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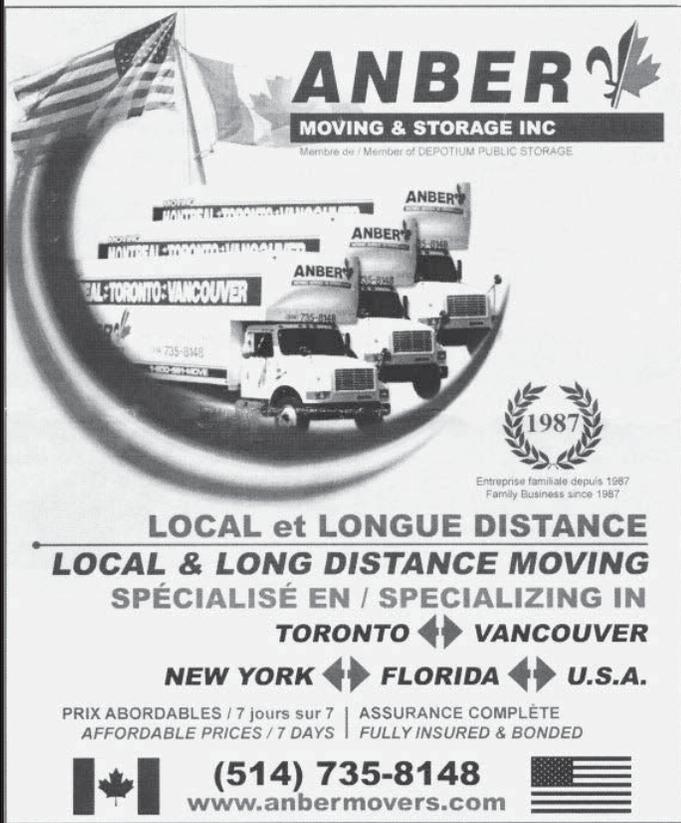
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NAMES IN THE NEWS IN OUR CITY

By MIKE COHEN

SYLVAN ADAMS MAKES HIS MARK IN ISRAEL:

Although philanthropist and real estate developer Sylvan Adams immigrated to Israel in 2015, he has insured that his legacy will live on here in Montreal forever. It is becoming common-place these days to circulate in the Jewish community and see his name adorning a building: The YM-YWHA, Yaldei and Herzliah.

"I haven't counted the named buildings, but

these investments in our community were my 'good-bye' gift to Montreal, when we moved to Israel," he said when I reached out to him. "I've done the same in Israel, with several large projects, as my 'welcome to Israel' gift to my new country."

As for moving to Israel, Adams told me that a few years ago he came home from work and asked his British born wife of 34 years, 'Margaret, what do

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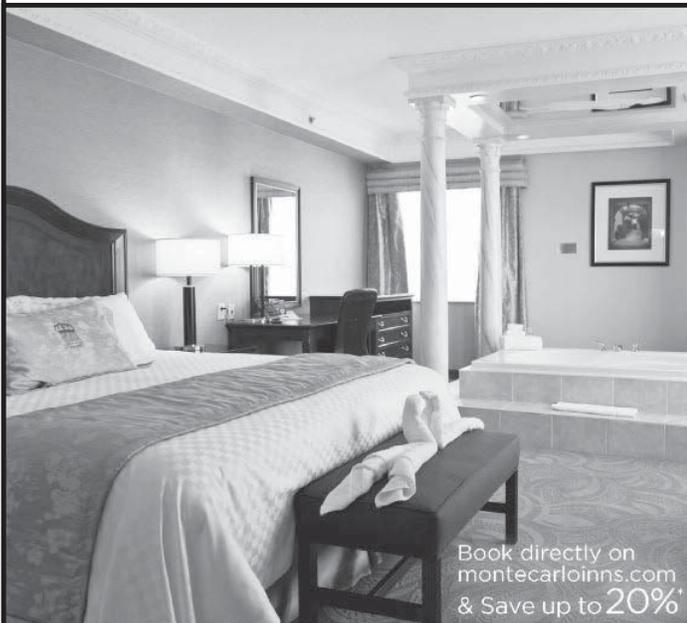
THE CUMMINGS CENTRE'S APPRENTICE wood working program recently held and run by Hershey Fitleberg is being termed a resounding success by both students and management. Each participant went home with a challah board personally crafted by themselves while learning how to use various power tools and learning how to use different species of wood. Both Hershey Fitleberg and the students are looking forward to the next session which will take place in January. For more information call 514.342.1234 or visit cummings-centre.org Photo: Courtesy of the Cummings Centre

