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On Our Cover

Donald Berman Maimonides resident Maurice Elmaleh poses with his devoted wife Arlynn. The couple was featured in this year's Donald Berman Maimonides Battle of the Bands video showcasing all the good the Foundation does with your donor dollars. **You can view it at the QR code above!**



Inset: Representing Scotiabank, Presentation Sponsor of Donald Berman Maimonides Battle of the Bands, are Jennifer Curran, Linda Leduc, Alex Fournier, Jacques Maurice and Marc-Antoine Saad.

See p-4-9 for pics and more from the two-night sold-out fundraiser that celebrated Canada with 'Songs in the Key of Eh.'



Beautiful art enriches family visits

Artist Lynda Schneider Granatstein sits in front of one of her paintings in the second floor Ram Family Dining room at Donald Berman Maimonides. Several pieces of her artwork adorn the walls at DBM which she donated through the Art for Healing Foundation. Through this partnership, over 1000 pieces of original art hang in all spaces including hallways, dining rooms, activity rooms, and offices at both Donald Berman Maimonides and Donald Berman Jewish Eldercare

Families can book the Ram family dining room at DBM and the Szalavetz Family Dining room at DBJ for meaningful visits with their loved ones. These can be for private family get-togethers, meals or to celebrate special occasions or holidays. Both rooms are equipped with a fridge, a microwave, a kitchen prep area, a large dining table and a quiet couch area. The beautiful art on the walls is thanks to the Art for Healing Foundation.



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Battle of the Bands 2025 celebrates Canada with 'Songs in the Key of Eh'

Battle 2025 presented by **Scotiabank**, showcased our Canadian pride as our bands performed tunes by the country's best artists with *Songs in the Key of Eh*. The two-night sold-out event was early this year – **Tuesday November 18 and Wednesday November 19, 2025** back at MTELUS.

Each of the bands, made up of well-known Montreal entrepreneurs, lawyers, doctors and even a few kids, paid tribute to the talent in the Great White North on the MTELus stage.

Back by popular demand, Donald Berman Maimonides rolled out the red carpet for its sponsors and special guests with a cocktail reception in the new Delmar VIP Lounge, part of the main-stage area this year.

Thanks to all our donors, sponsors and friends, we raised an outstanding **\$400,000** to fund the vital ongoing

Cultural and Quality of Life programs that improve the lives of our 387-bed long-term care residents. These include our award-winning honeybee program, holiday celebrations, important leisure activities and many music programs.

Thank you to co-chairs Gerry Kandestin and Rob Hirscheimer for their dedication and leadership in bringing this event to life. A special shout-out to Producer Jason Katz from Atmosphere Events who outdid himself this year with the lighting and the production value and to the bands, who truly brought their Eh-game and made the evenings unforgettable.

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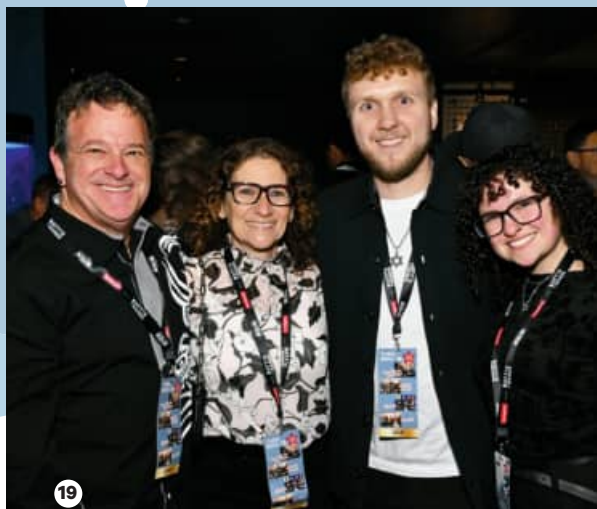
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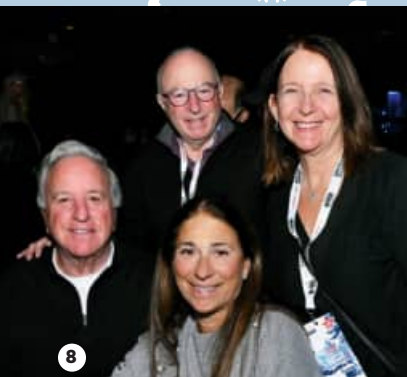
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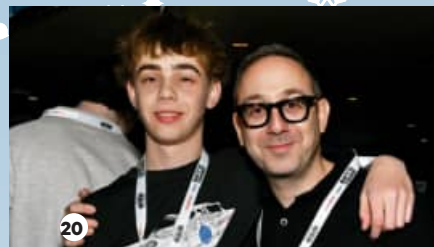
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Crisis Isn't the First Step: Rethinking When Senior Care Begins

Many families wait until a crisis occurs and they get thrown into the maze of senior care before reaching out for help. The fact is there are many services available for seniors in the community before they need the specialized kind of care offered at long-term care Centres like DBM and DBJ.

