

## **Senator Yoine J. Goldstein, Ad.E, LL.D.**

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Yoine Goldstein. He leaves behind his wife Elaine (née Rapkin), children, Doron and Dahna, daughter-in-law Sarah, grandson Ezra, and his sister Mindel. He was predeceased by siblings Moishe and Israel.

Yoine was born and raised in Montreal, Quebec, beloved son of Sam and Batsheva Goldstein. Yoine attended and excelled at McGill University and Université de Lyon, where he received his Doctorate with Great Distinction.

Yoine was legendary not only in the Montreal legal community but throughout Canada. He was a role model for lawyers for well over fifty years. He was the only Canadian lawyer to have been elected a Fellow of both the American College of Bankruptcy and the American College of Trial Lawyers. As a lawyer, while he was best known for his insolvency and restructuring practice and as a great litigator, his expertise and prodigious knowledge, skill and appetite for work extended into many other areas.

Appointed to the Senate in 2005, Yoine introduced and sponsored bills to protect refugees in Canada, to relieve Canadian students from the crushing burden of their student loans, to add a human rights element to the Investment Canada Act when a foreign investment is reviewed, as well as to facilitate the supply of Canadian medications to African and Asian countries at affordable prices. He co-founded and then chaired the All Party Parliamentary Group of the Prevention of Genocide and Other Crimes against Humanity.

Aside from his legal and Senate careers, and at least as important to Yoine, if not more so, was his devotion to volunteer public service. He served as president of the Jewish Community Foundation, president of Federation CJA, president of UAIFC and the Montreal Jewish Community Foundation, Vice President of Jewish National Fund, and honorary legal counsel to those and many other organizations, as another way to continue a lifetime of giving back to the community which welcomed and helped his family.

He was co-founder and co-president of the Tolerance Foundation, which has worked for decades to educate young people about the value of tolerance. He was, for many years, on the boards of the Jewish Agency for Israel, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, and several other community organizations.

For more than a quarter of a century, Yoine taught bankruptcy law at l'Université de Montreal. He was an extraordinary mentor and leader. He dealt with everybody with compassion, generosity, and understanding and used his many talents to try to make things better for all those with whom he came into contact.

The family would like to thank the incredibly caring and compassionate team at the Jewish General Hospital Resuscitation unit, and especially Dr. Joseph Portnoy. A private graveside service took place. Donations in Yoine's memory may be made to the charity of your choice.

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