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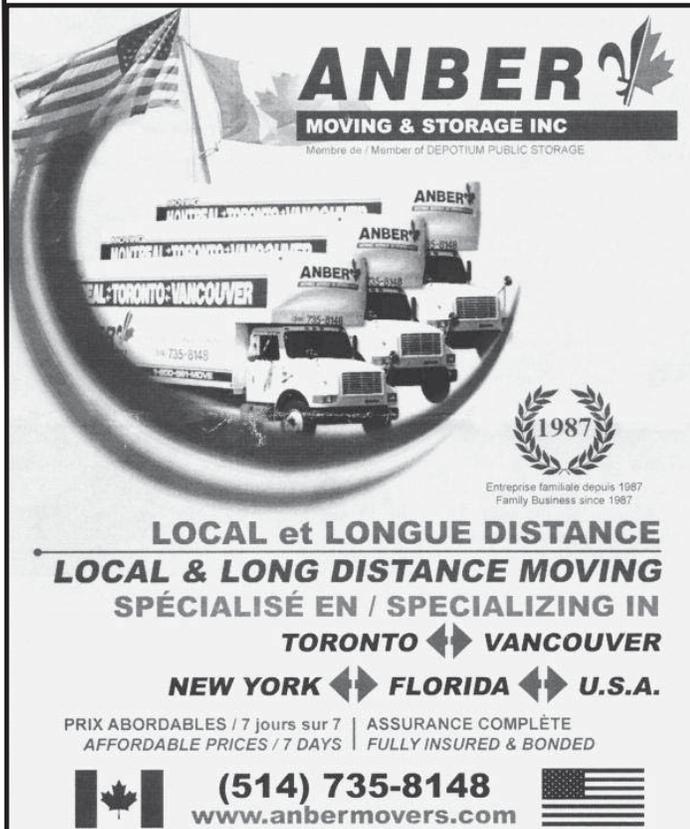
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NAMES IN THE NEWS IN OUR CITY

By **MIKE COHEN**

DELMAR TURNS 50: Delmar International Inc., the largest privately held freight forwarder in Canada, celebrated its 50th anniversary in style recently at an exclusive, by invitation only, event at Windsor Station. The evening featured the culinary delights of celebrated chef Antonio Park, an exclusive comedy show presented by Sugar Sammy and music by the Boogie Wonder Band. More than 500 guests were on hand, including Delmar representatives, partners and clients from across the globe. Established in 1965 in Montreal, Delmar International Inc. has evolved into a global player and industry leader, offering customs brokerage, freight forwarding, distribution and supply chain logistics solu-

tions to thousands of clients worldwide. The Delmar Group operates globally, employs just over 1,000 people in 40 cities and has facilities at almost every major gateway in North America. Diversification of service offerings and vigorous expansion, including many acquisitions, has led to significant growth for the Delmar Group in recent years, specifically in Asia and Latin America. Its world headquarters remain in Canada in Lachine, Quebec.

The gala evening saw guests welcomed at the front and directed towards a Delmar media wall to have their photos taken. An electric harpist played from a rise in the middle of the bar. Bubbly champagne and hors d'oeuvres were served,

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AT THE DELMAR INTERNATIONAL 50TH Anniversary celebration, held at Windsor Station, shown here left to right are: Vice-President Paul Cutler, Senior Vice-President Michael Wagen, comedian Sugar Sammy, President and CEO Robert Cutler and Chef Antonio Park. (photo by Zen X Design)

ing that she believed that the relationship between two human beings should not be dictated by a government.

A spokesperson for the Orthodox Rabbinat declined to comment in detail, saying simply that if changes were to be made in future they would have to be made in the Knesset. Other Orthodox representatives said that the law against civil marriage helps guarantee the Jewish future of the state of Israel. The consequences of the law for homosexual couples and others unable to marry are understood and regrettable, Ziv Maor, a former spokesperson for the Rabbinat, told The Media Line, but the law is necessary.

“Throughout history few nations have ceased to exist because of genocide – most nations which ceased to exist, did so because of assimilation,” he said. “The price gay – and some heterosexual – couples pay for not being able to marry is enormous,” Maor conceded, admitting that it was a price that he personally did not have to bear. As the Israeli army protects Israel from violence and anti-Semitism, he said, the country’s religious marital laws protected it from assimilation.

If a referendum, with the same question as Ireland’s – that “marriage may be contracted in accordance with the law by two people without distinction as to their sex” - was called

in Israel now it would pass, Canning of the Open House asserts. But legislators would not enable such a debate because of the political turmoil that would ensue if it were to happen, he concludes.

Rosenblum of New Family is less convinced. “No – not as long as Binyamin Netanyahu is our Prime Minister,” she said, on the question of the possibility of a referendum in Israel. “The government is a reflection of the people and of society,” she added, saying that the citizens of Israel are open minded but that alone is not enough.

Eli and Ron are less concerned. They have a wedding and the party that goes with it to prepare for – not to mention a trip to Denmark.

“It might be the case that a referendum would pass here,” Kaplan-Wildmann said, “but there is no administrative framework to bring about the process until there is a recognized form of secular marriage.”

It is still good to see the legalization of same-sex matrimony in Ireland, Kaplan-Wildmann said, especially in a country with such a historically strong connection between church and state. Of the global trend towards recognition of LGBT equality Kaplan-Wildmann adds, “It’s heart-warming to see the scale tipping - in the world, country by country, and also in the US, state by state.”

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with different food stations operating as well. Following cocktails, guests were directed into the beautifully decorated hall. A deejay played music while five large video screens showcased pictures taken during the evening and tweets posted to the hashtag #Delmar50. Prior to an

address from Delmar President and CEO Robert H. Cutler, the audience was shown two videos. One documented the history of Delmar while the other featured kind words from Caesars Interactive Entertainment, Inc. & Caesars Acquisition Co. and *(Please turn to following page)*

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Chairman of the Board of the Cirque de Soleil Mitch Garber, Air Canada Cargo General Sales Manager for Canada Matthieu Casey and a number of representatives from charitable organizations which benefit from Delmar's generosity. The video was produced by Coby Melnick and created by Luz Studio.

WEST ISLAND

NEWS: Hebrew Foundation School (HFS) in the West Island of Montreal offers an enriched curriculum in three languages to a broad spectrum of learners. The Board of Trustees of HFS recently completed an aspiring Strategic Planning Process that will create and position the HFS of 2020. "The HFS of 2020 is the greatest assurance of a bright Jewish future in Montreal," said Head of School Rabbi Achiya Delouya. He explained that the three pillars of the strategic plan for HFS 2020 are Academic Excellence, An Engaged and Welcoming

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the headlines. They have a nice kids menu as well. Daily featured entrees are written on a board in the lobby and repeated at the table by the wait staff. For reservations call 518-563-0920. It is open for lunch seven days a week, (11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.); dinner Monday to Thursday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; and Sunday dinner, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. You can access the entire menu at www.butcherblockrestaurant.com.

JEWISH COMMUNITY: The Plattsburgh region has a strong and active Jewish community, including the Temple Beth Israel which serves as the center of Jewish life in the North Country. Many Jews from Montreal have summer homes and trailers in the area while the Plattsburgh

campus of SUNY (State University of New York) has as many as 400 Jewish students. Temple Beth Israel is a small and vibrant Reform Jewish congregation and a vital resource for Jewish life in northern New York. It was established in 1861 and has been a member (Please turn to following page)

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