

## Major Canadian Jewish Literary Prize Re-launched!

Toronto. 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2016. The **Koffler Centre of the Arts** is proud to announce the **Vine Awards for Canadian Jewish Literature**. This prestigious prize will replace the Helen and Stan Vine Canadian Jewish Book Awards that the Centre administrated for over twenty years, with a brief hiatus last year for re-framing.

The newly branded prize will honour the best Jewish Canadian writing in four categories; fiction, non-fiction, history and young adult/children's literature; each with a prize of \$10,000. An additional \$10,000 prize for poetry will also be awarded every three years. Submissions published in 2014 and 2015 will be accepted this year, and both digital and print publications will be considered by the Jury. The submission deadline is June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. The short-list will be announced in August 2016, and the winners in the four/five categories will be announced in Fall 2016. [www.kofflerarts.org/vineawards](http://www.kofflerarts.org/vineawards)

The **Vine Awards for Canadian Jewish Literature** is made possible by a generous donation by the **Lillian and Norman Glowinsky Family Foundation** to support Canadian Jewish literature, a tradition they established with the original awards in 2004, building on the founding of the Canadian Jewish Book Awards in 1988 by Adam Fuerstenberg. The Vine Awards are a loving tribute to Lillian's parents – Helen and Stan Vine – who were passionate about the arts and the Jewish community throughout their lives.

The **Koffler Centre of the Arts** is a Jewish cultural organization that presents a cross-disciplinary, contemporary arts program encouraging inquiry and exploration. We promote an inter-cultural dialogue that engages our Jewish identity with diverse perspectives and global voices. We have an active program in literature, theatre, the visual and performing arts. The Koffler Gallery and its administrative offices are located at Artscape Youngplace in Toronto's vibrant downtown West Queen West art and design district. Koffler Centre of the Arts acknowledges the support of the Koffler Family Foundation, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, Cultural Season Sponsor CIBC Wood Gundy, the Ontario Arts Council through the Community and Multidisciplinary Arts Organizations Program, The National Post (Media Partner for the Vine Awards), and our patrons and donors.