

EYE ON MONTREAL

NAMES IN THE NEWS IN OUR CITY

By MIKE COHEN

LAC CARLING HOTEL: There is a beautiful hotel just one hour from Montreal which is starting to get a lot of attention from people planning weddings, social functions, meetings and trade shows. Almost three years ago Jewish-owned real estate giant Olymbec, along with the Pava Corporation, purchased the Lac Carling Hotel in Grenville-sur-la-Rouge and went about refurbishing the property. It is located in the Laurentians, 20 minutes north of Lachute and popular year-round for rest and relaxation, sports and receptions of all kinds.

“The Lac Carling Hotel was a well-established property in the 1980s and

90s,” said Robert Libman, speaking on behalf of Olymbec, where he works as an architect and on special projects. “With the vast improvements we have undertaken, the property is already doing very well simply by word of mouth.”

Several million dollars has been spent to renovate the hotel rooms, the dining hall, bars and common areas. The three-storey complex has 100 hotel rooms, including 11 two storey suites and indoor parking. There is 17,000 square feet of interior space to host the biggest of weddings and conferences. At the moment, up to 300 people can be accommodated, but by converting space at

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SINCE LAST DECEMBER THE JEWISH GENERAL Hospital has had a full kosher food court in its new Pavillion K. It replaces the longstanding cafeteria, Resto Carrefour HGJ is run by the team at Beso Catering. Pictured here is General Manager David DiRaddo. There are kiosks offering such eats as kabobs, breakfast, Italian dishes, Chinese, burgers, smoked meat and a convenient grab and go selection of sandwiches, muffins, cookies and fruits. In July, a sushi counter is expected to open. (Mike Cohen Photo)



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the indoor tennis courts that capacity can be doubled. Full catering is available on site. Some functions with kosher catering have already been booked.

You can play golf at the property's Platinum rated 18-hole public course, take a swim in the lake or go canoeing, row boating, pedal boating, kayaking, hiking and fishing (permit required). There is also an indoor heated pool and a spa centre offering massages and a sauna

and hot tub. The Sports Centre offers racket sports like tennis or squash and a gym.

During the winter there are 4.5 kms of cross-country ski trails, snowshoeing and snowmobiling. There are also a number of other activities one can enjoy in close proximity to the hotel such as horseback or carriage rides, paintball, airplane tours and a wildlife park within 30 minutes. The newly completed Highway 50 allows

easier access to and from the Montreal-Ottawa corridor.

The Lac Carling Hotel is located at 2255 Route 327 Nord, Grenville-sur-la-Rouge. For more information log on to <http://hotellaccarling.com> or call 450-533-5468 or 1-844-922-7546.

HECHT SCHOLARSHIPS: The Riva and Thomas O. Hecht Scholarship Program, Teaching of the Holocaust for Educators endeavours to promote Holocaust education for educators in Quebec. This scholarship program is designed to offer *(Please turn to following page)*

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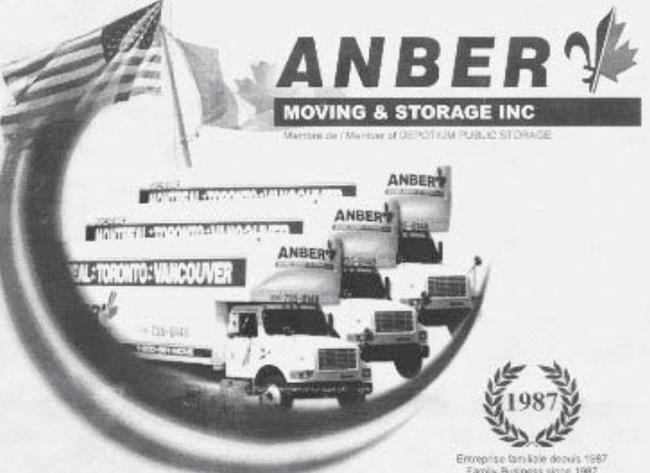
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professional development opportunities to educators through the Belfer National Conference for Educators at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

This year's recipients are Lev Berner from Vincent Massey Collegiate in Rosemount of the English Montreal School Board; Anne-Marie Jacob of Collège Jésus-Marie de Sillery in Quebec City; and Stephanie Kessler from Collège Reine-Marie in Montreal. They will travel to Washington in July. The Hecht's also wish to congratulate Melanie Philip and Audrée Anne Dupont, teachers at the EMSB's Mackay Centre School in NDG and Merton Elementary School in Côte Saint-Luc respectively. They have been awarded a Hecht Scholarship to a professional development program in July under the direction of the Faculty of the Yad Vashem Seminars for Educators from Abroad, International School for Holocaust Studies. The goal of this program is to provide professional development

activities to teachers for teaching about the Holocaust and anti-Semitism. Upon their return to Montreal, scholarship recipients will be asked to create at least one teaching unit or module developed

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The Belfer National Conference for Educators presents Holocaust education for English Language Arts and Social Studies/History teachers from Grades 6 and up. The

goal of this three-day Conference is to give educators the tools for teaching about the Holocaust in their classrooms. Teachers will be introduced to information and teaching strategies using many Museum resources, with a focus on school systems in North America. The Conference will take place from July 19 to 21 for English Language Arts teachers and July 23 to 25 for Social Sciences and History teachers.

