



**Ve'ahavta**

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The rise in antisemitism that has been brewing around the world for months is impacting Ve'ahavta's work by increasing stress and danger for our staff, volunteers and the people we serve for the sole reason that we are a Jewish organization – and it has to stop.

- Last week, while providing hot meals and clothing to people of all faiths facing homelessness, our outreach workers were harassed and intimidated by an anti-Israel protestor.
- Then, days later, we received multiple unrelated hate messages through our volunteer portal with graphic antisemitic, anti-Israel sentiments.
- And then there was the shooting at Bais Chaya Mushka Girls School, just up the street from our office.

**It's enough. We will not wait for someone to get hurt before acting and we are calling on you, our supporters, to do the same.**

Our leaders have permitted hate filled speech to be uttered without restraint for months. History has shown again and again that what starts with hate-filled words ends with hate filled actions. If hate speech and discrimination against Jews is tolerated and permitted to flourish, increasingly hate filled acts are sure to follow. We are seeing those acts more and more.

**We need our leaders to take action against antisemitism in our city now.**

If you live in Toronto, I encourage you to share this statement with [Mayor Olivia Chow](#) and all [Toronto councilors](#) to ask what they intend to do to address the dangerous rise in antisemitism in our city?

Signed,

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