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## Montreal Tribute Raises Over \$2.25 Million



Above: Montreal Chapter supporters Harry and Nina Hart, Jenna and Prof. Mostafa Elhilali, Helene and Weizmann Science

In true Montreal style and grace, **Professor Mostafa Elhilali** and his work were celebrated in a way few will ever forget.

As one donor commented, "the Gala has set a new standard

Elhilali has been successfully conducting clinical trials in Montreal. **Marvin Tanner**, Chairman of the Montreal Board, presented Mrs. Elhilali with a lovely bouquet of flowers. A Fantasy Auction was led by **Andy Nullman**, who had the crowd in stitches, as four terrific

Canada National Executive Vice-President **Michael Meyer**; Gala Chair **David J. Azrieli**; a hint of the elegance of the evening.

for Montreal fundraising events." This definitely rang true as one entered Le Windsor in Montreal on June 19 and witnessed the exquisitely transformed ballrooms which echoed the theme of **GREEN LIGHT TO A CURE**.

The Montreal Chapter of Weizmann Science Canada and The Montreal General Hospital Foundation proudly joined forces to raise over \$2.25 million for prostate cancer and related diseases.

The Gala was a tribute to **Professor Mostafa Elhilali** O.C., M.D., Ph.D., F.R.C.S. (C), who is Chairman of the Department of Surgery at McGill University as well as Surgeon-in-Chief at the McGill University Health Centre.

Highlights of the evening included: a touching surprise tribute video for Professor Elhilali; a performance by crooner **Matt Dusk**, who had the crowd swaying; and a dramatic painting that was created onsite by artist Jeremy Bortz. The beautiful painting was later presented to Prof. Elhilali by the Weizmann Institute's **Prof. Avigdor Scherz**, co-inventor of Tookad, a light-activated drug designed to eradicate deadly tumours and which Prof.

items were auctioned off, raising \$27,500 for the cause. The items included: two weeks in St. Maarten over the winter holidays, courtesy of **Rachel and Jason Schwartz**; an 18K gold necklace with pink sapphires, courtesy of **Valeria and Mike Rosenbloom**; one hour of ice time at the Bell Center with **Saku Koivu** of the Montreal Canadiens, arranged by **Lisa and Mark Smith**; and a wonderful collection of great vintage wines, donated by several Montreal collectors.

"We are thankful to all those who have supported this campaign and helped to make it such a wonderful success" said **Susan Stern**, Executive Director, Eastern Region, Weizmann Science Canada. Both organizations are grateful to gala chairman **David J. Azrieli** and honorary chairman **Michal Hornstein** for their support and wish to extend a very warm thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause and in honouring such a well-deserving and dedicated man, Prof. Elhilali.

The success of this event illustrates that science knows no borders. International collaborations benefit humanity.

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