# Canadian Universities Antisemitism Report - 2024 -

ORK:

NITATE



GLOBAL PEACE

## Canadian Universities Antisemitism Report 2024

The Abraham Global Peace Initiative

Ву

Neil Orlowsky, PhD Director of Education The Abraham Global Peace Initiative

> Danielle Legerman AGPI Education Consultant York University

> Karen Cheung AGPI Education Consultant York University

Cover Image: "MPs challenge university chiefs to say if calling for genocide of Jews violates their conduct codes" from Globe and Mail by Marie Woolf, December 14, 2023

## **Table of Contents**

Executive Summary	4
Statement of Concerns	6
University Antisemitism Report Card Criteria	8
British Columbia	9
Alberta	14
Saskatchewan	17
Manitoba	19
Ontario	21
Quebec	32
Atlantic Canada	37
Overall University Grades	41
Conclusion	43
AGPI's Path to Discourse through Education	44
References	45

Editorial Note: This document serves as a provisional and dynamic tool designed for the ongoing surveillance and assessment of instances of antisemitism within Canadian academic institutions. Functioning as an interim report, AGPI diligently scrutinizes all reported incidents occurring within campus environments. The information contained in this report is exclusively derived from publicly accessible, open source news reports. This document undergoes regular editorial revisions and updates to accommodate emerging information. It is important to note that the document does not claim to comprehensively capture all incidents. AGPI welcomes communication from universities, encouraging them to provide pertinent details regarding measures taken, which could potentially influence the assessment. In the event of any overlooked significant occurrence, we invite readers to contact us at office@agpi.ca.

### **Executive Summary**

This report delves into the alarming rise of antisemitism on Canadian university campuses, shedding light on multifaceted challenges faced by Jewish students and faculty. The surge is particularly notable in the context of debates surrounding anti-Zionism, free speech protections for professors, student union activities, the role of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) departments, and the pervasive sense of insecurity experienced by Jewish members of the campus community.

- Anti-Zionism versus Antisemitism A Controversial Distinction: One key contributor to the rise in antisemitism on campuses is the contentious debate surrounding the distinction between anti-Zionism and antisemitism. Some individuals argue that criticism of the State of Israel should be exempt from the label of antisemitism, creating an environment where anti-Israel sentiments often spill into outright hostility towards Jewish individuals. The report meticulously explores instances where anti-Zionism serves as a thinly veiled guise for antisemitic rhetoric and actions, contributing to an unwelcome atmosphere for Jewish members of the campus community.
- 2. Free Speech and Academic Freedom Shielding Professors Amidst Controversy: Another noteworthy factor is the protection granted to professors under the umbrella of free speech and academic freedom. While these principles are vital to fostering a robust intellectual environment, there have been instances where the line between scholarly discourse and promoting antisemitic ideologies becomes blurred. The report critically examines how the safeguarding of academic freedom sometimes inadvertently provides cover for expressions that contribute to the marginalization of Jewish students and faculty.
- 3. Student Union Involvement in Pro-Palestinian Initiatives A Cause for Concern: The report highlights the role of student unions in organizing or endorsing pro-Palestinian events and spaces, often without due consideration for fostering an inclusive environment for all students. While expressing solidarity with various causes is integral to the university experience, instances of one-sided support for pro-Palestinian initiatives, without an equal commitment to addressing antisemitism, can contribute to a divisive and exclusionary campus climate.
- 4. DEI Departments and the Silence on Antisemitism: The report sheds light on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) departments, which, despite their mandate to address discrimination, have been observed to inadequately confront antisemitism. By scrutinizing the responses of DEI departments to antisemitic incidents, the report underscores the need for a more comprehensive approach to combating all forms of discrimination, including antisemitism.
- 5. **Persistent Insecurity The Impact on Jewish Students and Faculty:** Perhaps most disconcerting is the repeated feeling of insecurity among Jewish students and faculty

members on Canadian campuses. Through personal testimonies and statistical analyses, the report paints a vivid picture of the challenges faced by the Jewish community, urging universities to take concrete actions to ensure the safety and well-being of all their members.

6. Province-by-Province Analysis – Understanding Regional Nuances: The comprehensive report further dissects the rise of antisemitism by providing a province-by-province breakdown, offering insights into regional nuances and specific challenges faced by universities across Canada. This nuanced approach seeks to guide targeted interventions and foster a collective commitment to combating antisemitism on a national scale.

By examining the intersections of anti-Zionism, academic freedom, student union involvement, DEI department responses, and the impact on Jewish individuals, AGPI sets out to catalyze informed dialogue and action towards creating more inclusive and secure learning environments for all.

