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Written by two noted historians of Canadian Jewish history, Richard Menkis and Harold Troper, *More than Just Games* brings to life the collision of politics, patriotism, and the passion of sport on the eve of the Second World War.

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