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NAMES IN THE NEWS IN OUR CITY

By MIKE COHEN

B'NAI BRITH GOLF: Thornhill Club and chaired by Chief Media Officer Marty York, was a resounding success. Despite a delayed date and a reduced number of players because of COVID-19 restrictions, the event was sold out well in advance. Celebrity guests included former

It is a good thing that the fifth annual B'nai Brith Charity Golf Classic was rescheduled to take place towards the end of the summer, on August 17. This was just in time for COVID-19 restrictions to ease up.

The event, held at the

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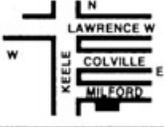
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NHL stars Marcel Dionne, Dennis Maruk, Gary Leeman and Rick Vaive.

B'nai Brith received an incredible amount of positive feedback from the players and participants



BNKC PARTNER, ELIE Newman is a Toronto-based architect and urban designer who is spearheading the planning and design for a significant addition and upgrade to Beth Sholom, which will support new programs and improve the building's ability to accommodate the day-to-day activities within the synagogue. Newman is convinced that places of worship today must engage young people and future generations towards faith through design. He says, "It's about creating a sacred space that's more than just a place for prayer – it's a centre for social community life with multipurpose features, which offer something for everyone".

who attended the event, and a lot of money was raised for the organization's many charitable causes – including vital services for the needy and their efforts to combat hatred and discrimination in Canada. Officials at the Thornhill Club did a masterful job in ensuring that excellent safety and health protocols were followed.

B'nai Brith has advocated for Canadian

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pendent and self-funded national Jewish organization. Support comes from thousands of Canadian families with diverse backgrounds and interests that empower the organization to speak to government, to media and to the public at large, on issues of concern to the Jewish community.

B'nai Brith's wide-ranging educational and social programming, community and volunteer services, and human rights initiatives provide a source of connection, continuity and support to Canada's Jewish community. The diversity of B'nai Brith Canada's community programming has necessitated the creation over the years of a number of different departments and centres which are uniquely suited to furthering the mandate of the organization, while overseeing tasks directly related to specific programs and services. Log on to www.bnaibrith.ca.

CANADIAN JEWISH

RECORD: Two of my old friends, Torontonians Bernie M. Farber and Ron Csillag, are overseeing a fantastic new website called the Canadian Jewish Record (www.canadianjewishrecord.ca). It was created following the demise of the *Canadian Jewish News* last spring. Co-founder and Publisher Farber is well known in Canada for his seminal work in human and civil rights. The recipient of numerous awards and Canadian medals he is the past CEO of Canadian Jewish Congress, the Mosaic Institute and the Paloma Foundation. Today he chairs the Canadian Antihate Network and the Rights and Ethics committee of Community Living Toronto. Co-founder and editor Csillag grew up in Chomedey (Laval), Quebec. He has been a journalist for 40 years in print and broadcasting. He was a reporter

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for the *Canadian Jewish News*, on and off, for 20 years and has been published widely in North America and Israel. His writing career began with *The Suburban* newspaper in Montreal.

You can listen to my podcast with Bernie and Ron at <https://soundcloud.com/themikecohenpodcast/bernie-farber-and-ron-csillag-from-the-canadian-jewish-record>.

ONE MILLION STEPS: Toronto's Aaron Rifkind is a very generous donor to Canadian Magen David Adom. His love of walking and his dedication to helping save lives have inspired him to walk a million steps in the coming months with the aim of raising sufficient funds for the purchase of a much-needed

All-Terrain Ambulance "Traxter" which is invaluable under extreme weather conditions. As he wrote to friends: "In the middle of March the world came to a standstill, but I did not! I have been walking for several years so, with more time on my hands, I increased my walking. It has certainly helped me stay fit and has kept me sane. However, it has started to get boring so I decided that I needed a focus, a sense of purpose and, with that in mind, I have decided to raise money for (Magen David Adom). If you would like to support his campaign log on to www.cmdai.org.

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MUSIC IN EXILE

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represent a true synthesis of both the western and Indian tradition. No one in the 1930s was doing anything remotely like this. He was composing world music before we ever used that term."

Ironically, millions of Indians are familiar with one piece of Kaufmann's music, though few know it's the work of this Czech-born Jewish composer who in 1936 wrote the sinuous signature tune that All India Radio (AIR) still plays every morning. While in India, Kaufmann served as the Director of European Musicat AIR and founded the Bombay Chamber Music Society. The group's regular

Thursday night concerts featured a talented young violinist named Mehli Mehta, whose son Zubin



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