

## About Town

by Janice Arnold

### Friday, Nov. 10

#### THE KOTEL CONTROVERSY

**Rabbi Yehoshua Grunstein** of Israel will be scholar-in-residence at a Shabbaton at Beth Zion Congregation that begins with a Kabbalat Shabbat at 4:15 p.m., followed by dinner. Rabbi Grunstein of Ohr Torah Stone will speak at Shabbat morning services on “The Kotel Controversy: The True Story,” and again at 7:30 p.m. on “Modern Orthodoxy vs. Open Orthodoxy vs. Right-Wing Orthodoxy: What Is It All About?” On Sunday, he will lead a beit midrash for women. The Shabbaton is in memory of Rabbi Sidney Shoham. Dinner registration, 514-489-8411.

### Saturday, Nov. 11

#### LEONARD COHEN IN LIGHTS

Tonight until 11 p.m. is the last chance to see the dramatic installation at the Old Port by American artist **Jenny Holzer** in tribute to Leonard Cohen on the first anniversary of his death. Excerpts from Cohen's poetry and lyrics are projected on Silo No. 5, launching a five-month exhibition called *Leonard Cohen: A Crack in Everything* at the Musée d'art contemporain. This tribute is part of Montreal's official 375th anniversary programming. While the show is silent, spectators can tune into Ici Musique Internet radio for accompanying music by Cohen and local and international artists.

#### JERUSALEM REUNIFICATION CONCERT

A musical performance with **Dana Ben David** dedicated to the 50th anniversary of Jerusalem's reunification takes place at the Jewish Public Library at 8 p.m. A native Montrealer now in Toronto, Ben David presents new and old Israeli songs, accompanied by a live band. Tickets, 514-345-6416.

#### PHENOMENAL WOMEN

**Kathleen Weil**, the province's new minister responsible for relations with anglophones, is among the “Phenomenal Women” at a Chevra Sisterhood event presented at 7:15 p.m. (VIP cocktail at 6:30 p.m.) Other guests are **Myra Freeman**, former lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia, astrophysicist **Victoria Kaspi** and McGill University professor of medicine **Dr. Louise Pilote**. Reservations, 514-482-3366, ext. 5237.

### Sunday, Nov. 12

#### DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING

The Communauté Sépharade unifiée du Québec and Bronfman Jewish Education

Centre (BJEC) present a panel discussion on the theme of Jewish art at the Gelber Centre from 10 a.m. to noon, on the occasion of the Global Day of Jewish Learning. BJEC executive director **Shimshon Hamerman** speaks on the theme of Jewish papercuts. 514-733-4998.

#### ISRAELI SINGER

Israeli singer **Idan Raichel** gives a concert at the Vanier College auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets, **Milli**, 514-941-4450.

#### FALLEN SOLDIERS MEMORIAL

A memorial for servicemen who made the supreme sacrifice during the First and Second World Wars will be held at the Shaar Hashomayim Cemetery, 1250 Chemin de la Forêt, Outremont, at 10:30 a.m.

#### EATING JEWISH

Jewish food writer **Katherine Romanow**, co-founder of The Wandering Chew, speaks on “Eating Jewish” at a Congregation Shaar Hashomayim light lunch at noon. Enter at 425 Metcalfe Ave. Reservations, 514-937-9474, ext. 139.

#### SOUTH SHORE GALA

Israeli Consul General **Ziv Nevo Kulman** will be the guest of honour at the annual South Shore Jewish Community gala at 6 p.m. at Complexe Roméo Patenaude, 135 Chemin Haendel, Candiac. Reservations, hodsonrosalie@gmail.com.

#### ABOUT HYPNOTISM

**Maurice Kershaw**, director of the Canadian Institute of Hypnotism, will be the guest speaker at a Shaare Zedek Congregation Sisterhood program at 10 a.m. He is expected to lead a brief (wide awake) relaxation session. Registration, 514-484-1122.