“There are many signs that are often overlooked. People need to ask for assistance when they start to see changes, not

wait until they end up in the Emergency Room.” says Jennifer Clarke, Director of the Support Program for the Autonomy of Seniors (SAPA) for CIUSSS West-Central Montreal.

The number and kinds of services a person can access depends on many factors that is determined by one or more members of an interdisciplinary team from your local CLSC.

Ongoing, proactive support can prevent avoidable visits to walk-in clinics or hospital emergency departments. With the right support and access to professional care, people can remain safely at home for as long as possible, preserving comfort, dignity, and a sense of normalcy every day.

The Donald Berman Maimonides and Donald Berman Jewish Eldercare Foundations are committed to building strong ties with community partners, including local CLSCs, to enhance the health and well-being of Québec's aging population.



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Who should consider home-care services?



Example 1: Rhonda lives alone and was an active senior—going to the gym, grocery shopping, and driving. After a recent fall broke her foot, she can no longer drive and struggles with daily activities.

“Now is the time for Rhonda to reach out for help,” says Stephanie Desgagné, Associate Director for Support Programs for the Autonomy of Seniors-Home Care. The home-care team can evaluate her needs, from visits for bathing and dressing to help with meal prep and housekeeping. “The hours and kinds of care are tailored to each person’s needs. Getting the right care at home can avoid a future crisis,” adds Desgagné.

Example 2: Mark lives with his wife, Sharon, who has been caring for him as he experiences cognitive decline. He is confused, has difficulty with familiar tasks and struggles to follow conversations leaving him more and more frustrated and angry. Sharon needs a break. She is at her wits end.

“There are programs to support caregivers and give them much-needed breaks,” says Desgagné. Options include in-home attendants, adult day centers, or short-term stays—which can even be scheduled for events like family weddings. “Caregivers also need care. Avoiding burnout helps prevent even bigger problems,” she adds.

In CIUSSS West-Central Montreal, the following resources are part of our trajectory of care:

Day Centres	Home Care	RPAs (Private Residences)	Intermediate Resources	Long-term Care
				
Day Centres offer programs for seniors who are experiencing some loss of autonomy, but live at home. The daily activities offered in the centres enable seniors to improve or preserve their social and cognitive skills, while also helping maintain their mobility and physical well-being.	With home-care, the top priority is to help the person maintain their functional independence so that they may stay in their home for as long as possible. Services range from nursing care to rehab services and help with activities of daily living.	RPAs (<i>résidences privées pour aînés</i> / Private Residences for Seniors) provide various levels of care and are overseen and monitored by CIUSSS West Central Montreal, and paid for by the client.	Intermediate Resources welcome semi-autonomous seniors, with mild to moderate loss of autonomy. They offer housing, support and assistance services, and provide regular nursing care.	Long-Term Care offers 24-hour nursing care, assistance with daily living activities and high levels of personal care. Long Term Care Homes are suitable for residents with complex medical needs and/ or advanced stages of Alzheimer's or Dementia who require daily nursing and medical care.
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How to Access Home-Care Services

1. Contact your local CLSC
2. Call **811** and select Option 2 if unsure
3. Schedule an assessment

When to Reach Out

- ✔ Trouble with Daily Tasks
- ✔ Changes in Mobility
- ✔ Cognitive Challenges
- ✔ Caregiver Burnout

Home-Care Services



Home Adaptations
grab bars, raised toilet seats



Professional Care
Nursing, Physiotherapy



Personal Assistance
Bathing, dressing.



Caregiver Support
Respite, adult day programs



Palliative Care
Pain management, in-home diagnostics



Adapting as Needs Change

Care plans evolve as needs change, reducing emergency visits and keeping seniors at home longer.

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This year, the Outstanding Service Award—our highest honour—went to the Felicia and Arnold Aaron Foundation.

Their impact across both of our Centres has been profound and lasting. This remarkable relationship began with the late Stan Hitzig, continued under the late Joe Schlesinger, and today thrives thanks to the thoughtful leadership of his son, Carl Schlesinger.

What makes this Foundation truly special is not just their generosity, but the consistency and care behind it. They never forget us, and we never take it for granted. Every envelope that arrives carries a quiet but powerful message: we believe in what you do. Their support is always shared equally between

both Centres, reflecting a true spirit of partnership.

Thanks to them, the staff meeting room at DBM proudly bears the name The Felicia and Arnold Aaron Meeting Room. During the toughest days of COVID, this room—equipped with SMART TV technology—became the command centre where critical decisions were made with residents’ well-being in mind.

Beyond this, the Foundation helps us support mission-driven projects and programs that enhance daily life—from cultural enrichment to personal well-being. Their generosity touches every corner of our Centres and enriches the lives of every resident, every day.



Carl Schlesinger representing the Felicia and Arnold Aaron Foundation with Foundation Director Karen Flam.