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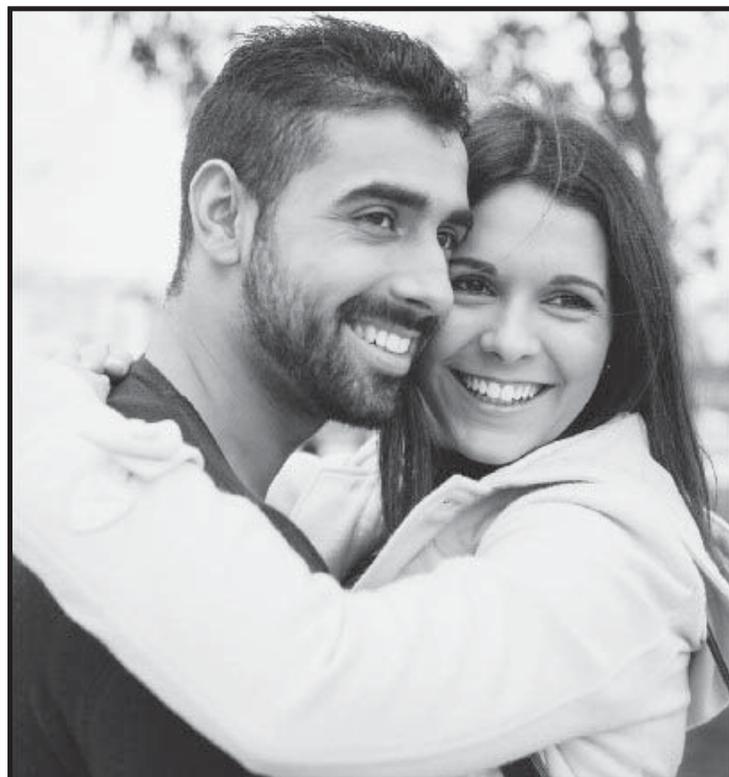
Construction on the 142-unit Beaumont Condominium complex is well under way. It will be located at the corner of Clanranald Avenue and Côte St. Luc Road close to the heart of the Jewish community. The Beaumont will be the only high-end project in NDG offering a 360 degree view pool, a sun-soaked rooftop, a gym, an indoor parking, an IGA grocery store, and privileged services in a mature area distinguished by its stately centennial houses. Drop by their Monkland Avenue sales office, log on to

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WORLD IN REVIEW

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“when institutions are held suspect and also seen as rather cold and distant. The whole idea of member-

ship dues reinforces that point.”

Orthodox Paramedic Sues NY Hospital

Hadas Goldfarb claims that she was offered a job as a paramedic at the New York Presbyterian Hospital in 2015 but was terminated during orientation for refusing to comply with the hospital's dress code. The 26-year-old Brooklyn resident is an orthodox Jew and only wears skirts. She argues that she has never had a problem in her previous jobs as a paramedic.

Following her termination, Goldfarb filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and she has now received notice of the right to sue. The suit alleges that the hospital failed to provide her with reasonable accommodation for her religious observance. Goldfarb is suing for damages, reinstatement and an order forcing the hospital and the city of New York to stop denying requests for

accommodation in relation to the pants policy.

Goldfarb has since found a job for an emergency telemedicine company, where her style of dress is not an issue.

Her lawyer, Joseph Aron, is himself an Orthodox Jew and the father of three daughters. He has taken the case in part because he does not want one of his young daughters to one day have to face the same dress code restrictions facing his client.

San Antonio's New Mayor

Ron Nirenberg, son of a Jewish father, is the new mayor of San Antonio, Texas. Nirenberg celebrated his diverse background during the campaign. His parents met while his father was serving in the Peace Corps in Malaysia.

Dubbed “Liberal Ron”, Nirenberg opposes any discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. San Antonio, claimed, Nirenberg, “said yes to a bigger vision of diversity”.

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THE CANADIAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE RECENTLY held a panel discussion in Montreal composed of Jewish veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces who discussed their military experience as Jews. Pictured above, left to right, are Rick Garber, Dr Markus Martin, David Hart and Edward Fitch. Readers can go to WWW.CJE2017.com to learn more about this event and the exhibit in Ottawa.