

*Happy New Year to all our Jewish friends and customers !*



[toitureshogue.com](http://toitureshogue.com)  
450.435.6336

# EYE ON MONTREAL

NAMES IN THE NEWS IN OUR CITY

By MIKE COHEN

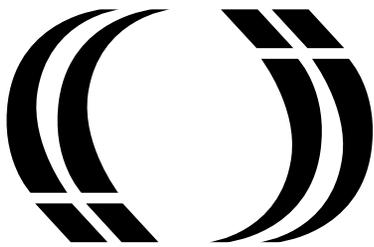
**SCHOOL OF HARD LUCK:** Paul Steinberg still vividly remembers the abuse he took as a young man. He was only seven years old when the abuse began. Walking to and from school was a frightening experience. A group of boys were always waiting to jump him. They called him a “dirty Jew” and made fun of his second hand clothes and his poverty causing him to question his self-worth.

He endured this bullying for the rest of his childhood and into his young teens. His parents

struggled to keep things afloat, so he chose not to say anything, so as not to stress them out.

“In those days”, explains Steinberg, “there wasn’t any social media or support groups. Bullying was just considered the norm for kids. It took me a while to learn how to stand up for myself but eventually I did. I made myself a promise way back then, that if I ever had the opportunity to help someone else going through this emotional trauma, I would do so.”

*(Please turn to page 10)*



**SANI MARC.**

**A happy and healthy *New Year* for family and friends!**



**Food & Beverage**

**Commercial, Industrial & Institutional**

**Pool & Spa**

**EYE ON MONTREAL**

*(Continued from page 8)*

And that, he has done. Steinberg is a volunteer (since 2015), with the Montreal non-profit org. “Dans La Rue”, supporting homeless teens. The organization has a bus that they use to make their way through the areas of Montreal, where youth at risk are hanging out. They provide them with meals and direct them to support/resources, in the hope they can get them off the streets and turn their lives around.

In one of life’s ironies, early in his career Paul found himself once again a victim of bullying, this time at the hands of a boss who humiliated him on the job.

“Lots of people think bullying only happens when you are young,” Paul said. “But there is bullying in the workplace and it is far more humiliating and destructive than when you are a kid.” This time, as an adult, Paul was up for the task, so he stood up to his boss even if it meant losing his job. In the end, the best man won. Over 30 years in, he is still employed by the same establishment.

Reminiscent of Mordechai Richler’s Duddy Kravitz, Steinberg’s book, School of Hard Luck is a coming-into-wisdom story that takes place in the same era and the same Montreal neighbourhood.

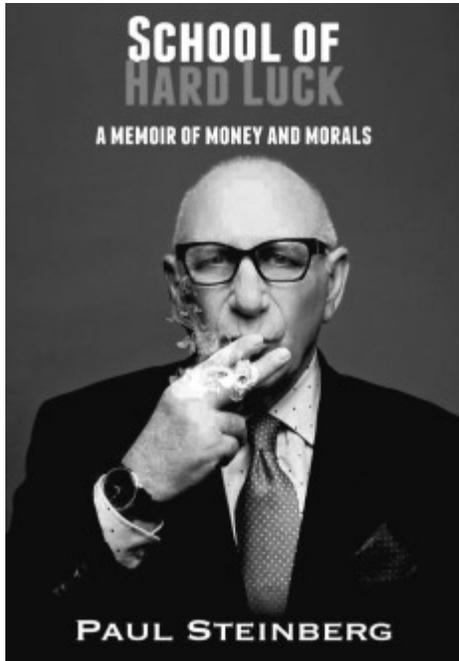
School of Hard Luck: A Memoir of Money and Morals is available on Amazon. <https://www.amazon.ca/School-Hard-Luck-Memoir-Morals/dp/1706123477>

Also, a cancer survivor, Paul perseveres, no matter the challenge. You can read more on his blog <https://schoolofhardluck.blogspot.com>, which is getting great feedback.

Paul was the guest on CJAD’s “Life Unrehearsed.

Fast forward to the 20 minute mark: <https://www.iheartradio.ca/cjad/audio/caring-for-caregivers-givers-and-dealing-with-bullying1.13103461?mode=Article>

**CULINARY HEROES:** In West End Montreal, members of the



*Silver Star*  
MONTREAL

**Paul Steinberg**  
Représentant des ventes

Téléphone : 514 735-3581  
Télécopieur : 514 735-8577  
Cellulaire : 514 668-3103  
psteinberg@silverstar.ca  
www.silverstar.ca



Mercedes-Benz

Sales Representative  
2011, 2009, 2005, 2003  
2002, 2001, 2000, 1999  
7800, boulevard Décarie  
Montreal (Québec) H4P 2H4

**We Join in Wishing the Jewish Community of Montreal and Area  
A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous  
Rosh Hashanah  
for family and friends.**



Chef de file dans le domaine de la buanderie depuis plus de 130 années, Québec Linge est en mesure d'offrir une solution gagnante pour tous.

