



**Grey Roots wins prestigious Ontario Museum Association Award of Excellence
for community exhibit *L'Chaim – To Life***

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Grey Roots announces the receipt of an **Award of Excellence** from the Ontario Museum Association. The OMA presents the Award of Excellence to individuals, institutions or agencies who have demonstrated an outstanding and significant contribution to the Ontario museum community. This is the second Award of Excellence Grey Roots has received in the last four years.

The winning exhibit, ***L'Chaim – To Life: The Story of the Beth Ezekiel Synagogue***, chronicles a remarkable story of determination, tenacity, and faith. It tells of local Jewish pioneers and the contributions they made to Owen Sound and Grey County. Over two years in the making, Grey Roots staff and members of the local Jewish community also contributed countless hours to create this exhibit.

Jeff Elie, president of the synagogue, is delighted that the exhibit has won the award. "It is an example of what a community museum can do when there is commitment and passion involved in the topic," he says.

Grey County Council and the Heritage Committee have also provided strong support in the development of the exhibit. Chair of the Heritage Committee, Delton Becker says, "We are very honoured to receive this Award of Excellence. Compliments go to the Grey Roots staff for development of the exhibit and thanks go out to the Beth Ezekiel synagogue for their part in making this exhibit possible."

The Award of Excellence will be presented to Grey Roots on October 25, 2007 at the Ontario Museum Association awards banquet. The banquet is during the three-day annual OMA conference held this year at the Delta Chelsea Hotel, Toronto.

L'Chaim – To Life: The Story of the Beth Ezekiel Synagogue is open now at Grey Roots Museum & Archives until September 7, 2008.

For more information on *L'Chaim – To Life: The Story of the Beth Ezekiel Synagogue*, visit <http://www.greyroots.com/exhibitions/current-exhibits/>