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- We held our wine and cheese event last Tuesday in Arts 160- there was a great turn out of both students and professors. We served Arabic sweets, snacks, and drinks, and enjoyed Arabic music while chatting about classes and events.
- We are collaborating with the Jewish Studies Students' Association for a tour with the Musée de Montréal Juif. The tour will focus on Sephardic and Mizrahi Jews from North Africa and the Middle East and their immigration stories in Montréal. The event will take place on November 5.
- We collaborated with SPHR on their screening of "the Occupation of the American Mind" last Friday in Leacock room 26, and held a discussion after the screening of the movie
- We will be screening "The Truth: Lost at Sea," on Wednesday from 6-8 in 17 Morrice Hall. The documentary was created by a Palestinian-Canadian filmmaker and this will be the first time it will be screened outside of Jordan! The filmmaker himself, Rihat Audeh will be present to lead discussion afterwards.
- The Arabic language tutoring has been started, and is meeting weekly.
- Our VP Internships and Exchanges is planning an event with the department of international exchanges at McGill. This event will help students to learn how to study in the Middle East and in other Islamic countries, as the only Middle Eastern country that McGill currently offers exchanges with is Israel.
- We will be hosting a WIMESSA Coffee Hour on Friday in the Islamic studies lounge. In the spirit of diversifying the themes of our coffee hours to include cultures across our field of study, this Friday's event will feature Iranian snacks and music, and professors of Persian history will be present.
- The WIMESSA executive has continued to communicate at the administrative level regarding allegations of sexual violence in our department. We are hoping to improve channels of communication between students and the admin in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

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