Que vous ayez des besoins d'uniformes, linges plats, tapis ou même produit sanitaire, nous sommes là pour vous offrir les meilleurs produits aux meilleurs prix et sans oublier le meilleur service hebdomadaire de l'industrie par l'un de nos représentants qui sont à l'écoute de vos besoins. Québec Linge est l'une des seules buanderies à être en mesure de vous offrir un service pour tous les types d'industries.

- production alimentaire
- pharmaceutique
- industrielle
- soins de la santé
- restaurations
- automobiles

Laissez-nous le soin de vous rencontrer afin que nous puissions vous prouver que nous sommes le partenaire d'affaires que vous avez besoin pour votre industrie.

Québec Linge service d'uniformes, 4375 rue de Rouen, Montréal, QC H1V 1H2

Tél. (514) 670-2005 Fax. (514) 670-2071

Des Gens sur Lesquels vous pouvez compter



*Château Pierrefonds*  
Prestigious Seniors' Residence

We would like to wish you and your family a healthy and prosperous New Year!

- 117 comfortable rooms with private bathroom
- Nursing staff 7 days a week
- Family atmosphere
- Alzheimer units

[www.chateaupierrefonds.com](http://www.chateaupierrefonds.com)  
**514.626.2300**  
15 928 Guoin West,  
Ste-Geneviève Québec

**A HAPPY AND HEALTHY ROSH HASHANAH TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY**

*Côte St-Luc BAR-B-Q*  
POULET SUR CHAMBRON DE BOIS  
MARQUÉES CHARBONNÉ BROSSE CHICKEN

Johnny Castellano  
Sean Finlay  
5403 Cote St-Luc, Montréal  
QC H3X 2C3  
T 514.488.4011  
cotestlucbarbq@bellnet.ca

Jewish community continue to heap praise upon the merchants who have continued to enable us to put food on our tables. Here are two such examples.

Dizz's Bagel & Deli offers the city's greatest bagel selection as well as a variety of daily prepared foods such as sandwiches, salads, soups, fresh bread, and delectable baked goods. Its popular catering service offers delicious platters for holidays, dinner parties, engagements or shivas. People from all over show up at Dizz's at any time of the day or night to taste their renowned rainbow bagel. Dizz's is open 24 hours and if you arrive in the middle of the night, the ever so charismatic Andrew will be there to serve and entertain you with his humour. Steve Dizgun is the owner. Son Max is the manager. They dearly miss the founder of this iconic spot, Dizzy (Irwin) Dizgun, who passed away in 2017. Dizz's was previously known as REAL Bagel. Log on to [www.dizzsbagel.com](http://www.dizzsbagel.com).

Fressers is a well-oiled machine, thanks principally to hands on owner

Mitchell Druckman. He climbed on board 26 years ago. "I always had an inkling I'd be in the food business," he says. "When I graduated from McGill in 1993 I got hired by a super-market chain as a finance manager. I was in this little cubicle. I stayed two days and I quit. My mom was a customer at Fressers and she saw a help wanted sign. Well the owner was looking for a partner. It snowballed from there."

By 1997 Druckman was running the operation on his own, overseeing 26 staff and 44 feet of refrigerated counter space, a baked goods area and a line of freezer space. From salmon teriyaki, brisket, salads, vegetables and a whole lot more, Fressers thrives for many reasons, including the fact you can pick up healthy homemade meals ready to heat up at home. They also have a regular drop in crowd who come for a good sandwich and side for lunch. Over the years Druckman has solidified the catering division. He has plenty of New Year specials. Go to <https://fressers.ca>.

**JEWISH RESTAURATEUR SCORES AGAIN:**

At the age of 40, Jonathan Dresner is quite the Jewish entrepreneur. After graduating from Concordia University with a business degree, he tried his luck at a number of jobs and eventually made the plunge into restaurants, operating some Quiznos franchises in Montreal and became part of a startup called Kupfert & Kim. He's also a partner in the Hello 123, a plant-based restaurant and bar. Dresner's masterpiece was Notre Boeuf De Grâce, born in 2015 in NDG. It has since grown to nine locations. After opening an NBG downtown, he started something called the Pigeon Espresso Bar next door. This past summer he struck

*(Please turn to page 21)*

*We Extend Greetings to the Jewish Community  
On the Occasion of Rosh Hashanah*

**Lantic**

**Montreal, Taber, Toronto, Vancouver**  
[www.LanticRogers.com](http://www.LanticRogers.com)  
[www.TheMapleTreat.com](http://www.TheMapleTreat.com)

**We Join in Extending Best Wishes to  
Our Jewish Friends and Customers  
On the Occasion of  
ROSH HASHANAH**

**CANADA BILLIARD & BOWLING INC**  
SINCE 1973

*La Condo*

Product manufactured right here in *Canada!*

*Two tables in one*

Ideal for conference room.

