

# 2024 TESTIMONIALS



שאלות בתה

## Joe Lebovic z"l and Wolf Lebovic

TORONTO

Thanks to our parents and grandparents philanthropy is central to our DNA.

Our great-grandfather was not a person of means, but he was known in his community to open his heart and his pocket to anyone who knocked on his door in moments of need.

We have always been committed to investing in the good of the Toronto community – both Jewish and general, and supporting the State of Israel became a central pillar of our identity.

During the course of our lives, we have been recognized by many institutions for our philanthropy including the Hebrew University, JNF, the Jewish Agency, UJA Toronto, JDC, Mt. Sinai Hospital, and a host of other organizations. But what has touched us the most are two letters we received –

firstly from Yulia: "I would like to thank you for enabling me to go to the Szarvas summer camp (near Budapest) this year. Without your help, my mum would not have been able to send me. I made a lot of new friends, I loved my madrichim, and I learnt so much about being Jewish. I hope I can go again next year."

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And from Aaron, a Haredi, who works in a major Israel bank after completing an Israel Air Force program that we supported. "When I graduated high

school, my knowledge of math was very basic – maybe on the 4th or 5th grade level. Joe and Wolf, you gave me the chance to succeed and to support my wife and children instead of relying on nana – Oots. You both enabled me to break the cycle of poverty in our family and to hold my head up high. You can

give someone a donation but if you give someone an opportunity to learn and to work – and set them up for success, that is so much more important. In gratitude."

Knowing that we have made a significant difference in the lives of other people makes us feel that in our own way, we have done something noble and worthwhile. And it makes us feel good.