## Statement of Concerns: The Escalation of Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism on Canadian University Campuses - A Critical Examination of Impacts and Implications

The rise of antisemitism, anti-Zionism, and anti-Jewish hate on university and college campuses in Canada is a matter of growing concern, warranting a thorough academic investigation and examination. This report addresses the impact and implications of such ideologies, particularly how academic and student unions have veiled their antisemitism under the umbrella of anti-Zionism, disseminating misinformation about the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, specifically pertaining to Hamas. Moreover, the report highlights the misapplication of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working definition of antisemitism, with critics claiming it restricts their criticism of Israel, while failing to acknowledge the evident double standard applied to the only Jewish state and liberal democracy in the Middle East.

#### 1. Campus Atmosphere and Jewish Student Safety:

Jewish students and faculty on Canadian campuses have experienced an alarming increase in incidents that jeopardize their safety and well-being. Instances of intimidation, harassment, and, regrettably, violent behavior against Jewish students and Jewish clubs have created an environment where Jewish individuals feel unwelcome, unsafe, and uneasy. The blatant targeting of Jewish students based on their identity has raised serious concerns about the effectiveness of current Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) policies, as they appear insufficient in safeguarding the rights and security of Jewish students.

#### 2. Misinformation Campaigns and Distorted Narratives:

A crucial aspect of the academic concern lies in the deliberate spread of misinformation regarding the Israeli-Hamas war and the role of Hamas in the Palestinian territories. The conflation of criticism of Israel with antisemitism, coupled with the portrayal of Hamas as freedom fighters, contributes to a distorted narrative that further marginalizes Jewish students and reinforces prejudiced perspectives. The failure to distinguish between legitimate criticism of Israeli policies and discriminatory ideologies contributes to a toxic environment that hinders open dialogue and constructive debate on the complex issues surrounding the Middle East.

#### 3. EDI Policies and the Mischaracterization of Jewish Identity:

Current EDI policies have inadvertently contributed to the mischaracterization of Jewish identity on campuses. Framing Jews as white, colonial, and apartheid oppressors oversimplifies the diverse perspectives within the Jewish community and perpetuates harmful stereotypes. The categorization of Jews in this manner not only erases the rich cultural and historical nuances within the community but also fosters an environment where antisemitic sentiments can thrive unchecked. The academic report underscores the pressing need for a comprehensive examination of the impact and implications of rising antisemitism, anti-Zionism, and anti-Jewish hate on Canadian university and college campuses. Addressing the challenges faced by Jewish students and faculty necessitates a multifaceted approach, including revisiting and enhancing existing EDI policies, fostering open dialogue on Middle Eastern issues, and actively countering misinformation campaigns. Only through such measures can Canadian academic institutions truly uphold the principles of inclusivity, diversity, and a safe learning environment for all.

## University Antisemitism Report Card Criteria

Institutional Policies		
Commitment	Clearly articulated commitment to combating antisemitism in	
	official university policies and mission statements.	
Anti-discrimination	Comprehensive and up-to-date anti-discrimination policies that	
Policies	explicitly address antisemitism as a form of discrimination.	
Reporting Mechanisms	chanisms Well-defined and accessible mechanisms for reporting antisemitic	
	incidents, ensuring confidentiality and swift action.	

Education and Awareness	
Diversity and Inclusion	Active participation in diversity programs addressing religious
Programs	diversity, with specific attention to combating antisemitism.
Awareness Campaigns	Regular and effective awareness campaigns that educate the
	university community about antisemitism and its consequences.

Faculty and Staff Training	
Training Programs	Ongoing training programs for faculty and staff on recognizing and
	addressing antisemitic behavior and incidents.
Sensitivity and Inclusivity	Ensuring faculty and staff are well-versed in creating an inclusive
	environment that rejects antisemitic attitudes and actions.

Incident Response	
Timely Response	Demonstrated ability to promptly address and investigate reported antisemitic incidents, fostering a sense of security.
Support for Victims	Comprehensive support services for victims, including counseling and assistance in navigating legal and academic processes.

Campus Culture	
Inclusive Events	Promotion and hosting of events that celebrate religious and
	cultural diversity, fostering a more inclusive campus culture.
Interfaith Initiatives	Active involvement in interfaith initiatives that promote dialogue
	and understanding among different religious communities.

Monitoring and Assessment	
Incident Tracking	Effective monitoring and tracking mechanisms to assess the
	prevalence and trends of antisemitic incidents on campus.
Regular Assessments	Conducting regular assessments of the campus climate regarding
	antisemitism and adjusting policies based on the findings.

