



Social Notes

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L'Annexe, Ometz's centre for young adults, finally had its long-awaited ribbon cutting ceremony in November.

The launch – delayed by two years due to the pandemic – celebrated the donors who supported the centre's vision, as well as the staff and clients who brought the space to life.

The inspiring evening included a cocktail dinatoire, staff-led tours of the dynamic space, and success stories from former L'Annexe clients. An innovative hub and service centre for young people 16 to 35, the organization occupies a state-of-the-art space on the second floor of the Sylvan Adams YM-YWHA.

Ometz CEO, Westmounter **Dominique McCaughey**, emceed the evening. She thanked lead funders **Naomi Azrieli**, CEO Azrieli Foundation, and **Steve Kaplan** of Reliance Construction, represented by **Steven Victor**.

Former Ometz CEO **Gail Small** thanked "the young people who have made this space their own, just as we dreamed all those years

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Ribbon-cutting officially launches L'Annexe



Joel Shalit, Dominique McCaughey, Cass Ranger, Jared Roboz, Sharon Azrieli and Naomi Azrieli.

Double Wave ring with 15.03cts AAA blue sapphire and diamonds

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ago that they would." Lanya McClintock, L'Annexe manager, presented the Margaret and Larry Naschen L'Annexe Award to **Cass Ranger and Jared Roboz** (aka J-Rob), to help the two young adults continue pursuing their dreams.

In their acceptance speeches, they talked about the extraordinary impact L'Annexe had on their lives during challenging periods. At the end of the evening, Ranger and J-Rob had the honour of participating in the official ribbon cutting with Ometz president **Joel Shalit**.

Noted during the cocktail were local res **Mia Goodman, Lesli Green, Janice Heft, Dean Mendel, Lindsay Hollinger and Jonathan Sigler**, as well as **Sharon Azrieli, Bonnie Lester, Ilana Einhaber, and Ilana Perez**.

Agence Ometz is a Jewish human services agency offering social, employment and immigration services to help people fulfill their potential and to secure the growth and vibrancy of the Montreal community. The centre provides individual support services as well as a wide variety of programs including community events, employment assistance, and wellness and skill-building workshops.

In the past year, 500 young people were served at L'Annexe.



Janis Levine and Mia Goodman.



Bonnie Lester, Janice Heft and Dean Mendel.



Lindsay Hollinger, Ilana Einhaber and Ilana Perez.



Jonathan Sigler.



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