Thursday, April 19
STORIES AND SAMPLES
The Museum of Jewish Montreal and the Wandering Chew launch a storytelling series called “Stories of Sustenance.” from 7-9 p.m. It will focus on the connection between stories and food. A variety of dishes that represent Jewish Montreal will be sampled. Tickets: kiosk.eztix.co/kiosk-optimised/724369.

ENEMIES AND NEIGHBOURS
Ian Black, author of Enemies and Neighbours: Arabs and Jews in Palestine and Israel 1917-2017, speaks at the Gelber Centre at 7 p.m., sponsored by the Labour Zionist History Circle, Canadian Friends of Peace Now and Canadian Friends of Rabbis for Human Rights. A former Middle East correspondent and a senior editor for the Guardian, Black’s topic is “Israelis and Palestinians: Contested Past, Uncertain Future.” lza.mtl@gmail.com.

Sunday, April 22
BARUCH COHEN MEMOIR
Ninety-eight-year-old Baruch Cohen launches his book, No One Bears Witness for the Witness: A Memoir, at Shaare Zion Congregation at 10 a.m., presented by the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research (CIJR). Born in Bucharest, Cohen experienced the rise of anti-Semitism in Romania, survived forced labour and left communist Romania for Israel, before settling in Canada in 1959. For the past 30 years, he has been CIJR’s research chair and devoted his “retirement” to combating anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial. Joyce Rappaport is the book’s editor. Greetings are delivered by Côte-St-Luc councillor Dida Berku and Jaclyn Leebosh, former chair of the Romanian Holocaust commemoration, among others. The event also celebrates the 4,500th edition of CIJR’s Isranet Daily Briefing. Registration: yunna@isranet.org.

JEWISH FILM SERIES
A four-part Jewish film series begins at the Segal Centre CinemaSpace with RBG, a new documentary about U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Presented in collaboration with the Toronto Jewish Film Festival, the lineup was chosen by film aficionados Edit Kuper, Martin Malina, Gisele Rucker and Beverly Shaffer. All films are Montreal premieres. Tickets: 514-739-7944.

Tuesday, April 24
ANCTIL BOOKS LAUNCH
Two recent books by Pierre Anctil are launched under the aegis of the Concordia University Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies at 2060 Mackay St., at 6:30 p.m. The books are the translated Jacob Isaac Segal: A Montreal Jewish Poet and his Milieu and Histoire des juifs du Québec. Anctil, an Ottawa professor, will be speaking with Steven Lapidus of Concordia. cj.sfas@concordia.ca.

BIBLICAL WOMEN
Rabbi Lisa Grushcow begins the three-part series, “Counting in the Wilderness: Women in the Book of Numbers,” at Temple Emanuel-El-Beth Sholom at 11 a.m. The first session examines the story of “The Suspected Wife” in the biblical text and through rabbinic and modern commentaries. Registration: rosie@templemontreal.ca.

Wednesday, April 25
ON SPIRITUALITY
Social worker Leonie Richler discusses “Spirituality and the Effect It Has on People’s Lives,” at a meeting of the Golda Meir Chapter of Canadian Hadasah-WIZO at Shaar Shalom Synagogue in Chomedey at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Reservations: Evie Applebee, 450-681-9342.

LOST TRIBES OF ISRAEL
Professor David Bensoussan speaks on “The Quest for the Lost Tribes of Israel,” at the Women’s Learning Group of the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue at 10 a.m. At 9 a.m., there will be a Hebrew lesson and, after his talk, a hot lunch and Israeli dancing. Reservations: gladys@mooallem.ca.

Friday, April 27
A MODERN-DAY MOSES
Chabad of the Town presents a Shabbaton with Clement Soffer, “a modern day Moses,” starting with a Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner at 6 p.m., when he speaks on “The Daring Rescue of Syrian Jewry.” Reservations: Yael, 514-342-1770. Expelled from Egypt at 15, Soffer eventually made his way to the United States and became an advocate for Jewish communities in distress. He has also been involved in the restoration of Jewish cemeteries in the Middle East and Europe. He speaks again on April 28 at a 12:30 p.m. Kiddush on “Incredible Stories of Faith and Intrigue in Jewish Preservation Around the Globe.”

KABBALAT SHABBAT
A musical Kabbalat Shabbat takes place at Shaare Zion Congregation starting with Mincha at 5:45 p.m., followed by a musical program led by Cantor Adam Stotland and then dinner at 7:15 p.m. Afterward, scholar-in-residence Burt Visotzky of the Jewish Theological Seminary lectures on “Rethinking Genesis: Its Implications for the Three Abrahamic Religions.” Dinner registration deadline is April 25. It’s free for kids 10 and under. rosanne.puritz@shaarezion.org.

Sunday, April 29
IBD GALA
Michael and Melissa Assaraf of Pharmacy Michael Assaraf are honoured at the annual Crohn’s and Colitis Canada gala, which takes place at the Old Port’s Jetée Alexandra at 6:30 p.m. Tribute will also be paid to gastroenterologist Dr. Louis-Charles Rioux of Maisonneuve-Rosemont Hospital. The evening includes food from popular Montreal restaurants, entertainment by comedian New Bensimhon, music by Joanne Cutler and Que Sera, as well as an auction hosted by Virgin Radio’s Lee Haberkorn. Proceeds support research, as well as local support and education programs. Tickets: 514-342-0666.

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LOOKING FOR JEWISH SINGLE MOMS
Nadia Wiseman, founder of the non-profit Single MOMtreal, is reaching out to other Jewish single mothers like herself in the city. She has sole custody of her five-year-old son. Single MOMtreal aims to help single moms of any background or circumstance feel less isolated through an online platform and organized events. If needed, it connects them to community resources and provides financial and other material assistance. Over 1,600 women are now part of the network, but only 20 or so are Jewish. Wiseman, who has a degree in psychology, believes there is a need for a distinct group for Jewish women. Those who are Orthodox have specific requirements, while others who are less involved with Jewish life might benefit from what community organizations, such as Ometz and the Hebrew Free Loan Association, offer. Single mothers are a segment of the Jewish community that tends to be overlooked, she feels. Wiseman can be emailed at nadia@singlemomtreal.com. More information is available at singlemomtreal.com.

LORD READING’S 70TH
Mount Royal MP Anthony Housefather congratulated the Lord Reading Law Society on its 70th anniversary, in the House of Commons. The society was founded, he said, to “lobby for fair representation of Jewish attorneys within the Quebec bar and on the bench.... As discrimination against Jewish attorneys was gradually eradicated, Lord Reading turned its attention to fighting for the rights of all minorities, including Quebec’s English-speaking attorneys and judges.” Housefather acknowledged the presence of president David Ettedgui, vice-president Inna Nekhim and past president Larry Markowitz.}

Camp’s Israel education programs tops in North America
Camp Kinneret-Biluim staff leaders, from left, Rebecca Starr, Guy Korngold and Shoshi Rothschild accept an award for excellence from Aliza Goodman of the iCenter for Israel Education.