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**Statement on Quebec Mosque Shooting
From Toronto Board of Rabbis' President**

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Last night the Canadian Citizens and residents of the Centre Culturel Islamique de Quebec, were attacked and a number were brutally murdered. We as a community condemn this heinous deed.

Our tradition emphasizes the sanctity of human life, reminding us that the taking of one life is akin to destroying an entire world.

Such violence is intended to instill fear and to sunder the bonds that bind the people of this country. Standing arm-in-arm with all Canadians of goodwill, let us resolve to redouble our commitment to our shared life in Canada, through small acts of decency bringing succor to the afflicted; let us insist that life here will not be overturned through the spilling of blood.

We express our condolences to the families of those murdered, and we pray for a complete healing to the numerous individuals injured in this attack. To the members of the Centre Culturel Islamique de Quebec and to our Muslim neighbors throughout Canada we offer our deepest sympathy and support.

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