

The estate of George Joseph Cooper establishes OJCF scholarship fund

George Joseph Cooper passed away on October 1, 2004 at the age of 83.

George Cooper was born and raised in Ottawa, never married and was a long-standing member of Beth Shalom. He was, by all accounts, a generous man.

His great passions were painting and movies. In his later years at Central Park Lodge, he was surrounded by many of his own paintings as well as a video machine and movies.

George devoted a lifetime of service to Canada's Public Service Sector.

A testament to George's generosity was the personal insurance policy he set up in which the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation (OJCF) was named the beneficiary agency, and approximately \$73,000 was awarded to OJCF from this insurance policy.

As per his instructions, George left a bequest in his will to OJCF in which the *G.J. Cooper Award Scholarship Fund* was to be established whereby the income generated from the money invested would go annually towards someone in the community between the ages of 18 and 30 who displays leader-



**One of many paintings
by George Cooper**
(Courtesy of Central Park Lodge)

ship qualities, academic excellence, and an abiding interest in the Jewish community.

This award was established to assist and advance an individual's artistic, literary and social fields of study or work.

As a result of George Cooper's efforts, approximately \$300,000 is being donated by the estate as a bequest to OJCF.