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DBM Ethel and Morty Fruchter Summit Café wins an AJAS award

Donald Berman Maimonides is the recipient of a 2026 **Innovation Igniter Award** from the Association of Jewish Aging Services (AJAS) for the **DBM Ethel and Morty Fruchter Summit Café**. The award was recently handed out at the annual AJAS conference in San Francisco, CA.

Summit Café, housed on the main floor of the 387-bed long-term care facility in Cote-St-Luc, is a collaboration between the DBM Foundation and the work integration program at Summit School. It is staffed by students with special needs from Summit School as well as two job coaches. It serves a variety of coffee, sandwiches, soups and pastries with

opening hours that reflect school days, Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. The Foundation is pleased to provide funding to support this initiative.

Accepting the award, from left to right: Lisa Blobstein, Randi Gitnick, Lisa Kasner, Della Druick, Karen Flam, Danny Baum, Jennifer Clarke, and Brad Steinmetz

Hall of Fame

Embassy Suites by Hilton Montreal and **Merv Middling** were recently inducted into the Donald Berman Maimonides Battle of the Bands Hall of Fame in the Builder and Performer Categories respectively. They join an esteemed group of loyal Battle innovators recognized for their significant contribution to the energy and evolution of this incredible event.



New Hall of Fame inductees: Stewart Rubin representing Embassy Suites by Hilton Montreal and Merv Middling. Congratulations!!!!

Recognizing our Outgoing President

Outgoing Foundation President **Randi Gitnick** was gifted with a beautiful menorah in recognition of her outstanding two-year tenure as President.

Randi brought a sharp business mind, expert accounting skills, strategic guidance, and, above all, a deep dedication to our residents. Her love for those we serve is deeply personal—her father, a former resident, inspired her passion for synagogue services, which she now carries forward as the heart of **Saturday Services at the Dlusy Synagogue**. Every week, she personally takes care of a warm Kiddush, creating a heimish, welcoming atmosphere that residents and families cherish.



Randi Gitnick (center) with Foundation Director Karen Flam and Danny Baum

Professionally, Randi's accounting expertise helped streamline back-of-house operations and strengthen the Foundation's financial infrastructure. She also embraced fundraising, building new corporate partnerships and leading by example through personal contributions and hands-on support.

Thank you, Randi, for your leadership, dedication, and heart. Your impact will be felt for years to come!



A lasting legacy

Family members and colleagues of **Dr. Kris MacMahon** recently gathered on the 6th floor to honour the late DBM Director of Professional Services and physician with the unveiling of a memorial plaque. In addition, a new annual award was announced in his honour.

The Dr. Kris MacMahon Leadership Award will recognize the exemplary leadership of a staff member, in any discipline, whose work meaningfully enhances the lives of our residents. This award reflects Dr. MacMahon's enduring legacy of compassion, kindness, and dedication to his profession. A respected physician, leader, and mentor, he made a lasting impact on colleagues

and residents alike at the Centre. This award will ensure his legacy continues to inspire for years to come.

Physicians in attendance at the ceremony included Dr. Andrea Dolan, Kris's wife and former DBM physician, along with Dr. Michael Greenberg, Dr. Robin Nathanson, and Dr. Kimon Issigonis.

Teeing Off a New Chapter as Foundation President



Stephen Koster's involvement with the Donald Berman Maimonides Foundation and Donald Berman Jewish Hospital of Hope Eldercare Foundation began at the annual RBC Wealth Management Golf Tournament, where he was invited as a guest by then co-chair Allen Quallenberg. What started as participation in a fundraising event soon evolved into a deeper commitment. Koster joined the golf committee and,

in 2013, became tournament co-chair alongside Danny Baum.

He later served on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee before being named President of the Foundations.

"It is with immense pride, deep humility, and profound gratitude that I assume the role of President of the Donald Berman Maimonides and Donald Berman Jewish Eldercare Foundations," says Stephen, CEO of AVL Media Group, an award-winning Canadian distribution company serving the Audio, Lighting and Recording Industries.

"Our mission remains steadfast: to provide the highest possible care and quality of life, in a safe and secure home-like environment, rooted in Jewish values and tradition. We must be vigilant and strategic in planning for the next 5,10,15, even 20 years. The social and economic landscape

will evolve, and so must we, ensuring that these vital institutions not only endure but flourish," says Stephen.

Stephen is committed to working collaboratively with our leadership, staff, volunteers and the generous community of supporters to ensure that the Foundations continues to achieve their goals. "Our donors have shown generosity, vision, and steadfast belief in our mission. They have allowed us to Dream Bigger, Reach Further, and provide the exceptional care that defines us. Without their continued partnership, none of this would be possible,"

Stephen is married to Carol, who also volunteers with the Foundation. They are the proud parents of two children, Marly and Michael, and grandparents to five: Kaia, Margeaux, Kenzie, Lexi, and Nate.



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