

*Our friend David Pollack was born on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 1921 on the south side of Edmonton, the day after his parents, Hanna and Moshe arrived in Edmonton. He grew up on the south side, living on Whyte Avenue until the age of 13 years and as he remembered in an interview with the Old Strathcona Foundation on the occasion of his retirement from Pharmacy, he often hurried home from school to help in his Father's dry goods store on Whyte Avenue. From an early age he had a love of socializing and meeting and talking with all kinds of people. He had a strong sense of obligation, service and devotion to family which he maintained throughout his lifetime.*

*He attended the University of Alberta earning a degree of Bachelor of Science and then Master of Science of Zoology in 1946. He then taught Biology at Queens University before returning to Edmonton and eventually decided on his profession of Pharmacy because in Hanna's words "he wanted to be around people". He graduated with his degree in Pharmacy from the U of A in 1953. His first Pharmacy was on 95<sup>th</sup> Street but he soon moved back to the south side, opening Regent Drug Store on 104<sup>th</sup> Street just north of Whyte Avenue*

*which he successfully operated for 35 years and which was located next to his beloved brother Hymie's Medical office and his parents General Store. Dave was always justifiably proud of his Pharmacy profession and the service he was able to provide so capably to his thousands of clients and patients. He thought of Pharmacy, in his own words "as the most facinating profession in the world and also had noted that people often talk to a Druggist before they spoke to a Doctor.*

*David however was extremely modest about his own achievements and was always so proud of his brother Hymie who had graduated in Medicine at the U of A in 1948 and who was also a well known and respected Family Physician on the south side for so many years. Their relationship was closer than any two brothers I know and they were an inspiration in family togetherness. Many of us remember so well how he would rejoice and be so proud in Shule when Hymie would chant a Haftorah or daven for the congregation. We all remember how proud Uncle Dave was at the Community Briss for his nephew Shai held at the Beth Israel in 1981 by Hymie and Shoshanna which was probably the largest event ever held at the Shule and possibly in the entire Community and we also unfortunately saw Dave's devistation when Hymie passed away in 1989.*

*Dave's life however had evolved with a major and magical transformation in 1982 when he married his beloved Hanna. Everyone noted how Hanna enriched and influenced his life and their marriage was a Joy to behold, with their obvious love for each other and their pride in each other not only for their many accomplishments but for the simple joys of everyday life.*

*I know Elexis and I and all their many many friends often commented to each other on the adoring looks Dave would give Hanna on the way she looked, dressed, cooked, baked and kept their Doll House Apartment, and mer many community activities. She treated him in the same right up to the very end when she was with him when he passed away, she was dressed so neatly as always and without a hair out of place, in the way she knew that he loved to see her and which made him so proud of her. He was so obviously proud of her and she of him and hopefully that will be a fine model and legacy for all of us.*

*Dave was always community minded and was a devoted and life long member of Congregation Beth Israel from the time of his childhood when he and his family would walk to the old Beth Israel Synagogue from their south side home to 95<sup>th</sup> street. Through his long association on the board of the Synagogue and his service as two*

*terms as president of the Congregation. He was always thinking of ways to improve Beth Israel and often without any fanfare or public knowledge. He would do personal Mitzvot. I remember when I was president it was Dave and Hanna who on their own suggested and then carried out themselves the beautification of the grounds and flower beds outside of the Synagogue. Dave was also along with Hymie a founding member of the JCC and served for many years on the JCC Board. He was also active in the general community and in his Pharmacy profession and was a member of the Masonic Lodge.*

*He and Hanna also had a great devotion and interest in the JNF. Their home often served as a second home to visiting JNF Shlechim from Israel. Elexis and I had the privilege of spending time with Hanna and Dave on a JNF tour to Israel in 1990 at which time we were all very moved to see the ceremony in the Galilee where on the dedication of the planting of 2000 trees in memory of Hymie and Dave's Parents. They also became redeemers of Jerusalem to provide housing for Russian Olim for which they were gratefully honored by JNF. Hanna told us yesterday that she had recently received a letter from JNF regarding restoration in the Negev and as was her regular custom, she read this to Dave in the hospital and although he was weak and unable to speak,*

*a smile appeared on his face when he heard of this project.*

*Perhaps it is no coincidence that Dave and Hanna's Anniversary and Dave's Birthday, August 26<sup>th</sup> fell on the same day as in many ways a new life began for him when he married Hanna. One year ago on his 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday we celebrated with Dave at a surprise Birthday Party lovingly arranged by Hanna and her many friends. Dave was both overwhelmed and overjoyed at the riches God had given to him, to be surrounded by loving family and friends. Dave always had an overwhelming love of all things Jewish and Yidushkite and was blessed to have been given a strong Jewish home from an early age. The home that Hanna provided for him always reflected their mutual love in Judaism as everyone who had the privilege to visit with them at their apartment could readily see and appreciate.*

*Dave Pollack was a modest but extremely accomplished man who quietly made a major contribution to the community in which we live. He was also blessed to have loving parents, a close and wonderful relationship with his brother Hymie and later with his sister-in-law Shoshanna and nephew Shai. In the last 15 years of his life he was particularly blessed and fortunate indeed to*

*have the loving companionship of his beloved Hanna, who has handled both the Joys of their years together and the more recent adversity of Dave's illness so bravely in her inimitable "Hanna style". Our sincere condolences are extended to Hanna, to sister-in-law Shoshanna and nephew Shai and to Dave's cousins and his and Hanna's legion of friends.*

*As we approach Rosh Hashana and walk towards the Beth Israel, we will always be struck by the beauty of the landscape around the Shule which was a gift from Hanna and Dave. Every year, especially in the spring when the flowers bloom and in the fall when they fade we will remember that for everything there is a season and we will always cherish the memory of our dear friend Dave. May he rest in peace forever. Olev Ha Shalom.*