

# EYE ON MONTREAL

NAMES IN THE NEWS IN OUR CITY

By MIKE COHEN

**NEW CONDO DEVELOPMENT:** There is a fabulous new condominium project going up on Côte Saint-Luc Road, near Clanranald, which has the Jewish mayor of the NDG-Côte des Neiges Borough (Russell Copeman) and members of his council (which include Marvin Rotrand and Lionel Perez, also from the Jewish community), quite pleased. The Beaumont Condominium, twinned with a commercial project which will include an IGA supermarket, will be built on the land which previously housed the Amazona Restaurant/ Carmine's Tuscany Grill

and a popular hand car-wash. Dev McGill is behind this project, which will offer approximately 140 condominiums with one to three bedrooms, as well as pent-houses.

After several months of working with its partner and the borough of NDG-Côte des Neiges, the developer has unveiled many improvements to the design. These include: increasing the energy efficiency of the building; reducing construction costs and therefore a better selling price; an architecture allowing for a greater amount of sunshine in the units; adding green-

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ery on the rooftop terrace; a revision of the common areas to minimize the monthly condo fees; and the withdrawal of the owners lounge, adding the benefit of a larger gym and a more spacious terrace. The condo will be ready for occupancy in three years, just right for folks with a long-term plan. Many have stepped up to the plate and purchased already. Log on to [www.beaumontcondos.com](http://www.beaumontcondos.com) or visit their sales office at 5511 Monkland Ave. in NDG.

**FRESSER'S FOR PASSOVER:** Fresser's on Decarie Boulevard is a busy spot year-round. Owner Mitchell Druckman has owned this amazing spot, noted for its vast array of delicious homemade food, for 22 years. He told the story of how it all began for him last fall during a very entertaining appearance on CJAD's Today's Entrepreneur show last fall. The latter is sponsored by the accounting firm of Fuller Landau, with two Jewish hosts - Josh

Miller and Dan Delmar. Miller is a partner at the firm. Fresser's will have a full array of products and foods available for Passover. We have put a link to the show on our website at: <http://thejewishstandardmag.com/jewish-standard-links>.

**UBER DIAMOND:** A few months ago I was having a chat with Philip Friedman, a notary by profession and a board member of my synagogue (Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem in Côte Saint-Luc) on the very controversial subject of the Uber ride services. I wanted to get Phil's opinion since he also happens to be the vice-president of Diamond Taxi. It was pretty clear after our chat that Diamond Taxi trumps Uber - at least from my point of view. First of all they have a handy app which enables you to pre-order a taxi and track its arrival in real time. You can also order coupon booklets. These are handy to

provide family members to use since they will not have to lay out any cash. The app also allows you to enter a credit card so that each ride can automatically be charged to that. I have always felt safe in a Diamond taxi. Log on to [www.diamondtaxi.com](http://www.diamondtaxi.com).

**SALT THERAPY ROOM:** Tali Hazan has been operating Elite Laser in Westmount for 15 years now. Originally based on Greene Avenue, she relocated across the street to Westmount Square towards the end of 2015. While the primary vocation of Elite Laser has been laser hair removal and skin rejuvenation, the introduction of two salt therapy rooms has brought in an entirely new clientele. Hazan was inspired to do so because of her 13 year old daughter, who suffers from Crohn's Disease (inflammatory Bowel Disease). I sat with Hazan in the actual salt therapy room recently. Her location is impossible to miss, right next door to the Westmount Square Radiology Clinic. Parking is

provided free of charge indoors for a minimum of a two hour stay. If you suffer from respiratory conditions like asthma and allergies, as well as skin conditions such as psoriasis and eczema, Hazan says that the salt therapy rooms have proven to be a miracle for some people. It has even *(Please turn to following page)*

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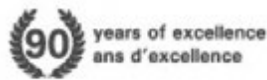
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caught the eye of some prominent physicians who have been making site visits in recent weeks. Info: 514-925-3338 or www.elite laser.ca.

**WAGAR REUNION:** Former Montrealer Steve Lake, who has called Las Vegas home for many years, is among the organizers of a 50 year reunion of 1966 graduates from the former Wagar High School in Côte Saint-Luc. It will be held on Saturday evening, Sept. 24 at Hotel Ruby Foo's. Wagar grads from 1965 and 1967, along with spouses and significant others, are also welcome and encouraged to attend. For additional information and to make sure you receive an invitation, email steve-lake2@cox.net.

## GRIEF TAKES

**OVER:** The Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) Montreal has appointed Gail Grief as executive director, succeeding Arlene Silver who retired. "I am proud to be able to dedicate my skill set, passion and experience to this worthy organization and contribute to its important mission," says Ms. Grief. "I have great faith that a cure for cancer can be found in the strong partnerships that cross geographical borders. At ICRF Montreal, the ties between the research and scientific communities in Montreal and Israel have the potential to realize significant advances and breakthroughs in cancer research as we search for a cure."

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Avec les hommages de David Birnbaum, député de D'Arcy-McGee et adjoint parlementaire du ministre de l'Éducation et de la ministre de l'Enseignement supérieur

May you be blessed with happiness, prosperity, peace and good health on Pesach and always.  
**Happy Passover!**



Best wishes from David Birnbaum, MNA for D'Arcy-McGee and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Higher Education

Meilleurs vœux de bonheur, prospérité, paix et bonne santé à l'occasion de Pessah et en tout temps.  
**Joyeuse fête de Pessah!**

## HOW WOULD MUSLIMS

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of culture.

These images are far from the mind of the Arab or Muslim terrorist because he is certain, or used to be certain, that the West is humanitarian and that the Western citizen would refuse to respond in this manner to the barbaric crimes of the Muslim terrorists. Despite the terrorist acts of Al-Qaeda and ISIS, we Muslims have been on Western soil for years without any fear or worry. Millions of Muslim tourists, immigrants, students, and job seekers travel to the West with the doors open to them, and the streets safe [for them].

However, how much longer will this last? Today things are different. Western anger at Muslims is apparent, and they make scary declarations. One