

MONTREAL FOR ALL!

An Appeal for Safety, the Rule of Law and Social Cohesion

We are Quebec business, professional, cultural, media and community leaders. We are not members of the Jewish community. We ask others to join us in condemning all acts of antisemitism in Quebec and issue an urgent call to all elected officials, including all mayors and councillors on the Island of Montreal, to enforce existing laws and to denounce motions, narratives and rhetoric that fuel hatred and violence against the Jewish community.

Antisemitism in Quebec has reached a level that requires specific attention. Since October 7, 2023, the worst massacre of Jews since World War II, in which 1,200 people in Israel were burned, raped, beheaded and massacred and another 250 were taken hostage, Jewish schools, synagogues, community institutions, businesses, students, families, and visible Jewish life in Montreal have faced unprecedented and radical hate, intimidation, vandalism, exclusion and violence. This is the case notwithstanding that the Jewish community has been in Montreal for almost 300 years and has played an instrumental role in building Quebec, and that Jewish people form part of the fabric of Quebec society.

Montreal is home to communities that carry grief from many places. Our collective and individual experiences merit compassion. We are part of a diverse metropolis and that's what makes us strong but also places the highest demands on all citizens, elected officials, and public office holders to preserve social harmony and ensure safety for all.

Freedom of speech is not freedom of conduct. While peaceful protest and criticism of governments are democratic rights, no one has the right to intimidate neighbours, target community institutions, incite hatred or abuse municipal and policing resources. The City must apply existing laws and policies consistently, protect public spaces and institutions, and ensure that demonstrations and proposed declarations from city councillors do not become an engine of intimidation, violence or disorder.

We believe that political leadership matters. As the Mayor of Montreal said in her borough council meeting on July 7, 2026, "the responsibility [of the mayor] is that we bring people together in the city and that we do not divide it". We call on all of our elected officials at every level and all candidates for future elections to reject any initiative that amplifies narratives that contribute to polarization, discrimination, hostility and violence toward the Jewish community.

May this difficult moment strengthen our resolve to stand together against hate in all its forms, uphold the rule of law, and build a safer, more united Montreal within Quebec.

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