## **British Columbia**

#### **Royal Roads University**

In response to recent events surrounding the Israel-Hamas war, Royal Roads University has unequivocally declared its commitment to combating hate and violence. As a champion of respectful dialogue and diversity, the university places a high value on safety and respect, actively opposing racism and discrimination in all forms. This commitment gains increased significance amid a notable surge in antisemitic sentiment across Canada, including within post-secondary institutions. The rise of antisemitism on Canadian university campuses poses a serious threat to creating a safe and inclusive learning environment for Jewish students and faculty. Reports of anti-Islamic incidents further exacerbate the alarming situation. Royal Roads University asserts that everyone has the right to live, work, and learn free of fear, prioritizing the safety and wellbeing of its community. That said, the documented increase in antisemitic incidents on Canadian campuses contributes to an unsafe learning and working environment for all Jewish individuals within the university community, compromising core values of openness and respect for diverse perspectives. By addressing this issue, the university aims to cultivate an atmosphere where all community members can thrive without fear of discrimination or harassment. The commitment to providing resources for support, including counseling services and security measures, underscores Royal Roads University's dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of its diverse community.

AGPI would assign Royal Roads University, an overall grade of **B+.** The university demonstrates a strong commitment to combating hate and violence, actively opposing racism and discrimination. The explicit mention of addressing antisemitism and the commitment to providing resources for support, including counseling services and security measures, underscores their dedication to ensuring a safe and inclusive environment. However, there is room for improvement in some areas, such as the need for more explicit and comprehensive policies and increased focus on education and awareness programs related to antisemitism.

#### Simon Fraser University

Simon Fraser University (SFU) is grappling with a series of troubling incidents that have each collectively contributed to an unsafe learning environment for Jewish students. Threatening messages, acts of antisemitism, biased media coverage, and controversial remarks have become pervasive issues. The absence of explicit acknowledgment of antisemitism in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) frameworks compounds the problem, highlighting the complex nature of Jewish identities and the ambivalent racialized status of North American Jews. The failure to confront each incident of antisemitism directly has fuelled antisemitic micro-aggressions and hatred on campus. Biased media coverage, particularly in The Peak, has been alleged to perpetuate a one-sided narrative that may have also contributed to fostering a hostile atmosphere and, consequently, the rise of campus antisemitism task force. The responsibility of universities to actively condemn and address antisemitism is underscored as an essential commitment within

the SFU EDI framework. The ultimate goal is to cultivate inclusivity, understanding, and a more accurate representation of diverse perspectives on the Israel-Hamas war. Under the microscope is recent months has been the controversy surrounding Dr. Natalie Knight's remarks, an Indigenous Curriculum Consultant at Langara College, at a pro-Palestinian rally, where she seemingly glorified the October 7 attacks by Hamas, which in turn added further gravity to the concerns. The call for her termination by the CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver reflects the seriousness of the issue. The demand for both Langara College and SFU to sever ties with Knight emphasizes the need for accountability in addressing such matters. Given this, and on growing concerns across Canadian campuses since October 7, the increase in reported and investigated incidents, coupled with biased media coverage and controversial remarks, have collectively created an environment conducive to campus antisemitism at Simon Fraser University. AGPI believes that a comprehensive approach is necessary, including explicit acknowledgment of antisemitism in EDI frameworks, the establishment of a task force, and active condemnation of antisemitism by universities. The focus should be on fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students, regardless of their backgrounds or beliefs.

AGPI would assign Simon Fraser University (SFU), an overall grade of **C**. SFU is facing a series of troubling incidents contributing to an unsafe learning environment for Jewish students, including threatening messages, acts of antisemitism, biased media coverage, and controversial remarks. The absence of explicit acknowledgment of antisemitism in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) frameworks is a significant concern, as it may compound the issues faced by the Jewish community on campus. The proposed establishment of a task force is a positive step, but there is a need for more direct confrontation of antisemitic incidents and a comprehensive approach to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment. The controversy surrounding Dr. Natalie Knight's remarks adds further gravity to the situation, emphasizing the need for accountability in addressing such matters.

#### Thompson Rivers University

AGPI is happy to report that given extensive research and investigation, there were no significant reports of campus antisemitism this year.

Based on the fact that the university did not appear to have any significant reports of campus antisemitism, the overall grade for this aspect would be an **A**. This indicates a positive environment where antisemitic incidents are not prevalent, showcasing a commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. It's important to note that ongoing vigilance and proactive measures will be essential to maintaining this positive climate and preventing the occurrence of antisemitic incidents in the future.

