

HECHT SCHOLARSHIPS: Two EMSB teachers have been selected as winners of the 2008 Riva and Thomas O. Hecht Scholarship, Teaching of the Holocaust for Educators Program to take place at Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel July 13-31 “Most of the candidates this year were exceptional and our task of selecting only three winners was extremely difficult,” said **Riva Heft Hecht**. **M. Xavier Désilets** of Royal West Academy in Montreal West and **Linda Shetzer** from Parkdale Elementary School in St. Laurent are the EMSB recipients. They will be joined by **Sylvie Pelletier** from Pointe Claire’s John Rennie High School.



Scholarship recipients **M. Xavier Désilets** and **Linda Shetzer** are congratulated (back from) by **Riva Hecht**, **Thomas O. Hecht**, **Jackie Webb**, **Mary Reynolds** and **Mario Tirelli**.

These three teachers can now look forward to taking part next summer in a professional development program under the direction of the Faculty of the Yad Vashem Seminars for Educators from Abroad, International School for Holocaust Studies. The goal of the program is to provide professional development activities to teachers for teaching about the Holocaust and anti-Semitism to students in the youth Sector. The teacher will receive both pre-training and follow-up activities sponsored by the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre and the Bronfman Jewish Education Centre. An orientation program is available prior to leaving for Israel. Each teacher will be asked to create at least one teaching unit or module developed within the context learned at the Yad Vashem experience for implementation in the classroom. The unit/module has to be incorporated into the Quebec project-based curriculum and be considered for integration into the areas of cultural, language, history, literacy or art-based activities. **Karine Lajeunesse**, a teacher at Rosemount High School, represented the EMSB last year. Log on to www.t-h-e-program.org.