



# *In Herzl's Footsteps*

INSIDE TORONTO LAWYER DAVID MATLOW'S QUEST



David Matlow and his wife Leanne.

Left: David Matlow with a piece from his collection.

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With the proliferation of so-called "reality" shows filling our television screens from morning to night, seven days a week, it's a shock that producers have yet to knock on the door of Toronto's David Matlow about the possibility of "The House of Herzl".

Matlow, a lawyer at Goodmans LLP, a documentary producer, and a man who will chair United Jewish Appeal of Greater Toronto's Campaign 2015 along with Andrea Cohen, has long held a passionate connection to, and love for all things "Herzlian".

Married to Leanne, Matlow is the proud 52-year-old father of Naomi, Orli and Yael, and also happens to

possess the globe's largest personal collection of Herzl memorabilia. And, not one to stand on his laurels, he's taken the next logical step in spreading the word about his hero by having recently produced a documentary about the founder of modern political Zionism, dubbed, not surprisingly, "My Herzl".

The film, a Canada-Israel co-production produced by Matlow, along with his Israeli brother in law, Eli Tal-El, was screened in Toronto a number of times in early

October, followed by its U.S. premiere at the Chicago Festival of Israeli Cinema where it received rave reviews.

Matlow's Herzl collection, consisting of over 2,500 pieces from postcards and autographs to household items and ▶



