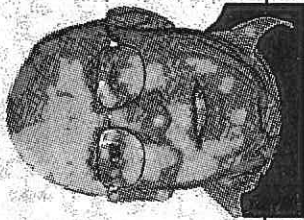


# From persecution to legacy of tranquility

## Reverencing the Earth Farmland Legacies



Donald Sutherland

The centuries-old relentless persecution of Jews living in Russia and Europe reached a feverish pitch during the Kiev Pogrom in 1905. Facing certain death, the Henteleff family sought safety in Canada in 1907, eventually settling in 1924 on a 40-acre parcel of land in St. Vital, Man., situated along the Red River.

The fertile soil of the Henteleff homestead included a richly diverse ecosystem of plants, trees, wildlife, fish and birds.

Because economic oppression in Europe included denying Jewish people the right to own land, ownership of land in Canada had very special meaning to the Henteleff family. Their portion of mother earth, in the midst of a welcoming multicultural community of Métis and Europeans, was to be a spiritual place of safety and serenity for generations to come. The families of this community worked side by side in market gardening, cutting ice in winter and harvesting grain in fall.

*Sutherland, MBA, is a personal coach and relationship builder in Winnipeg.*

In the early 1930s, Nathan and Rose Henteleff inherited the property from his parents and their family built a thriving market garden business and joined with their



neighbours to market their produce co-operatively. They raised two children and instilled within them deep respect for education, biodiversity, community building and equality of all races and religious beliefs. Yude Henteleff, founding partner with a leading law firm in Winnipeg, focused his practice on human rights, anti-racism, anti-Semitism and social justice.

In the early 1960s, the city of Winnipeg decided to create a green space along the Red River. Touting this imaginative decision, the city expropriated the land held by Nathan and Rose as well as that of their neighbours. Due to shifting political winds, the green

space concept was eventually scrapped in favour of development. Alarmed by the possibility of losing the rich biological diversity of the former Henteleff property for the enlightenment of future generations, Yude led a six-year lobby, which culminated in a unique agreement in 2002 to create a public park.

Guidance is provided by the Henteleff Park Foundation with a strong interdisciplinary board of directors with vision and the ability to get things done.

Early accomplishments include an entry gate and parking lot, 1,600 metres of woodchip trails, planting more than 5,000 native trees and shrubs, trail signage and restoration of Normand Creek as a backwater for spawning fish. The foundation is currently fundraising to build a 1,500 square foot interpretive centre which will feature the following four themes: the contribution of a rich diverse natural landscape; early Métis farm families; early history of market gardening; the Henteleff and other Jewish farm families in Manitoba.

Significant legacies continue to emerge, flourish and grow from each of the four themes: the Métis as a new people in Manitoba; the treasure of natural landscapes; locally grown food; the Henteleff and other Jewish farm families enriching Manitoba's culture. Henteleff Park is a legacy of peace, spiritual renewal, and self-enrichment. Volunteers are welcome: [henteleffpark.org](http://henteleffpark.org). Consider a farmland legacy: [www.farmlandlegacies.org](http://www.farmlandlegacies.org)



Schmitz

ANGELS ON THE JOURNEY — Laurel from Edmonton and Monica from Vancouver Island offered such caring companionship on the journey that Gerald Schmitz called them "my angels of the Camino."



## ST. MARY'S ACADEMY Winnipeg, Manitoba

invites applications for the position of

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHER & DEPARTMENT HEAD

St. Mary's Academy is a Catholic school serving young women in grades seven through 12. Enrolment is 575 with an instructional staff of 48.

The religious education program is a key component of both the academic curriculum and the religious culture at SMA. Courses are designed to provide students with a basic knowledge and understanding of the Catholic/Christian faith. The Religious Education Department Head teaches religion courses, exercises leadership in planning and monitoring the curriculum and collaborates with staff to development and nurture religious knowledge and faith in individuals and the school community.

#### Qualifications:

- practising Catholic
- a valid Manitoba teaching certificate
- a degree in theology, religious studies, divinity, or liturgy
- knowledge of current religious studies programs
- experience in developing religious studies curriculum
- experience working with youth and collaborating with other adults

#### Applications:

Written applications including a letter of application, up-to-date curriculum vitae with supporting documentation, letter of reference from current pastor, and names of two people who can provide a professional reference should be sent to the Director:

St. Mary's Academy  
550 Wellington Cres.  
Winnipeg, MB R3M 0C1

Closing date for applications is April 1, 2014.