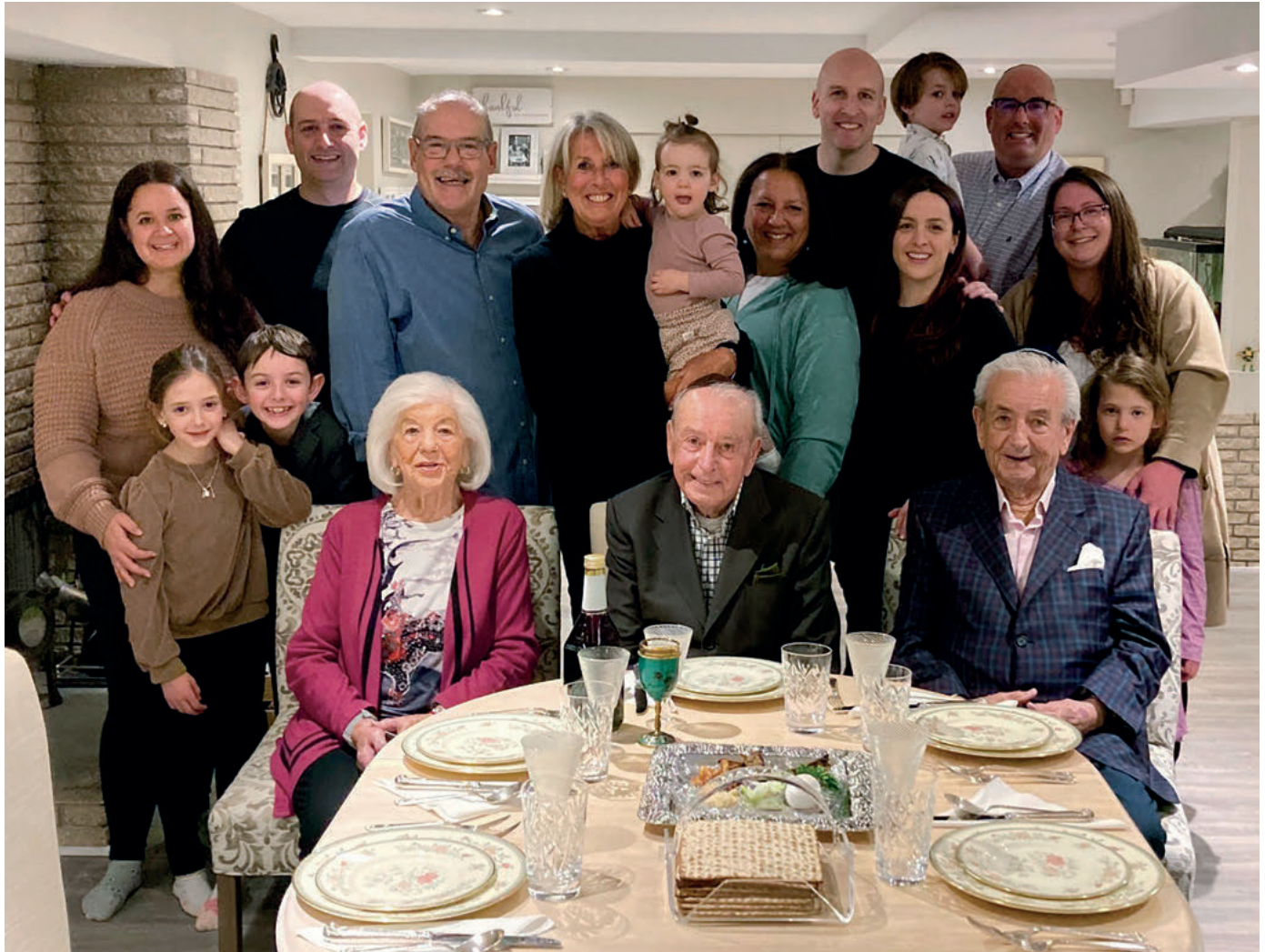


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**FOUR GENERATIONS OF THE DANKOFF FAMILY PREPARE TO CELEBRATE PASSOVER TOGETHER. DANNY DANKOFF, 99, TOLD THE JEWISH STANDARD THAT HE, SISTER TOBY, 100 (LEFT) AND BROTHER SAMMY (RIGHT) 97, ARE ONLY HERE TODAY THANKS TO THE ASSISTANCE THEIR FATHER GOT FROM THE HEBREW FREE LOAN ASSOCIATION (HFLA) IN MONTREAL BACK IN 1939. PLEASE SEE A VERY SPECIAL EYE IN MONTREAL COLUMN BY MIKE COHEN ON PAGE 6 TO LEARN ABOUT THIS FASCINATING STORY AND THE TREMENDOUS WORK HFLA DOES. SINCE ITS INCEPTION, THE ORGANIZATION HAS GRANTED OVER 100,000 LOANS TALLING MORE THAN \$140 MILLION, WITH 95 PERCENT OF APPLICATIONS APPROVED. AS THE LOANS ARE REPAYED, THE CAPITAL IS LENT OUT AGAIN AND AGAIN, HELPING MORE PEOPLE AND MULTIPLYING THE IMPACT OVER TIME.**

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# EYE ON MONTREAL

\$300 LOAN HELPED DANKOFF FAMILY  
BUILD A FUTURE

By **MIKE COHEN**

At 99 years young, Danny Dankoff still resides independently in a Côte Saint-Luc condo, maintains a regular golfing schedule, and boasts an extraordinary memory. I first encountered him a few years ago during his volunteer work at the Jewish General Hospital, and we have kept in touch ever since. Recently, he reached out to urge me to write a story about the Hebrew Free Loan Association (HFLA) of Montreal. "If it weren't for them, my family wouldn't be here today," he emphasized.

