



Musée Holocauste Montréal  
Montreal Holocaust Museum

## **MUSEUM STATEMENT ON THE FIGHT AGAINST ANTISEMITISM IN THE WAKE OF RECENT EVENTS IN MONTREAL**

**Montreal, Quebec, November 17th, 2023** - It has been hard to properly express our shock over the antisemitic acts we have witnessed in Montreal over the past week: shots fired multiple times at Jewish schools, a list of Jewish businesses circulated on social media to harass and boycott, the violence targeted towards Jewish students on university campuses, and the feeling of unease by many Jewish Montrealers in public spaces like metro stations. This non-exhaustive list reveals the extent to which antisemitism is proliferating. Not only is this deeply concerning for us all, but our hearts break for our Holocaust survivors living through this antisemitism again - and it galvanizes us to act.

Our museum just broke the record for the most visitors we have ever had in a single day. The public's thirst for Holocaust education has never been stronger. Our brand-new building, opening in 2026, will expand our capabilities to reach and educate an even wider audience. In the words of our mayor, Valérie Plante, "Everything in the soul of Montreal says no to racism and antisemitism." We thank the people of Montreal for standing by us through their visits to our museum and rejecting antisemitism and hatred.

We are committed to keeping the lessons of the past alive through all that we do. We invite everyone in Montreal to visit our museum to witness the consequences of antisemitism and what is at stake in this moment: the very democracy we depend on.

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