

The Ukrainian-Jewish Dialogue of Montreal in collaboration with the Jewish Public Library presents

The Dr. Victor C. Goldbloom Memorial Lecture

The Honourable Irwin Cotler, P.C., O.C. "Ukrainian-Jewish Relations: Ukraine Today and Human Rights Issues in the Region"



Wednesday May 3, 2017 7:00 p.m.

Jewish Public Library, 5151 Côte-Ste-Catherine Free admission
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Since the Second World War, Ukrainian and Jewish activists have increasingly worked together to advance universal human rights, to promote social justice and cooperation, and to further democratic principles and rule of law in the region. This lecture will explore the evolving relationship between the two communities by examining the ways in which Ukrainian and Jewish advocacy, action, and commemoration have converged in Ukraine today.

The Honourable Irwin Cotler, P.C., O.C., is Founding Chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights, a McGill University Emeritus Professor of Law, and former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada. An outstanding international human rights lawyer and constitutional and comparative law scholar, Professor Cotler is a member of the Order of Canada, the holder of eleven honorary doctorates, and the recipient of many other prestigious honours and awards.

Dr. Victor C. Goldbloom, C.C., O.Q., a pediatrician, was the first Jewish Cabinet Minister in Quebec, the province's first Minister of the Environment, Official Languages Commissioner of Canada, and President of the Canadian and International Councils of Christians and Jews. A member of the Orders of Canada and Quebec, Dr. Goldbloom received numerous honours and awards during his lifetime, including a knighthood conferred by the Vatican into the Order of St. Sylvester.

Following the Memorial Lecture, the recipient of the *Building Bridges* award will be announced. The award, named after Dr. Goldbloom's 2014 memoir, has been created in honour of his unique contributions to interfaith and interethnic dialogue.

