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Antisemitic attitudes and hate crime incidents
are a reality in Toronto and around the globe.
It is time to take action.

Welcome Message from Spiritual Leaders

Reverend Dr. Jason Byassee
Bishop Jenny Andison
Rabbi Yael Splansky

Special Guest Speaker and Holocaust Survivor

Nate Leipciger

Message from Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center, one of Canada's leading human rights and social advocacy organizations

Zach Sadowski

Message from Jewish Educators and Families Association of Canada regarding rise in Antisemitism in the Toronto District School Board

Aaron Kucharczuk

Remarks from University Students

Justin Chow
Raihaana Adria

Righteous Among the Nations

Introduction by Grace Park and Bishop Jenny Andison

Stan Simon and Eva Kolodziejski
Francine and Josh Gerstein
Alena Drmolová

Allyship Video Presentation

Mark Mulroney

Closing Remarks: How You Can Make a Difference

Bishop Jenny Andison
Rabbi Yael Splansky

Music Presentation

Oh Canada; Heal Us Now; Od Yavo Shalom Aleinu (Peace Will Come to Us)
Cantor David Rosen

Speaker Biographies

Reverend Dr. Jason Byassee - Senior Minister of Timothy Eaton Memorial Church in Toronto.

Bishop Jenny Andison - Rector (Senior Pastor) of St. Paul's Bloor Street and St. George's Grange Park and a former area Bishop for the Diocese of Toronto.

Rabbi Yael Splansky - Senior Rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto's first synagogue.

Nate Leipciger - A Holocaust survivor and educator, public speaker and author. Nate has been an active volunteer with numerous Holocaust and community organizations.

Zach Sadowski - Antisemitism educator and the Director, Antisemitism, DEI Programming and Outreach at the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies.

Aaron Kucharczuk - Co-founder of Jewish Educators and Families Association of Canada (JEFA) and Senior Legal Counsel at Independent Electricity System Operator.

Justin Chow - A recent graduate of the University of Toronto and an Allyship Advisor for Allied Voices for Israel.

Raihaana Adria - An undergraduate student at McGill University.

Grace Park - Minister Apprentice at St. Paul's Bloor Street.

Stan Simon & Eva Kolodziejski - Stan and Eva are the grandchildren of Stanislaw and Luba Kolodziejski. Stanislaw risked his own life during World War II to save the lives of Luba Kopur and her daughter Krystyna from the Warsaw Ghetto. Because of Stanislaw's humanity and bravery, Luba and Krystyna remained in hiding throughout the war and survived. Stanislaw and Luba later married and had a son, Mark.

Josh Gerstein, Francine Gerstein, and Alena Drmolová - Josh and Francine Gerstein are the children of Ben Gerstein who, along with his sister, mother and father and other relatives were hidden during the War and whose lives were saved through the heroic acts of Bohuslav and Olga Čepěk and their eldest daughter Evženie. Alena Drmolová is their granddaughter.

Mark Mulroney - Vice-Chair, Global Banking & Markets, Scotiabank. Mark is the son of the late Honourable Brian Mulroney who served as the 18th Prime Minister of Canada from 1984 to 1993.

Cantor David Rosen - Senior Cantor and Music Director of Holy Blossom Temple.

USE YOUR VOICE AND BE HEARD

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

- call Toronto Police (416) 808-2222 to report a hate crime.

RECORD, WITNESS and REPORT to your local Jewish community, incidents of antisemitism and antisemitic posts in public spaces and on social media.

- B'nai Brith Canada Anti-hate Hotline 1-800-892-2624

ADVOCATE for yourself, your family, friends and neighbours against hate by signing petitions urging our government to take action on existing legislation that deals with antisemitism and other hate crimes.

- Ontario Human Rights Commission

CONNECT with local or national organizations that are fighting bias and hate.

- Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies
- Canadian Antisemitism Education Foundation

LISTEN to Jewish people's experiences of antisemitism and LEARN about the consequences of antisemitism, extremism and hate.

- Canadian Museum of Human Rights
- Government of Canada Fact Sheet on Antisemitism
- International Christian Embassy Jerusalem Canada
- Toronto Holocaust Museum

Join us in our fight!

Learn more by scanning the QR code or visit www.interfaithbridge.ca



Listen to what our allies are saying on Instagram about standing up against antisemitism

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Holy Blossom Temple

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Thank you to all of YOU for attending and showing your support at this critical time.