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NAMES IN THE NEWS IN OUR CITY

By **MIKE COHEN**

THE REMARKABLE SHEILA WITT: It was wonderful for me to visit JPPS Elementary School in Côte Saint-Luc recently to catch up with Sheila Witt. Although officially retired now, she continues to teach Yiddish part-time 42 years after first entering the classroom. Ironically she works as the assistant to Nancy Sculnik, who began her teaching career in the same role to her. I dropped by JPPS with Sheila's daughter, prominent realtor Heidi Witt. Heidi is a graduate of JPPS Elementary and Bialik High School and she could not be more proud of her mom. Sheila also teaches

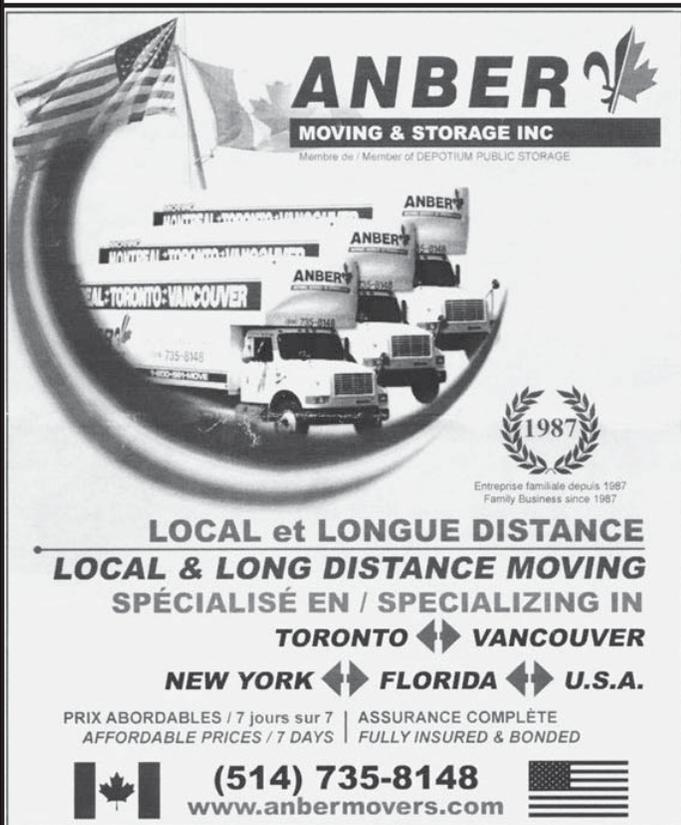
Public Library as part of her campaign to keep Yiddish alive in Montreal. Her face lights up when she talks about Yiddish, a language she learned from her parents, grandmother and other Ashkenazi Jews who settled around the Main after arriving from Eastern Europe in the 1920s and 1930s. "Yiddish is more than just a language — it's a culture, it's tradition," she told The Montreal Gazette in a 2017 interview. For more information about the school log on to <https://jppsbialik.ca>.

LEITNER IS THERE FOR SENIORS: Amy Leitner has become a fabulous classes at the Jewish

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resource for children in need of placing and assisting their senior parents. Consider it one-stop shopping! One call to Amy and he will be sure to cover all of the bases. Leitner Consulting For Seniors target market are the children of the family. His business card reads "Liaise for children whose parents are transitioning into a residence. My services are catered from the first red flag up to and including locating a senior's Residence. In other words, an elderly parent has passed and the other spouse is faced with being alone after many years of marriage – the children are concerned with isolation. I offer solutions that address those needs such as activities that I know of in their neighbourhood or connecting them with caregivers that I know and match their needs. I am also connected to drivers that can take them to medical appointments or activity centers." Amy does not take any payment from third parties as it

is his intention to consider the needs of his clients only. He has other services as well and works as a portal depending on the situation. For more information call 514-651-3499, log on to <http://www.leitnerseniors.com> or see the more detailed story about him on our website.

LIFSON ASSUMES

HELM: The Segal Centre for Performing Arts recently announced that Vice Chairman of Peerless Clothing Inc. Elliot Lifson has been officially welcomed as their new Board of Directors' president, as voted upon by the Board at their AGM. In addition to his duties at Peerless, Mr. Lifson is a respected member of the Montreal community, a dedicated philanthropist, and is actively involved with many organizations and boards. Lifson has been a member of the Segal Centre for Performing Arts' board for the last 12 years. He is also the recipient of many awards including the 'Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal', the 'Desautels Faculty of Management Distinguished Teaching Award' (Graduate Level), Quebec's Fashion

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ELLIOTT LIFSON AT THE Segal Centre. Photo Elliot Lifson

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Industry's 'Recognition Award', McGill University Alumni Association 'Honorary Life Membership Award', and the Senate of Canada prestigious 150th Commemorative Medal. Mr. Lifson is following Joel Segal who will remain on the board as a Director/ Immediate Past President. "I am excited to lead the Segal Centre for Performing Arts' Board of Directors and work closely with Artistic and Executive Director Lisa Rubin, management and staff at the Segal Centre as it continues to establish itself as a leader in Canadian theatre," said Lifson. "I am inspired by the outstanding leadership of my predecessors, Joel and

Alvin Segal, and their dedicated commitment to the cultural crown jewel of this city that is the Segal Centre."

NAMES IN THE COMMUNITY: Georges Ouaknine and Victor Soussana at Inter Coupe on Decarie are thrilled that not only can their customers count on a terrific haircut, but for only \$35 an hour they can also enjoy a relaxing massage. Those with private insurance can get the cost covered. "It is about the same as eight hours of sleep for your body," proclaims Victor....Members of the Côte Saint-Luc COMMUNITY are thrilled to see the team of Quality Fruit Encore on Westminster Ave.

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back in business. This places goes beyond fruit and vegetables, with a nice wide of meals and side orders ready to go...The recent 20th anniversary edition of Cinemania, helmed by Maily Teitelbaum, was a huge success showcasing a plethora of top French films with English sub-titles. One of the sponsors was the

Restaurant Sho-dan on Metcalfe, where owner Chinh Pham (a.k.a. Romeo) has many good friends in the Jewish community. A busy man indeed, Romeo has another business. The Romeo J. Jewelry collections(<https://www.romeoj.ca>) uses natural materials such as Tahitian pearls, precious metals and a variety of leathers and exotic skins in an array of colours. The pieces in these collections are designed to complement and enhance the style of men and women who are looking for a distinguished, authentic and relaxed look. Everything is designed and handmade in Canada.

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TRAVEL TALES

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guest suite types: Nighthawk, Nightingale and Skylark. The Peacock Hospitality Suite features 700 square feet of social and entertainment space with an adjoining guest room.

We stayed in a beautiful King bedroom and could not have been happier with the incredible accommodations. Immediately upon entering the room, we noticed the residential feel, complete with a lovely and comfortable window seat overlooking the swimming pool complex. The fresh bathroom offered a spacious walk-in shower. There are bedside outlets for phones and computers, blackout shades, a laptop-sized electronic in-room safe, a hair dryer, a television with cable and movie service, high speed Wi-Fi, and both self-check-in and mobile check out.

The pools at Park MGM offer a highly relaxing escape from the hustle and bustle of the Vegas Strip.

There are three pools - the South, East, and North Pools - as well as 12 cabanas, lounge areas, multiple bars, and a spa. Poolside food and beverages can be delivered directly to your seat as you take in the sun. Twelve private cabanas

serve up VIP treatment with deluxe amenities.

During our trip, we took the time to explore some of the other MGM properties in Las Vegas by spending time at their pools.

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