



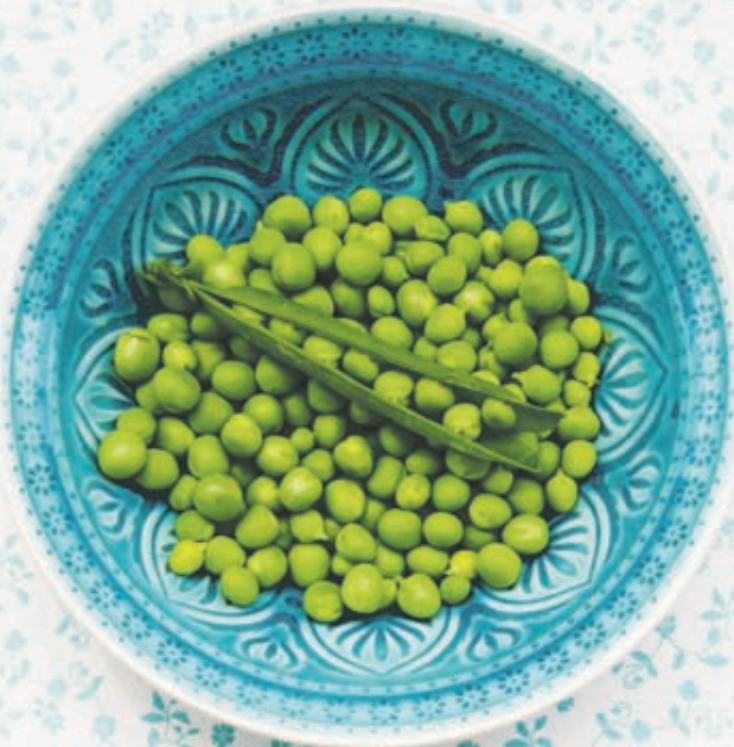
The Adriana and the late Haim Kotler z"l Lecture presents

Rosemary Sullivan –Book Launch of **"Stalin's Daughter"**
and lecture on **"The Art of Biography"****Monday
November 7, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**Jewish Public Library
5151, Côte Ste-Catherine
Members*/students \$10, General admission \$15
Tickets + Info: 514.345.6416**Rosemary Sullivan** will discuss her research methods in compiling this fascinating book on Stalin's only daughter, Svetlana Alliluyeva. Svetlana's gutsy rejection of her father's lust for power and her own tumultuous life are at the centre of this evening.Introduced by **Lyudmila Parts**, Russian Studies, McGill University.

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Jewish immigrants helped by Ometz scholarships

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When Dorith Misrahi, a pharmacist, arrived in Montreal from France 10 years ago her credentials were not accepted in Quebec. She was 30 and knew no one here.

She worked in the pharmaceutical industry until 2012 when she was accepted into the qualifying program for immigrant pharmacists at the Université de Montréal, an intensive 16-month retraining.

After completing the program Misrahi worked in pharmacies, but soon realized she wanted to work in a hospital setting and, to do so, she would have to resume her studies.

In September, at 40, she was accepted in a master's degree program.

That was made possible in part by a scholarship from Agence Ometz. Since 2009, the social services agency of Federation CJA has offered scholarships to Jewish immigrants who are students at the college or university level, or enrolled full time in professional or vocational training programs.

Applicants must have immigrated to Canada within the previous 10 years, be residing in Quebec and be permanent residents or Canadian citizens.

This year, Ometz received 18 applications and the 10 recipients chosen were each awarded \$500 if they were in CEGEP and \$1,000 if they were going to university or a vocational program.

"The scholarship program is an opportunity for the agency to recognize and support our newcomers in the pursuit of their goals and ambitions," said communications officer Carly Grossman.

"One of our main objectives is to assist newcomers to become autonomous and engaged members of our community."

In addition to academic merit, Ometz takes into consideration as well the applicants' engagement with the community.

Misrahi, who became a citizen in 2014, met those criteria. She quickly became involved in the community, taking part in Ometz's young adults group, as well as the Communauté sépharade unifiée du Québec and the NDG Chabad. She has also served meals as a volunteer to the needy at the federation's Le Café and the MADA Community Centre.

Among the other scholarship recipients this year are three recent arrivals from Israel.

Seventeen-year-old Liora Mezirovsky came to Canada with her mother and two younger siblings in 2012. She graduated from high school with a 90 per cent average and won awards in music, dance,

**Dorith Misrahi**

Spanish and English.

In September she entered Dawson College's three-year computer science technology program, and hopes to continue at university afterward.

Mezirovsky volunteered with Ometz, tutoring children in English for the past three years and organizing activities at its annual Chanukah party for immigrants.

Avi Sela and Victoria Rudakov have only been living here since April of last year. The young couple has spent much time since then learning French and English.

In Israel, Sela worked as an engineer and Rudakov had studied behavioural sciences.

In September, he began an eight-month program in building maintenance at Collège Ahuntsic, and she entered an eight-month course of studies in human resources at Collège Maisonneuve.

Ometz was impressed by their determination to make a better life for themselves and become productive members of society. ■