I've long been aware of the commendable efforts of the HFLA of Montreal. Established in 1911 by a local realtor named Zigmond Fineberg, the organi-

zation offers interest-free loans to community members facing genuine financial need. I had the opportunity to sit down with President Jack Dworkind and Executive Director Valerie Abitbol at their office on Decarie Blvd., an experience akin to walking through a living history book. For the past 113 years, this non-profit organization has provided important support in helping many individuals and families dealing with economic hardships.

Upon its inception, Fineberg rallied together 31 prominent members of the Jewish community who were inspired by his vision to establish a Hebrew Free Loan Association aimed at  
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## PALESTINIANS REPEAT SAME NONSENSE

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books that I still haven't published" on the topic.

It's bad enough that mainstream Palestinian Authority leaders such as Abbas and Abu Sido believe such crazy things. But what is at stake is more than just a grotesque distortion of history; their rhetoric can help set the stage for further atrocities—because the logic behind the Holocaust comments by Abbas and Abu Sido is remarkably similar to the position that they and their PA colleagues have taken regarding the October 7 pogrom and its aftermath.

Abbas and other PA leaders have characterized October 7 as a "response to the occupation." They have said the attack "did not happen in a vacuum." They have portrayed Gaza as a "prison" from which Hamas was trying to "break free." Every such justification is another way of saying that

Israel's own behavior was to blame for provoking the attack.

In a sense, Abbas is being consistent: The Jews provoked the pogroms of the Middle Ages. The Jews provoked the Holocaust. And the Jews provoked the murders, gang-rapes and beheadings of October 7. That's the common thread in all of his thinking on these subjects.

Blaming the Jews for their persecutors' actions is not just adding insult to the injuries that the pogromists inflicted. It incites further violence by justifying whatever Arab terrorists will do to Jews in the future. Such an extreme and irrational perspective—which is promulgated by PA leaders, disseminated by the PA-controlled media, and taught in the PA's schools—may be the single greatest threat to hopes for Arab-Israeli peace.

## EYE ON MONTREAL

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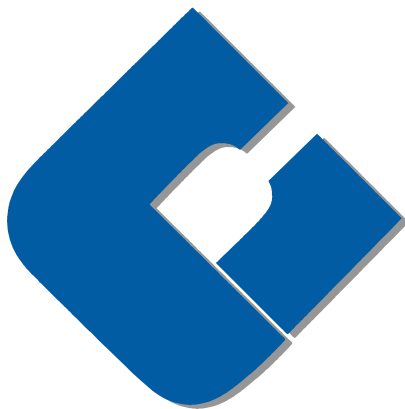
empowering individuals to help themselves. Today, the organization continues its mission of providing interest-free loans to those in immediate financial need or seeking to invest in their futures when lacking adequate financial resources. Maintaining the dignity of borrowers is paramount throughout the confidential loan process. Since its founding, HFLA has disbursed over 100,000 loans totaling more than \$140 million, with a remarkable 95 percent applicant approval rate. As loans are repaid, the capital is recycled back into the community, enabling the organization to assist more individuals and perpetuate its benevolent impact.

The ongoing dedicated support of a diverse array of donors ensures that HFLA can continue fulfilling its mission statement.

Danny Dankoff's family serves as a poignant example of the transformative impact a loan can have. In 1939, his father received a \$300 loan from HFLA, which he used to purchase difficult to obtain ship tickets to bring Danny's mother, brother, and sister to Canada. "It took us three years to repay the \$300 loan. Every week, I went to the Hebrew Free Loan office and paid back \$2, and we never missed a single payment. Without the HFLA, we would have all certainly perished in the Holocaust. Instead, I am here today gratefully as a father of a son and two daughters, a grandfather of eight, and a great-grandfather of 12."

Danny's brother Sam, aged 97, and sister Toby, aged 100, are living testaments to their family's resilience. Despite his ad-

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vanced age, Danny enjoyed a successful career as a furrier and was instrumental in founding the Pinegrove Golf Club. He continues to golf and drive his car.

The Hebrew Free Loan Association stands out for its unique benevolent approach, and Danny fervently encourages everyone to contribute their valued donations, enabling more families to forge a new life for themselves. For further details, please visit <https://hflamtl.org>.

**MONTREAL NOTE-BOOK:** Victor Soussana and George Ouaknine have started a mitzvah fund at their Inter Coupe coiffure on Decarie. Step up to their bar and order a soft drink. They will collect a dollar and donate all of the proceeds to the Banav Learning and Clinical Programs at Decarie Square...It is time to buy your Passover food. So allow me to recommend some local places with

the real goods: Diz's Bagels and Café on Côte St. Luc Road; Fressers on Decarie; Schnitzels on Queen Mary Road; Noshertz on Westminster and Mackle; Caldwell Provisions: IGA Lipari on

Côte St. Luc Road; and MAXI on Saint-Jacques, Ouest.

**KALEMART24:** Hampstead native Ryann Goldstein is the director of KaleMart24, the new natural

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