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Jurors announced for the 2017 Vine Awards

The **Koffler Centre of the Arts** is proud to announce the new jury for the **Vine Awards for Canadian Jewish Literature: Ami Sands Brodoff, Bob Bossin, and Cary Fagan**

“We are delighted that these individuals, all of whom are talented authors themselves, will be reviewing the significant number of submissions we received this year,” says Cathy Jonasson, Executive Director, Koffler Centre of the Arts. “The quality of the work submitted this year is very high and we anticipate many stimulating conversations as the jury arrives at this year’s shortlisted and winning titles.”

For full jury bios: <http://kofflerarts.org/vineawards/jury>

Submissions have now closed for the 2017 Vine Awards for Canadian Jewish Literature. The shortlist will be announced in early September 2017, and the winners announced at a ceremony at the Park Hyatt Toronto on 3rd October, 2017.

The newly branded prize honours 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. The \$10,000 prize for poetry will be awarded again in 2019. <http://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 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.