

STATEMENT FROM THE MONTREAL HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

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Following recent headlines about the local trial of an individual accused of promoting hate against Jewish people and the ill-informed comments made by his attorney, our Museum seeks to remind readers of historical fact. Although the history of the Shoah is complex, the fact that antisemitism and Nazism led to the genocide of the Jews is unquestionable.

Nazi ideology was based on militaristic, racial, antisemitic, and nationalist policies. Jews were considered an inferior subhuman race to be eradicated. Antisemitic discrimination in Germany was institutionalized by the adoption of the Nuremberg Race Laws of 1935, which provided the legal foundation for the Nazis' exclusion, persecution, and murder of Jews.

More details are available in our guides about the history of the Holocaust and antisemitism.

Our Museum is a place of public remembrance, understanding, and education. With this mission in mind, we invite the Montreal defence attorney to visit our Museum to learn more about the racist and antisemitic tenets of Nazi ideology, the systematic persecution of Jews, and the painful stories of those who faced humiliation, discrimination, and genocide.

This trial also reminds us of the importance of teaching about the Holocaust, so that courtrooms do not become spaces where the historical facts of the Shoah are debated.

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