

## **THE LATE MAX WOLOFSKY OF MONTREAL**

### **AN AILA FOUNDING FATHER**

The late Max Wolofsky, Esq. was born in Montreal on December 25, 1904.

Max Wolofsky received his Bachelor of Arts degree from McGill University in 1925 and his law degree from Brooklyn Law School in 1928.

From 1928 to 1943 he practiced law in New York City. Although his practice was varied much was involved with real estate, deeds, mortgages, contracts etc. In 1934 he was appointed Fee attorney for the Home Owners' Loan Corporation (HOLC) which familiarized him with the general procedures, set-up and functional operations of Government agencies and administrative bodies. He litigated for the HOLC the question of the legal relationship between it and the U.S. Government with his contention being affirmed on appeal by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

Max Wolofsky worked for the U.S. Department of Justice Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) from August 1943 until 1946 where he was in charge of all preliminary phases on applications for naturalization by members or former members of the armed forces of the United States. His duties also included consultations in cases that were out of the ordinary and required specialized knowledge.

In March of 1946 he left the INS and went into private practice. His experience in immigration work was often called upon by other lawyers. In 1946 Max Wolofsky was one of the twenty founding members of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (at that time called the Association of Immigration and Naturalization Lawyers).

In November 1947 family considerations caused him to return to Montreal where he assumed the position of publisher of the only Canadian Yiddish daily newspaper and an Anglo Jewish weekly.

Besides his professional accomplishments Mr. Wolofsky was an active volunteer leader in many communal organizations both in New York and Montreal. One of the organizations her served as president was the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society in Montreal.

He passed away in Montreal on October 8, 1998.