

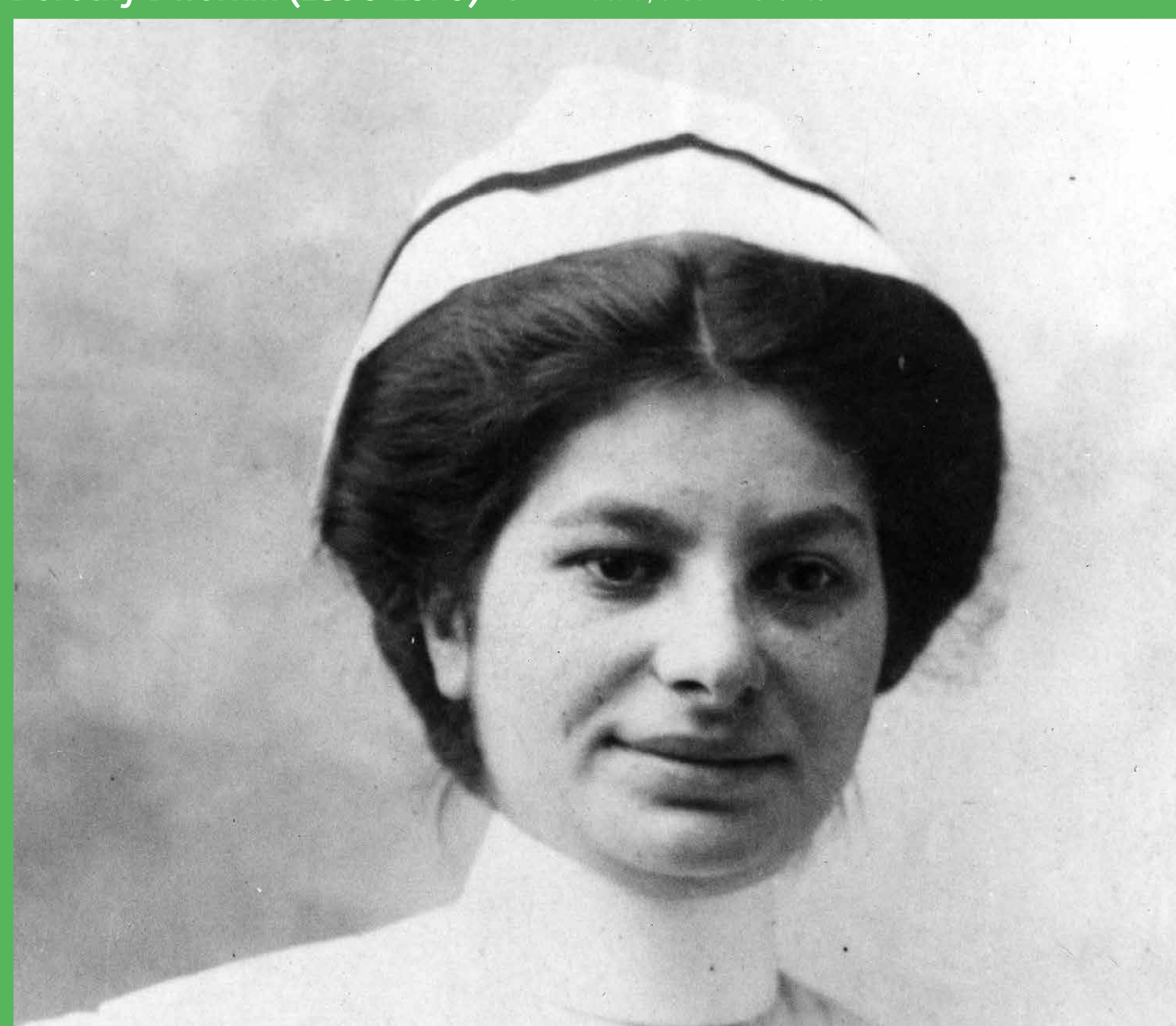
# COMMUNITY BUILDERS



Jewish Heritage Month Ontario

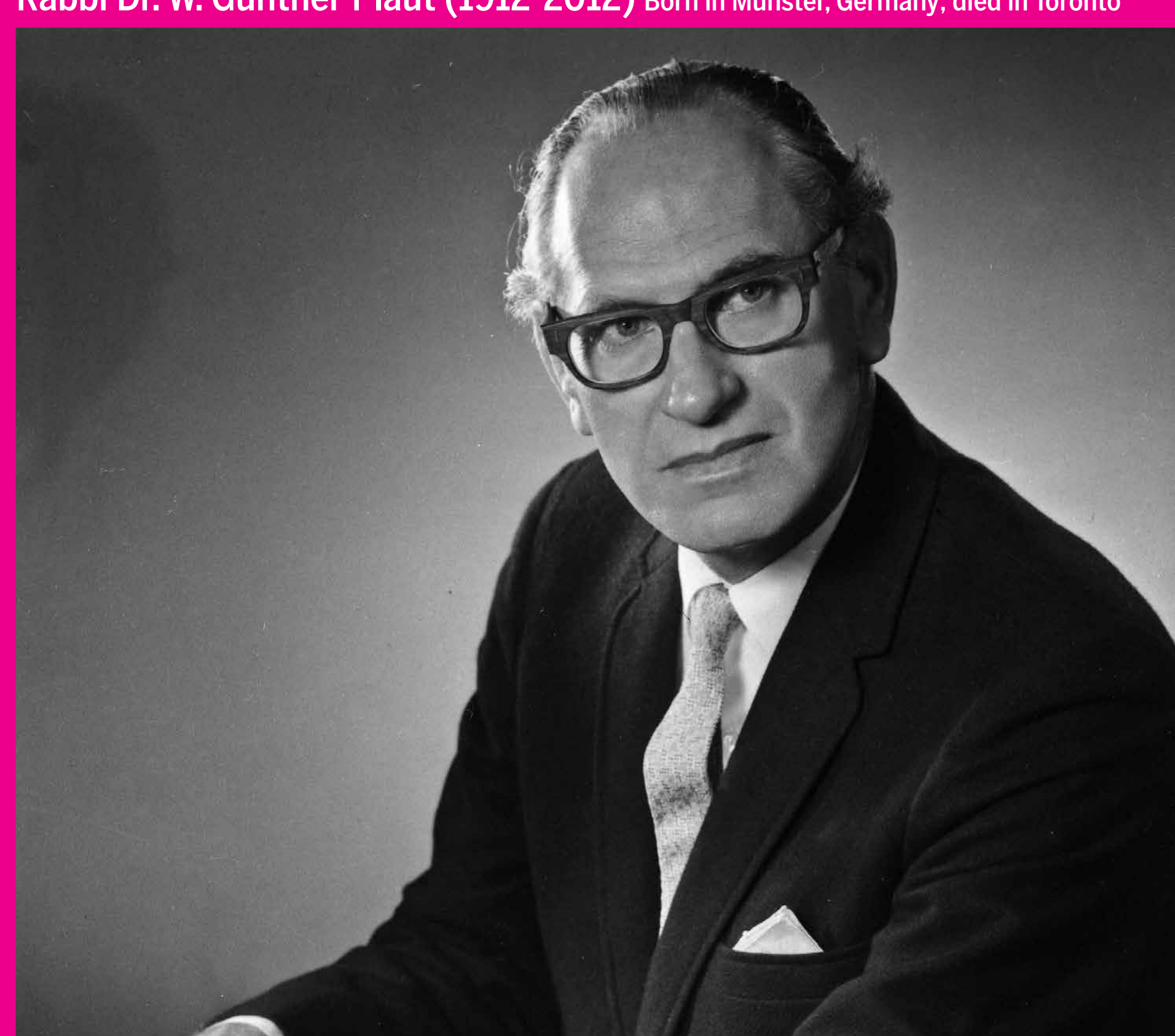
Ontario's Jewish community has been graced with generations of guiding voices who have provided models of leadership in politics, philanthropy, finance, real estate, culture, and social service. Their achievements have impacted daily life for all people of Ontario and Canada. The legacy of these past community builders reminds us that their work is not yet complete and that the next generation must continue it.

