



# JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MONTREAL

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## JEWISH PUBLIC LIBRARY

is pleased to announce as our featured speaker:

# THOMAS O. HECHT



**"Czech Mate - A Life in Progress"**

**as told to Joe King.**

**Mr. Hecht speaks on his  
biography and the genealogy of  
his family.**

Born in Czechoslovakia, Thomas Hecht escaped from Europe during World War II, arriving in Canada in 1942. He became a noted Jewish community leader. He was the youngest Chairman in the history of Combined Jewish Appeal, followed by the presidency of the United Israel Appeal of Canada and the Israel Bond Organization. His communal involvements also included board memberships on the Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec and Société Générale de Financement. He is a recipient of several community awards and founded the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies (BESA) at Bar-Ilan University, one of the world's most respected think tanks. Professionally, he was Chairman and C.E.O. of an international pharmaceutical products company.

**Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**at 7:30 pm**

**Gelber Conference Centre**

**5151 Cote Ste-Catherine/1 Carré Cummings**

**Members & Interested Friends are always welcome!**

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