



On October 7, 2023, the world bore witness to the largest scale attack against Jewish civilians since the Holocaust. At the time of writing, Hamas terrorists have tortured and killed 1,400 people, many of them children and elderly, and 222 kidnapped hostages still remain in Hamas custody.

At the same time, Jew-hatred is on the rise. It is seen and felt in Toronto and around the world in the form of protests chanting antisemitic tropes and online hate targeting Jews, Jewish gathering places, and Jewish businesses.

Ve'ahavta stands firmly in our support of the State of Israel's right to exist, and we stand firmly against hate directed at all people, including the Jewish people.

Our staff and volunteers have proudly joined with Jewish community organizations to collect and deliver critical aid and support to Israel.

Drawing on the core Jewish values of justice, truth and respect that informs the work that we do, we implore all of our community members to continue to work toward peace and respectful discourse. We call on all people to speak out against hatred and to draw a clear line between criticism of a country and its policies and hatred directed towards a people.

The Jewish people are resilient and as we have done for generations, we will continue to contribute meaningfully to Canadian society through our good work, for the benefit of all humanity.

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