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## Winners Announced - The Vine Awards

The Koffler Centre of the Arts is proud to announce the winners for the 2018 [Vine Awards for Canadian Jewish Literature](#). The announcement was made at the Awards Lunch at the Windsor Arms Hotel in Toronto.

**Fiction: *Class Mom* - Laurie Gelman** (Henry Holt and Company) - “*Class Mom* by Laurie Gelman is a wonderful, clever, and fun read providing a worthy spoof of today’s parents: It’s as close to ‘soccer/hockey moms’ in the classroom as you can get!”

**Non-Fiction: *Siberian Exile: Blood, War, and a Granddaughter’s Reckoning* - Julija Šukys** (University of Nebraska Press) - “Julija Sukys’s *Siberian Exile* is heroic in that it

relentlessly unearths a dark and horrid history, even when the crimes she reveals have been committed by her own forebears.”

**History: *The Blue Shirts: Adrien Arcand and Fascist Anti-Semitism in Canada* - Hugues Théorêt** (University of Ottawa Press) - “Not enough is known about Anti-Semitism in Canada. It is still endured by many Jewish Canadians and this beautifully written book brings the subject into much needed sharp relief.”

**Children’s/Young Adult: *Rare is Everywhere* - Deborah Katz** (Miss Bird Books) - “Fun, exciting and such a different take on difference and diversity for our small children.”

**The Vine Awards** honour both the best Canadian Jewish writers and Canadian authors who deal with Jewish subjects 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 be awarded again in 2019. The jurors, Beverley Chalmers, Joseph Kertes and Lee Maracle reviewed 59 entries this year.

**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 Canadian Jewish Book Awards founded 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 cultural platform that explores critical ideas and concerns of our time through exhibitions, publications, performances, conversations and digital initiatives. We examine complex issues in respectful, constructive discussions that position our Jewish identity in conversation with diverse perspectives and global voices. The Koffler Centre of the Arts acknowledges the support of the Koffler Family Foundation, 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.