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The CIC includes in its membership sixty-two faith communities and institutions. Together, our members represent the vast majority of Canadians.

The Canadian Interfaith Conversation advocates for religion in a pluralistic society and in Canadian public life.

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STATEMENT AGAINST ANTISEMITISM

Canadian Interfaith Conversation stands for the promise of dignity, freedom of worship and safety for all.

In the Greater Toronto Area, three synagogues—Temple Emanu-El, Shaarei Shomayim, and Beth Avraham Yoseph—were struck by gunfire within days of one another in March 2026, targeted because they are Jewish houses of worship. Jewish schools, businesses, and community centres have been repeatedly vandalized and attacked. These acts of antisemitism and hate-motivated crimes against Canada's Jewish community are not isolated incidents. They are part of a Canadian crisis of antisemitic violence.

The Canadian Interfaith Conversation unequivocally condemn these attacks and stands in solidarity with our fellow Jewish Canadians in the face of this rising tide of antisemitism.

Jewish Canadians are the most targeted religious group in this country, and the attacks are accelerating. Jewish Canadians make up less than 1.5% of the population but are targets of 68% of all religion-motivated hate crimes nationally—more than any other religious group.¹ In the past year, antisemitic attacks represented 82% of all hate crimes in Toronto alone.² Antisemitic acts have more than doubled since 2022, reaching a record 6,800 reported incidents in 2025.³ History has shown us where this trajectory leads. Canada must not be a country where Jewish people fear for their lives — but that is the reality many Jewish Canadians are living today.

Every faith tradition in the Canadian Interfaith Conversation calls us to honour the dignity of every human being and to speak out against this injustice. Love unites; hate divides. Antisemitism is a profound moral wrong, incompatible with both our faith and with Canadian values. We urge all faith communities to come together in the spirit of collaboration, to resist hatred, and never to allow belief to justify hostility toward any person.

There is more that unites us than divides us. To every Jewish Canadian: you are not alone. We see what is happening. We condemn it. And we will stand with you.



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