

EYE ON MONTREAL

NAMES IN THE NEWS IN OUR CITY

By MIKE COHEN

THE HIGH HOLIDAYS WITH MADA:

More than 2,500 families and individuals from all walks of life will be gathering together on September 9 and 10, (7:30 p.m.) at 11 locations across Montreal, the largest of which will be the Gelber Conference Centre in the Federation CJA building, to celebrate the Jewish New Year with the warmth and spirit of the holiday. Full-course festive New Year meals will be served, and guests will not only hear the blessings over the holiday's symbolic traditional foods but can also participate in singing and dancing. MADA is a volunteer-based organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty in our community. As Montreal's largest kosher soup kitchen and food bank and offering a variety of services, MADA has been serving the Jewish community for 25 years and seeks to raise awareness of the plight of those in need and expand its client base. "The High Holidays are a time when families get together, but some people have no family. For many, it's a very lonely time. At a time when many people cover their tables with delicacies, others can't afford to. At a time of spirituality and hope, some don't know where to turn," said Rabbi Chaim Cohen, Executive Director of MADA. "Everyone should have the opportunity to usher in the New Year with a community and festive

NEW HEBREW PROGRAM:

A new "Hebrew Program 4 Kids" program is opening at the Shaare Zedek Synagogue in NDG. This alternative supplemental program is not school, it's fun!! Under the direction of Adelia Bensoussan this program is designed to give children experiential Jewish education and values in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. It will focus on content-rich, relationship-focused experiences that are rooted in Judaism and a connected community. As well, the added value of studying Jewish identity in a synagogue is priceless! The class size will be small in order to foster meaningful relationships between both students and their teachers and in this way the children will form deep connections to Jewish role models and peers. Parents can relax knowing that their children are having fun and learning in a Jewish environment. Classes will be on Tuesdays from 4:15pm to 6pm, beginning Oct 9. Parents will receive weekly updates on their child's classes. Delicious snacks will be offered. For further information: adeliabensoussan@gmail.com

BBYO: On the heels of an exceptional year of "firsts," B'nai Brith Youth Organization is proudly celebrating its growth in membership and successful teen programming in Canada during the 2017-2018 school year. Chapters hold regular programming for

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their members, participate in council/regional athletic leagues, are involved in service and advocacy projects across the community, and enjoy the brotherhood and sisterhood components of AZA and BBG. BBYO Eastern Canada Region (ECR), based in Montreal and operated at the Sylvan Adams YM-YWHA, features two chapters in Côte Saint Luc and in the West Island with approximately 150 active participants. For their 'Fall Fest' last year 2017, over 50 teens joined together at Skytag for an afternoon of trampolining and laser quest, pizza, and a live DJ. For their Global Shabbat event in December, members planned a large Shabbat dinner for 50 teens and invited Syrian refugee families to join them to share their stories. In the spring of 2018, more than 70 teens in ECR participated in J-Serve, the Global

Day of Jewish Youth Service.

MOUNT STEPHEN:

Just over a year ago, during the month of May, while Montreal was proudly displaying its virtues and celebrating the city's 375th birthday, the venerable George Stephen House on downtown Drummond Street was given new life and opened as a hotel unique in its class: Le Mount Stephen. According to Tidan Hospitality and Real Estate Group, Le Mount Stephen's Montreal-based owner, the excitement surrounding the hotel's inauguration was a preamble to what has turned out to be a successful year of not only reaching, but exceeding its recognition and financial targets. "We are pleased to know that travelers appreciate the characteristics that make Le Mount Stephen so very

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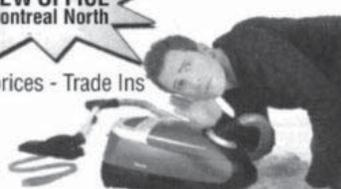
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unique," said Mike Yuval and Jack Sofer, the Israeli co-founders of Tidan. For the past year, the hotel has attracted a prestigious, primarily North American

clientele, visiting Montreal for both business and leisure. There are 90 guest rooms, a spa, fitness centre, ballroom and several meeting rooms. Additionally it

hosts the famous Bar George restaurant, which is managed by Oliver & Bonacini.

BUSINESS WATCH:

Victor Soussana and Georges Ouaknine of Intercoupe LeSpa on Decarie Boulevard are welcoming everyone to like their Facebook page, noting that it has become a fabulous way to interact with customers...It has now been eight years since Stephane Znaty set up his jewelry kiosk at Quartier Cavendish called Biju. Business is always booming and everyone just loves to stop by and chat with Stephane and his wonderful staff....If you step in the basement of Carré Union on Decarie (Royalmount entrance) you will find SB Toys, a business run by Efi Bar and his sister Sigal and started by their dad. For large scale purchases go see them or

make an appointment by calling 514-342-1374... Robert Vineberg, who sold his Noshertz Bakery two years ago on Westminster Avenue near Mackle Road in CSL, has reacquired the business and is again adding his magic touch.

KAISER AT THE

TEMPLE: Internationally acclaimed Montreal-born tenor Joseph Kaiser will be performing cantorial duties at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom in Westmount for the High Holidays. Mr. Kaiser will be the guest cantorial soloist for Erev Rosh Hashanah, the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidrei and Yom Kippur.

"The Days of Awe are a season of renewal, reflection, and repentance," explained Rabbi Lisa Grushcow, Senior Rabbi at Temple. "Through his extraordinary voice and powerful presence, Joseph brings an added dimension to our services, inspiring us, as individuals and as a community, to be our best selves."

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