**4050, Industriel Blvd, Laval (450) 963-5060**  
[www.canadabilliard.com](http://www.canadabilliard.com)

**We Extend  
Best Wishes for  
ROSH HASHANAH  
to Our Jewish  
Friends and  
Customers**

**MET-RECY LTEE**

**WE BUY METAL, IRON, COPPER, BRASS, ALUMINIUM, BATTERIES**

**WE PAY CASH**

www.met-recy.com  
2975 BO INDUSTRIEL, CHOMÉLEY  
IF BUSY CALL  
514-384-3622 450 **668-6008**

[info@met-recy.com](mailto:info@met-recy.com)  
[www.met-recy.com](http://www.met-recy.com)

*With Many Good Wishes  
for Happiness  
at Rosh Hashana and Always*

**PIPE & PILING SUPPLIES LTD.**

**STEEL FOUNDATION PRODUCTS**

**VANCOUVER • EDMONTON • CALGARY • TORONTO  
MONTREAL • HALIFAX  
WASHINGTON • NEBRASKA • PENNSYLVANIA  
NEW YORK • ILLINOIS**

5025, Ramsay • St. Hubert • Quebec • J3Y 2S3  
Tel: (450) 445-0050 • (514) 879-9008 • Fax: (450) 445-4828  
[www.pipe-piling.com](http://www.pipe-piling.com)



**EYE ON MONTREAL**

*(Continued from page 11)*

again, reviving the former St. Viateur Bagel Café spot on Monkland Avenue with the Pigeon Café officially. With seating for 60 people inside, as well as a terrasse, Dresner’s magic touch has remained ever so present. Pigeon Café has been an instant success. I did a takeout order recently and the family gave it a big thumbs up!

Dresner has implemented a distinct Jewish/Israeli and Hollywood theme to the menu with Bubbie’s Matzah Ball soup, Israeli salad and Israeli fried chicken, the Mensch panini (a six ounce New York strip

steak, with sautéed mushrooms, swiss and harissa) and the Reuben (smoked meat, sauerkraut, swiss and horseradish mayo). There is also the Larry David “crab salad,” and The Ted Danson and Richard Lewis paninis, tributes to HBO’s Curb Your Enthusiasm. Sean Weisheitner is his manager. Log on to pigeonespresso.com and if you scroll down it says Cafe for the menu online.

Mike Cohen can be reached at info@mikecohen.ca. Follow him on Twitter and Instagram @mikecohencsl.

**WORLD IN REVIEW**

*(Continued from page 9)*

campaign whatsoever,” said Biden campaign spokesman Andrew Bates.

**Principal Should Not Have Been Fired**

In October of last year William Latton, a high school principal in South Florida, was fired for telling a parent that he could not say for certain that the Holocaust was a “factual, historical event” because “not everyone believes the Holocaust happened.” Latton wrote the mother of

a student in an e-mail that “the school’s educational offerings on the Holocaust exceed the state’s requirements. You have your thoughts, but we are a public school and not all of our parents have the same beliefs.” Latton insisted he had to remain “politically neutral” on the Holocaust in order not to antagonize those who deny the annihilation of 6 million Jews.

The remarks were especially infuriating given that a large population of Holocaust survivors and

*(Please turn to following page)*



*PALESTINIANS IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA protest the recent agreement between Israel and the United Arab Emirates.*

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

**CENTRE DE PLOMBERIE JEAN LEPINE**  
SINCE 1981

Accessories for bathrooms and kitchens  
Large selection on display!  
KOHLER • MAAX • AMERICAN STANDARD • GROHE  
AQUABRASS • HANSGROHE • NEPTUNE • FRANKE • BLANCO  
Visit our new showroom

**450 676-1322**  
www.plomberiejeanlepine.com

5855 Boul. Taschereau Est, Brossard  
Less than 10 minutes from Champlain or Jacques-Cartier bridge

Nous rendons hommage à la communauté juive et aux constructeurs, promoteurs, arhitectes et ingénieurs juife qui ont contribué à la croissance de la région de Montréal.

Nous sommes toujours heureux de vous servir.

60 ANS D'EXPÉRIENCE TOITURES & CONSTRUCTIONS 4<sup>e</sup> GÉNÉRATION

**A.S. FILIATREAU INC.**  
Couvreur Ferblantier

Résidentiel - Commercial

Bardeaux | Asphalte et Gravier | Membrane élastomère | E.P.D.M. | PVC | T.P.O.  
Toiture d'ardoise | Déneigement de toitures

*Votre toiture entre bonnes mains!*

Estimation gratuite  
Ouvrage garanti

**450.435.0491**

14, rue Sicard Ste-Thérèse QC J7E 3W7 | www.asfillatreault-toiture.com

WE WISH THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF MONTREAL A HAPPY AND HEALTHY ROSH HASHANAH

ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES ENTREPRENEURS EN TOITURE

**COUVREUR VERDUN ROOFING INC.**

COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL

- ALL TYPES OF ROOFING
- COPPER AND SLATE ROOFS
- SHEET METAL

www.cverdun.com

R.B.Q. 1118-5527-31

MORE THAN 30 YEARS **514 640-8787**