



TEMPLE SINAI SUBMISSION TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS –  
STUDY OF ANTISEMITISM

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As the Senior Rabbi of Temple Sinai Congregation, I am deeply concerned by the hatred targeting my congregation of 1300 families as well as Jews across Canada. Our community is committed to living a vibrant, Jewish and Zionist life and to building security, peace and multicultural coexistence. Our work in thus strengthening Canada's civil society is threatened when antidemocratic actors are permitted to intimidate, threaten, and harass pro-Jewish and pro-Zionist voices.

The October 7th assault on Israel by Hamas has normalized Jew hatred. Our members have experienced antisemitism in their workplaces and online to a degree unprecedented in recent decades. (To cite an example, we were told by a "protester" that our synagogue is located in a "Zionist infested area". This language of "infestation" evokes Nazi-era propaganda). Such incidents pale compared to the virulent antisemitism and anti-Zionism that our young adults face on campus. Anti-Zionism does not lie in the mere criticism of Israeli policy, which is to be expected as an element of robust political debate; rather, anti-Zionism is a rejection of the right of the Jewish people to self-determination in a land to which we have a just, indigenous claim.

The environment of hate that has grown in institutions of higher learning is not a response to Israeli military actions in Gaza. It has been professionally managed and funded by foreign organizations over many years with the goal of delegitimizing the State of Israel. The Hamas attack turbo-charged these efforts.

This brief reflects my anguish over Canada's failure to address the funding of antisemitic hate activities in Canada and the identification of Canada as a major hub for the laundering and distribution of monies to support terrorism. This anguish is shared across the Jewish community and by non-Jews of like mind, including prominent members of the Muslim community opposed to extremism.

We recognize and oppose extremist groups such as Hamas and its military wing, Al-Qassam Brigades, Islamic Jihad, Muslim Brotherhood, Hezbollah, Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), the Houthi movement, Al-Shabaab, ISIS/ISIL, Al Qaeda and their numerous front organizations. Their members regard Jews as evil and seek to eradicate the State of Israel and its people.

Experts in international anti-Israel and anti-Western extremist financing have publicly exposed the billions of dollars that foreign countries such as Qatar have poured into North American educational institutions to influence the narrative on Israel and the Middle East, and to promote extremism on campuses.



While several surrounding countries, such as Saudi Arabia, have outlawed the Muslim Brotherhood and its proxies, these extremists have continued to operate largely with impunity in Qatar.

That Canada is a major hub for money laundering and the distribution of funds to promote extremism is shocking, though hardly surprising to experts who first identified and who have continued to warn about this trend for decades. (See for example, award-winning journalist Stewart Bell's 2004 book, *Cold Terror: How Canada Nurtures and Exports Terrorism Around the World*).

Nor is the inadequacy of Canada's response a surprise to many of us who have witnessed the nature and scope of anti-Israel protests across Canada since October 7. Specifically, I am referencing protests that celebrate, glorify or deny altogether Hamas' atrocities on October 7, that describe Hamas militants as "freedom fighters" or "martyrs", or call for a global intifada and the elimination of the State of Israel and its citizens.

In Canada, protests continue to increase in number and intensity. Jews continue to represent the largest number of hate crime victims in Canada, and those numbers have increased exponentially since October 7.

Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network (Samidoun) is one of the organizers of hate rallies. It is named on banners protestors carry. It solicits funds in Canada. The German Interior Ministry characterizes Samidoun as "an international network that spreads anti-Israel and anti-Jewish propaganda under the guise of a 'solidarity organization' on behalf of prisoners in various countries". According to intelligence sources, Samidoun belongs to or is a proxy of the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). However, Samidoun operates with impunity in Canada.

Samidoun is not the only extremist organizer and fund-raiser that does so. The Palestinian Youth Movement is prominently involved in Canada and the United States in organizing rallies that celebrate and promote Hamas' atrocities, including the October 7 massacre. The IRGC, also active in Canada, is appropriately designated as a terrorist organization in the United States, but not in Canada.

Khaled Barakat and his spouse Charlotte Kates reside in Vancouver. Barakat is described as Campaign Coordinator of Samidoun and a prominent member of the PFLP. Kates is listed as the international coordinator/co-chair of Samidoun and its director in Canada. They have engaged in the most virulent hate speech in public meetings and on social media. Both are banned from entering the European Union and both were deported to Canada from Europe in 2022.



Canada also continues to permit an annual hate-fest, Al Quds Day, conceived by Iran's radical leadership. The largest Canadian Al Quds Day rallies are held in Toronto. Members of our synagogue have been physically assaulted when participating in a peaceful counter-rallies on this day.

**I see no evidence that the federal, provincial or municipal governments or law enforcement agencies across the country are engaged in a robust, coordinated, urgent investigation of the sources of funding for the hate activities described in this letter. To correct this grave omission, the authorities must ensure that they:**

1. Fully investigate as an urgent matter the presence of hate organizations in Canada and ban those so identified.
2. Fully investigate as an urgent matter charitable organizations and not-for-profit organizations that are raising money in Canada and funnelling money to support hate or terrorism, and take appropriate steps respecting organizations so identified.
3. Take adequate steps as an urgent matter to deport or deny entry to those who engage in the promotion of hate and who are not Canadian citizens or otherwise entitled to stay in Canada.
4. Fully investigate as an urgent matter the transmittal of funds earmarked for hate activities and terrorism, cut off or seize such funds so identified and take action against those who are involved.
5. Take concerted law enforcement action to address hate speech and other hate activities, including appropriate use of applicable sections of the Criminal Code.

I urge all law enforcement agencies, FINTRAC, CSIS, the relevant Ministries, federal, provincial, territorial, First Nations and municipal governments to address these matters and publicly report, to the extent possible, on what steps they are taking in this regard.

Inaction has endangered the social fabric of the society in which we live. The gunfire at a Jewish girls' school this past weekend in Toronto shows the direction we are headed. Only vigorous, consistent action will reverse the entrenchment of Jew hatred in our communities and restore the sense of safety and security that the Jewish community of Canada deserves. Your choice will define our future.