Dorothy Dworkin (1890-1976) Born in Latvia; died in Toronto



A philanthropist, a business woman and a trained midwife. During the interwar years, she helped bring thousands of Jews from Europe to Canada through her family's travel agency. She was a founder of the first Mount Sinai hospital in Toronto and remained active in the organization for her entire life. Ontario Jewish Archives, fonds 10, item 17.

Rabbi Dr. W. Gunther Plaut (1912-2012) Born in Münster, Germany; died in Toronto



Rabbi Plaut was Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple's rabbi from 1961-1977 and their Senior Scholar in Residence from 1978 until his death. He was also a noted scholar, having penned dozens of writings and commentaries. Ontario Jewish Archives, photo 6154

Barbara Frum (1937-1992) Born Niagara Falls, NY; raised in Niagara Falls, Ont.; died in Toronto



Barbara Frum was a respected and beloved radio and television journalist with the CBC. A Toronto Public Library branch and the CBC atrium in Toronto are named in her honour. Photo courtesy of Dr. Murray Frum

Nathan Phillips (1892-1976) Born in Brockville; raised in Cornwall; died in Toronto



Nathan Phillips, a lawyer by profession, was the 52nd Mayor of Toronto, 1955-1962. He was responsible for commissioning Toronto's New City Hall. Ontario Jewish Archives, photo 4348

Ben Sadowski (1894-1974) Born in Massey, Ont.; died in Toronto



Sadowski was a philanthropist known for his life-long dedication to numerous Jewish organizations and causes. He was a founder and first president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund (now the UJA Federation). Ontario Jewish Archives, fonds 80, series 1-1, item 32. Photo by Sylvia Schwartz

Dora Till (1896-1987) Born in New York City; died in Toronto



A philanthropist, active in the fields of health care and social welfare, Till was a life-long volunteer with the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and a founder of their Women's Auxiliary. Ontario Jewish Archives, fonds 52, series 8, file 10, item 5. Photo by Sylvia Schwartz

Dorothy Shekter (1917-2010) Born in Hamilton; died in Hamilton



Shekter was the first professional female social worker at the Jewish Federation of Hamilton. Following the Second World War, she worked tirelessly to settle newly-arrived Holocaust survivors. Photo courtesy of the Shekter family

David Croll (1900-1991) Born in Moscow; died in Ottawa



Croll was the mayor of Windsor twice from 1931-1934 and 1939-1940, was a Member of the Provincial Legislature from 1934-1943, a Member of Parliament from 1945-1955 and served as the first Jewish Senator in Canada from 1955-1991. Ontario Jewish Archives, fonds 28, series 6, file 252

## Being Jewish in Ontario: A Pictorial Celebration

May is Jewish Heritage Month in Ontario. Discover the many different ways of "being Jewish" in the province through this exhibit of photographs from UJA Federation's Ontario Jewish Archives. Each of the five banners on view present a different aspect of Jewish life in the province, reflecting the vibrant texture of both the past and the present. From a bar mitzvah in St. Catharines, to the Jewish students' organization at Queen's University, to a Hadassah Bazaar in Brantford; this exhibit celebrates the multiplicity of Jewish life in Ontario.

The Ontario Jewish Archives (OJA) acquires, preserves and makes accessible the records that chronicle our province's Jewish history including photographs, films, and oral histories. Through exhibitions, programs, research assistance, and walking tours, the OJA tells the stories of Ontario's Jewish community. Our Stories are your stories. This exhibition is co-organized by the OJA and the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA).

