

The door is open to all at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom

By Linda Zlatkin
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Choosing to get married at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, a Reform synagogue in Westmount, means you are welcomed and accepted for who you are. As the only Reform congregation in Quebec and one of the oldest Liberal or Reform synagogues in Canada, today it is in the unique position of marrying all couples choosing to build a Jewish home, including interfaith and same sex couples. What's more, our rabbi will officiate the ceremony.

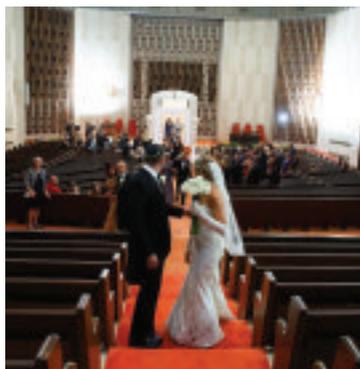
"If you are looking for a warm and comfortable place to get married where you are helped with decisions, it makes sense to open your mind to the possibilities we offer, especially since the goal is to build a relationship with you," says Rabbi Lisa Grushcow. She has been the rabbi at the Temple for almost three years.

To start the process, Rabbi Grushcow meets with the couple. If they decide to go ahead, the couple receives three marital sessions that focus on the preparation of the wedding. They also receive a wedding membership package.

For larger weddings, there is the main sanctuary; and for smaller weddings, the chapel.

For the party, the Temple's beautiful and newly redecorated Grover Hall seats up to 350 guests and the smaller hall, Community House, seats up to 100. Temple will welcome the caterer of your choice. There are also three stylish lounge areas where guests can mingle and relax.

Everybody at the Temple is approachable, including Membership and Life Cycle Coordinator Marlene Ostronoff and Executive Direc-



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tor Shellie Ettinger. What's more, it's not just about the wedding itself. The relationship continues for everyone as the family grows with future events to look forward to.

The Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom is located at 4100 Sherbrooke St. W. in Westmount. For more information, call 514-937-3575, email marlene@templemontreal.ca or visit www.templemontreal.ca



Holiday Inn Montreal Airport: a one-stop shop for your perfect wedding day

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The Holiday Inn Montreal Airport is more than just a hotel; it offers over a dozen banquet rooms, three of which can host a couple's special day. With features that include a unique indoor atrium, lush gardens and a waterfall, the Holiday Inn Montreal Airport can make your wedding planning a walk in the park.

"We can offer a one-stop shop," said general manager Kathleen Machabée. "from putting together the cocktail and the menu to referring the couple to a DJ, decorators and florists. The only thing we don't choose is the bride's jewelry."

She isn't kidding. This hotel is all about the detail. They will make sure you are satisfied with absolutely everything; from your favourite tablecloth down to the seat covers.

"We have someone working with the couple from the beginning to the end," said Machabée. "All the couple has to do is sit down and let us do the work."

And as you sit, you might want to taste the food. Head chef Alex Hemaraj-Hassan has been with the hotel for eight years and can prepare everything from Indian, Asian to, of course, the best of Quebec cuisine.

"We can cater to any kind of food that the

client might need," said Machabée. "The chef is quite flexible when it comes to being able to bring different types of flavours to your plate."

In addition to the chef's diverse palate, the hotel is proud to offer a certified MK Kosher kitchen, in order to cater to the Jewish community.

While the hotel provides countless services for your big day, the wedding party also has 258 rooms at their disposal.

"We are a hotel after all," said Machabée. "The night of the reception, if people don't want to go back home, they are only a few steps away from their bedroom." The Holiday Inn Montreal Airport is located at 6500 Côte de Liesse Rd. in Dorval. For more information, call 514-739-3991 or visit www.holidayinn.com/arptmontreal



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Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom will make your special day unforgettable!



Temple welcomes:

- Jewish, interfaith and same-sex couples
- Up to 1,200 guests in our elegant sanctuary
- Up to 300 guests in Grover Hall
- The caterer of your choice



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