOOD, NATIONAL COUNCIL AND HADASSAH.

THEY WOULD ATTEND THE OPERA AND BALLET AND PLAY CARDS.

NORMA RECALLS THAT THEY WERE AN AFFECTIONATE LOVING COUPLE EVEN IN THE DAYS BEFORE OPEN DISPLAY OF AFFECTION WERE FASHIONABLE.

I WOULD SIT IN THE DEN, SHE SAYS, AND HERE THEY WERE, AN OLDER COUPLE CUDDLING LIKE NEWLY WEDS, I WAS SHOCKED.

THEIR CUDDLING AND AFFECTION WAS ENOUGH TO PRODUCE ONLY ONE SON, MANDEL, WHOM I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF KNOWING OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS.

EVELYN AND LED DOTTED ON MANDEL, BUT IT WAS ALWAYS MOM TO WHOM MANDEL WOULD GO TO WITH HIS PROBLEMS. SHE WAS EASY TO TALK TO AND ALWAYS THERE FOR HIM.

LIFE WAS HARD IN WESTERN CANADA WHEN SHE WAS LITTLE. AND EVELYN ONLY HAD AN 8TH GRADE EDUCATION. BUT EDUCATION WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO HER AND SHE WAS A SELF-TAUGHT WOMAN. SHE BECAME FOND OF CULTURE AND LOVED MUSIC, DANCE AND OPERA, BUT ESPECIALLY LOVED TO READ.

LOVE OF BOOKS, LIKE OTHER GOOD QUALITIES, IS OFTEN TRANSMITTED TO CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN AND MANDEL REMEMBERS SUMMER NIGHTS AT THE LAKE SIDE COTTAGE WHERE THE WHOLE FAMILY WOULD GATHER TOGETHER SITTING AND READING.

SHE BELONGED TO THE CANADA CLUB, WHERE SHE TOOK A #

INTEREST IN LECTURES ON POLITICS AND ISSUES. AND EVELYN HERSELF WAS AN ONGOING VIBRANT WOMAN WHO WAS CAPABLE OF HOLDING HER OWN IN ANY DISCUSSION.

HER LOSS OF HER BELOVED LEO WAS DEVASTATING. BUT IT DIDN'T STOP HER. SHE WAS AN INDEPENDENT WOMAN MUCH SOUGHT AFTER IN HER AREA OF EXPERTISE, WORKING IN BRIDAL SALONS UNTIL THE AGE OF 82.

IN MANDEL'S WIFE NORMA, EVELYN FOUND THE DAUGHTER SHE NEVER HAD. THEY HAD A WONDERFUL RELATIONSHIP. THEY WOULD SHOP TOGETHER AND DO THINGS TOGETHER. EVELYN WAS METICULOUSLY CLEAN AND NORMA SAYS SHE LEARNED EVERYTHING SHE KNOWS ABOUT COOKING AND CLEANING HOUSE FROM EVELYN.

SHE WAS A WOMAN WHO MADE FRIENDS EASILY. OUTGOING IN STYLE, SHE WAS A WOMAN WHO WAS ALWAYS FILLED WITH ENERGY. HER HOUSE WAS ALWAYS OPEN. SHE LOVED TO ENTERTAIN, AND HER FAMILY REMEMBERS THE SOMEWHAT FORMAL DINNER PARTIES SHE WOULD PUT TOGETHER.

SHE TOOK GREAT DELIGHT IN HER 2 GRANDCHILDREN, HANITA AND MARALEE AND LATER HER 3 GREAT GRAND-DAUGHTERS, SAMARA, OMER AND MAYA, AND HER MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS.

NORMA RECALLS HOW HANITA WOULD GO OVER ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON TO VISIT HER GRANDMOTHER AT CANTERBURY COURT. EVELYN WOULD

TOMORROW NIGHT THE FAMILY OF EVELYN NOZICK WILL GATHER
TOGETHER FOR THEIR SEDERS, RECALL THE ANCIENT MEMORIES AND SING THE
TRADITIONAL SONGS.

BUT AS YOU READ THE TEXT OF OUR ANCIENT HISTORY, DON'T FORGET THE
SUBTEXT, THE MORE RECENT MEMORIES, STILL FRESH IN YOUR MIND.

KEEP THOSE MEMORIES FRESH **

AS EVERY GENERATION COMES OF AGE, AND REMEMBERS THOSE WHO PASSED ON
TO THEIR #

SING EVELYN'S PRAISES, FOR SHE LOVED TO SING! TELL HER STORY, TAKE
OUT HER PHOTOGRAPHS, LEARN THE LESSONS SHE TAUGHT WELL AND EVELYN
NOZICK CAN WRITE MANY PAGES OF SUBTEXT IN YOUR FAMILY HAGGADAH.