



## Biking For Charity

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Cyclists from around the world, Canada included, are headed to Israel for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual WHEELS OF LOVE International Bike Ride on November 1. The ride is a charity fundraiser for the ALYN Hospital in Jerusalem, a rehabilitation center for children and adolescents with physical disabilities.

Marcel Zielinski, a Cote St. Luc resident, and Gerald Wiviott, another Jewish Montrealer, are two Canadians making the trek to the Holy Land, according to an article in the *Canadian Jewish News*. Zielinski will join his son Bezalel, 51, who lives in Rishon Lezion. Marcel hopes to raise \$4,000 for the hospital. The retired structural engineer at Bombardier lived and worked in Israel between 1958 and 1967, when he was employed by Israel Aircraft Industries.

Wiviott, 68, is a psychiatrist who decided only a month ago to join this ride. Previously, he fenced competitively in Israel at the 1973 and 1977 Maccabiah Games.

The 500-kilometer ride ascends more than 11,600 metres over five days on a route that runs parallel to the Israel Lebanese border. It sounds gruelling, but inspiring. Still, I think I'll stick to my smaller ride to the corner store and back.