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A GUIDE TO FIGHTING ANTISEMITISM ON CAMPUS

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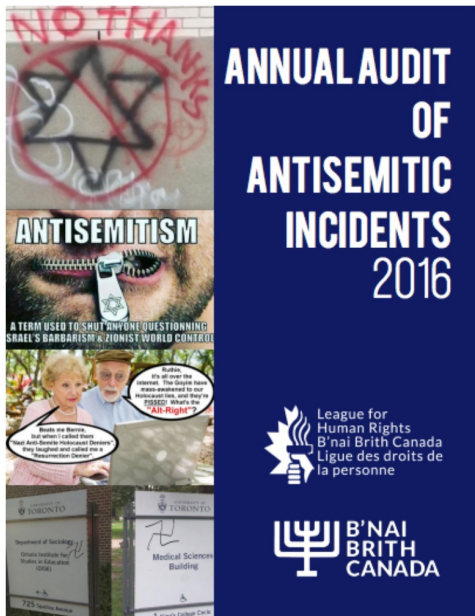
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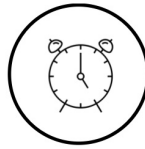
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As a Jewish student, you are likely aware of the growing rate of antisemitism on Canadian University campuses.



2016 was the worst year for antisemitism in Canada

Trends included an increase in Holocaust denial and a rise in antisemitic incidents across the country.



In 2016, over 1,728 incidents of antisemitism were reported

This is a 26 per cent increase over the year before.



Antisemitism on campus has notably increased

Antisemitism on university and college campuses has steadily accelerated since 2011.

In 2015, B'nai Brith Canada launched BB on Campus to give students the tools necessary to fight against antisemitism and bigotry on campus.

ON CAMPUS

1. BB on Campus aims to ensure that Jewish students are able to fight antisemitism through requisite knowledge.

2. The BB on Campus initiative provides students with the resources to report and identify antisemitic incidents on campus.

3. BB on Campus is committed to ensuring that openly Jewish students and students engaging in pro-Israel advocacy do not face antisemitic harassment.



ANTISEMITISM

WHAT IS ANTISEMITISM?

According to the European Union Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC), antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.

In addition, such manifestations could also target the State of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for “why things go wrong.” It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits.

Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoings committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II and the Holocaust.
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.

Examples of the ways in which antisemitism manifests itself with regard to the State of Israel, taking into account the overall context, which would include:

- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.
- Applying double standards to the State of Israel by requiring or demanding behaviour not expected of any other democratic nation.
- Using symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the State of Israel.

However, criticism of Israel similar to that levelled against any other country should not be regarded as antisemitic. This last point is where antisemitism is allowed to creep in, around the edges of legitimate debate.

ANTISEMITISM ON CAMPUS

REAL EXAMPLES OF ANTISEMITISM ON CAMPUS



Students staged a coordinated walkout at a student legislation meeting in order to prevent the commemoration of Holocaust Education Week.

**RYERSON UNIVERSITY
TORONTO, ON**

A Nazi flag is displayed in the window of a student residence.

**UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO
WATERLOO, ON**



Swastikas are sprayed onto signs located in front of buildings belonging to university faculties

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
TORONTO, ON**

Student politicians encourage violence against Zionists

**MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL, QC**





Nikolaos Balaskas shared Veterans Today's post.

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"Many of the concentration camps were run by Jews. Most of the Jews running the camps were Zionist Jews who had cut a deal with Hitler. Most of the Jews in the camps were Torah Jews who did not support Zionism, usury, slavery or the Babylonian Talmud."

University staff post antisemitic content on social media

**YORK UNIVERSITY
TORONTO, ON**

Antisemitic graffiti discovered in a students union office

**UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR
WINDSOR, ON**



More Examples of Antisemitism Include:

1. Your professor claims that there are too many Jews in positions of authority on campus, or that all Jews are wealthy.
2. A student shouts "F*ck Zionism!" at an anti-Israel rally on campus.
3. Your university refuses to accommodate you when you have an exam scheduled for a Jewish holiday.
4. You notice a swastika scratched onto a bathroom stall on your campus.
5. Social media pages for your campus contain messages about "whiny Jews" or Israeli genocide supporters."
6. Your professor claims that Israel harvest the organs of Palestinians, or poisons Palestinians wells.

ISRAEL & ANTISEMITISM

THE "THREE D'S" TEST

B'nai Brith Canada has adopted the "Three D's" test, which has been created by Nathan Sharansky, to determine whether anti-Israel animosity has crossed the line into antisemitism. Categorically, if an incident falls under one of the "Three D's", then it can be determined as an antisemitic incident rather than anti-Israel sentiment.

D

Delegitimization

Claiming that the concept of a Jewish State in the Middle East is immoral and should be punished simply for existing

*Example:
Israel is accused of being a 'settler' and 'colonial' state that practices apartheid.*

D

Demonization

Labelling Israel, Israelis or Zionists as evil, racist or satanic, and accusing Israelis and Israel supporters of committing genocide and apartheid.

*Example:
A student compares the Israeli government to that of Nazi Germany.*

D

Double-Standard

Applying different benchmarks to Israeli actions than to those of other other countries, and arguing that Israel should be punished in a manner disproportionate to other states.

*Example:
Your student union motions to support BDS, while ignoring human rights violations around the world.*



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STUDENT RESOURCES

YOUR OPTIONS:

24/7 ANTI-HATE HOTLINE

Send a private message to the BB on Campus Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/bboncampus
Call the B'nai Brith Anti-Hate Hotline: 1-800-892-2624
B'nai Brith will handle your complaint anonymously and determine the right resources and method of handling your incident.

LOCAL JEWISH ORG

Most university campuses have organizations supporting Jewish Life (Chabad, AEPI fraternities, or Hillel).
Contacting your local Jewish Life organization can offer you a support system with other Jewish students and community leaders.

CAMPUS POLICE

Canadian Universities have campus police who handle crimes on campus.
If the antisemitism you face is severe enough to be considered a crime, they will help you file a formal report.

HUMAN RIGHTS CENTRE

Some Universities have Human Rights Centres to deal with discrimination in all forms. If they cannot help, all Canadian provinces have human rights commissions that handle all types of discrimination.

UNIVERSITY ADMIN

All Canadian universities operate under a Code of Conduct, forbidding professors, staff, and students from engaging in discriminatory behaviour. Informing University Administrators of staff and students breaking the Code of Conduct provides concrete evidence to support important policy changes to prevent future antisemitism.

STUDENT UNIONS

Canadian student unions often have anti-discrimination clauses in their governing documents, and may be willing to work with you to tackle antisemitism.



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