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you think about moving to Israel?' She replied 'let's do it, I always thought we'd end up there.' She also said 'it'll be an adventure,' which it is. We originally met in Israel, as youngsters, volunteering on a Kibbutz in 1983. Moving to Tel Aviv closes the circle on our relationship with Israel, the homeland of the Jewish people. We are very happy, and have made as many new friends there as we had in Montreal. I would recommend aliya to anyone thinking about a change of scenery. Israel is a fabulous place."

Adams recently presented his plan for branding Israel and strengthening Jewish identity in the Diaspora to the Jewish Agency Board of Governors.

THE HERZLIAH CONTRIBUTION: Last summer Herzliah High School marked a new era in Jewish education as a brand new state-of-the-art building opened its doors on the Sylvan Adams Campus. Lead donors Adams, Naomi Azrieli and Jonathan Goodman cut the ceremonial ribbon in the presence of over 250 onlookers. Monica Mendel Bensoussan, Chair of the Building Project and now the school's director of development, played a key role. I recently toured the campus and it is absolutely magnificent.

In his address to the Jewish Agency, Adams said: "The plan is to make Herzliah the best high school in the market, as good or better than the best private schools, offering education standards and a curriculum that appeals to diverse interests, including music, drama, arts, science, and sports."

KOSHER TEA: When the Ritz-Carlton Montreal (www.ritzmontreal.com) opened in 1912, it

became known for its legendary style and impeccable service. The hotel also gained notice as a comfortable spot for Montrealers to enjoy a classic British afternoon tea and socialize. More than a century later, afternoon tea remains as a flashback to the Edwardian era when Tea Time was a social ritual. Set amidst the comfort and elegance of the famous Palm Court, a selec-

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tion of fine teas, homemade canapés, scones, and pastries are on offer. Gentle music wafts through the Palm Court, providing the perfect ambiance for a moment spent in lavish repose.

The first service starts at 12:30 p.m. and the second at 3:30 p.m., running seven days a week. This is not something commonly available at Montreal hotels or restaurants, and most definitely an experience that should be on everybody's "to-do" list. The fun begins by choosing from a list of different teas. More recently the Ritz introduced a kosher certified afternoon tea. Everything is prepared in the hotel's certified Glatt kosher kitchen. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance and this is not available on Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays. Booking for groups of more than eight people will not be accepted.

Members of my family recently experienced a marvelous afternoon of tea with some glasses of pink

champagne, followed shortly thereafter by the three tiered tray featuring delicious finger sandwiches and of course the sampling of two different teas. This is something that everyone should try at least once if given the chance, and it is a particularly wonderful option if you have someone in from out of town and wish to treat them to something unique. Is someone about to celebrate a special birthday or looking to toast a wedding anniversary? Again this represents a truly original choice. For Afternoon Tea reservations call (514) 842-4210 ext. 1222 or email tea@ritzmontreal.com.

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garten and Secondary 1 students, the CAPS program gives more Jewish children the opportunity to take advantage of a high standard of education, as well as a strong Judaic-based curriculum. See the Federation CJA ad on page

15 of this edition of *The Jewish Standard* for more details on this vital program for Jewish youth.

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