### Tuesday, Nov. 14

#### LADIES NIGHT OUT

Cummings West holds a ladies night out on skin care at 96 Roger Pilon St., Dollard des Ormeaux, from 7-9 p.m. Herbalist **Lynda Swidzinski** shows how to nourish the skin naturally and at less cost than commercial cosmetic products. Registration, **Lisa Wiltzer**, 514-683-3761.

#### THE LESSONS OF WIESEL

**Rabbi Jonathan Porath** of Israel, scion of a rabbinic dynasty, lectures on “The Torah and Teaching of My Friend and Mentor, Elie Wiesel” at Shaare Zion Congregation at 7:30 p.m., co-sponsored by Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom. Information, noam.blauer@shaarezion.org.

### Wednesday, Nov. 15

#### CABARET EVENING

The eclectic Jewish music of Berlin from 1933-38 is recaptured by the Semer

Ensemble in a cabaret evening at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim at 8 p.m., presented in collaboration with Klez-Kanada. The group, from Germany and composed of leading contemporary klezmer musicians, performs music from the Semer Records label, on which artists banned by the Nazis recorded. The music, set to modern arrangements, ranges from folk songs to operatic arias to cantorial melodies. Much of this “golden age” repertoire was lost for decades. Tickets, 514-937-9474, ext. 139.

#### BENEFIT FOR DISABLED ADULTS

**Cantors Adam Stotland and Daniel Benlolo** lead an inspiring evening of song and dance at Shaare Zion Congregation, presented by the sisterhood and benefiting the Centre for the Arts in Human Development at Concordia University, at 7 p.m. The centre serves adults with disabilities and other special needs. Accompanied by **Jason Rosenblatt**, the cantors will sing duets with some of the participants, including **Robbie Zunenshine** and **Josh Benlolo**, both visually impaired, who will perform *Hallelujah* in English and Hebrew. Registration, **Brenda**, 514-481-7727, ext. 235.

#### RUNNING SAVED HER LIFE

Holocaust survivor **Sylvia Weiner**, 86, who has completed numerous marathons, discusses “How Running Saved My Life” at a lunch of the Act to End Violence Against Women's FAB Group at Via Marcello, 1790 Côte Vertu Blvd., at noon. Reservations, 514-487-2330.

### Thursday, Nov. 16

#### ISRAEL'S CYBERSECURITY ECOSYSTEM

**Roni Zahavi**, CEO of Israel's CyberSpark, speaks on “Israel's Cybersecurity Ecosystem” at the launch of BGNetwork at 1 Place Ville-Marie, 41st floor, from 12:15-1:30 p.m. This business lunch, hosted by RBC, is a project of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University. Reservations, **michelerichman@bengurion.ca**.

#### ADVENTUROUS RABBI

**Rabbi Micha Odenheimer** of Israel, founder of Tevel b'Tzedek, a Jewish NGO working to alleviate poverty in the developing world, speaks at Congregation Dorshei Emet at 7:30 p.m. about his experiences “off the beaten path.” He will be joined by **Carmela Aigen**, who travelled with her late husband, Rabbi Ron Aigen, to Nepal with this organization. Rabbi Odenheimer has brought more than 1,000 Jewish and Israeli volunteers overseas in the past 10 years. A project in Nepal in Rabbi Aigen's memory is planned. 514-486-9400.

#### IBD FUNDRAISER

Father and son **Harold and Ryan Abrams** will be honoured at the annual fundraiser for the McGill IBD (inflammatory bowel disease) Research Group at Locale 514, 5765 Paré St., at 6:30 p.m. Dubbed “Laugh Your Butt Off,” the event features standup comedian **Modi** and aims to net \$150,000. **Magician Jody** also entertains. Tickets, [www.mcgillibd.ca](http://www.mcgillibd.ca). ■



## A thousand shop – for free

Chairs Chaya Lieberman, left, and Louise Segal say 1,000 people in need went on a shopping spree at the 12th annual Yom Yocheved Clothing Giveaway, organized by Federation CJA in collaboration with Ometz. Thirty manufacturers and retailers donated the merchandise, while more than 120 volunteers pitched in.