#### **University of British Columbia**

The Israel-Hamas war has reverberated on the University of British Columbia (UBC) campus, where 'I (heart) Hamas' stickers allegedly attributed to the UBC Social Justice Centre were distributed. This incident has fueled a rise in antisemitism, resulting in threats and harassment against Social Justice Centre members. The situation prompted the Jewish student organization Hillel BC to sever ties with an alleged contractor involved in the sticker distribution. Social media backlash against the UBC Social Justice Centre members has escalated, with derogatory comments, threats, and attempts to locate their residences. This has not only endangered the well-being of targeted students but has also created an atmosphere of fear and hostility. Despite the UBC Social Justice Centre's denial of involvement, concerns persist about the safety of Jewish students amid heightened tensions from the Israel-Hamas war. UBC's response involved removing stickers, implementing increased security measures, and reporting to law enforcement, highlighting the severity of the situation. However, the lack of communication among UBC, Hillel BC, and the UBC Social Justice Centre underscores the necessity for a thorough investigation and collaborative efforts to ensure a safer environment and protect the academic freedom of racialized students on campus. Furthermore, UBC faces a \$15 million proposed class-action lawsuit for alleged failure to address "antisemitic sentiments" over decades. The lawsuit, representing Jewish students since 1998, cites specific incidents, including an attack on a Jewish student in residence and controversial speaker invitations. Similar lawsuits against other Canadian universities indicate a broader concern about campus safety and handling incidents related to antisemitism amid the Israel-Hamas war, leading to discussions on these issues. The legal action involves representative plaintiffs and targets UBC, as well as entities like the Alma Mater Society of UBC, the Students' Union Okanagan, and the Graduate Student Society.

AGPI would assign the University of British Columbia (UBC), an overall grade of a **D**. The distribution of 'I (heart) Hamas' stickers allegedly attributed to the UBC Social Justice Centre, resulting in threats and harassment against members, is a concerning incident. The escalation of social media backlash with derogatory comments and attempts to locate residences creates an atmosphere of fear and hostility. UBC's response in removing stickers, implementing increased security measures, and reporting to law enforcement shows recognition of the severity of the situation. However, the lack of communication among UBC, Hillel BC, and the UBC Social Justice Centre raises concerns, and the proposed class-action lawsuit for alleged failure to address antisemitic sentiments over decades suggests systemic issues that need thorough investigation and collaborative efforts to ensure a safer environment.

#### **University of Northern British Columbia**

AGPI is happy to report that given extensive research and investigation, there were no significant reports of campus antisemitism this year.

Based on the fact that the university did not appear to have any significant reports of campus antisemitism, the overall grade for this aspect would be an **A**. This indicates a positive environment where antisemitic incidents are not prevalent, showcasing a commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. It's important to note that ongoing vigilance and proactive measures will be essential to maintaining this positive climate and preventing the occurrence of antisemitic incidents in the future.

#### **University of Victoria**

The surge in antisemitism on Canadian university campuses, exemplified by incidents at the University of Victoria (UVic), has created a deeply troubling and unsafe learning and working environment for Jewish students and faculty. Reported events in April depict a distressing pattern of harassment, isolation, and discrimination against Jewish students, faculty, and staff. In one shocking incident, it was reported that students wearing kippot had been physically assaulted, including being spat on, accompanied by derogatory remarks such as "dirty Jews." Online harassment and discomfort for those attending in-person classes further contributed to an overarching sense of insecurity. Within classrooms, instances of professors and teaching assistants expressing anti-Israel opinions added to an atmosphere where Jewish students admitted to feeling targeted and unwelcomed. The organization of rallies featuring antisemitic chants and calls for boycotts contributed to the hostile environment, with disruptions at a board of governors meeting and the display of provocative posters underscoring the challenges faced by the Jewish community at the University of Victoria. The response from campus authorities, as indicated by Hillel and concerned faculty members, reveals a lack of effective action and support. The failure to address posters advocating violence against Israel, non-committal responses from university officials, and contradictory statements from the society contribute to the perception that the university is not adequately safeguarding its Jewish community. Professor David Zimmerman's comparison to events in 1933 Germany underscores the severity of the situation. The fear expressed by faculty, including Zimmerman himself, and the unsuccessful attempt to contact the university president highlight the urgency of addressing antisemitism on campus. While upholding freedom of expression, the university must balance this with ensuring a safe and inclusive environment for all members, irrespective of their background or beliefs. Concrete actions are imperative to address antisemitism and foster an atmosphere of respect and understanding. Recent disruptions during a board of governors meeting, allegedly advocating for a stronger stance on the Middle East conflict and divestment from companies associated with Israel's military and police, highlight a challenging and polarized campus environment. The university's response, criticized by the student group, emphasizes a perceived lack of clarity and action on global justice matters. UVic's undergraduate student union acknowledges these issues, reflecting broader challenges faced by students from different backgrounds. The upcoming panel on Palestine by UVic professors, shrouded in secrecy due to safety concerns, further underscores the need for additional security measures on campus. The division over the Israel-Hamas war disrupts university governance and fosters an atmosphere of heightened sensitivity and fear among students. The clash between advocacy groups, the university's responses, and reported incidents of harassment highlight the complexity of navigating discussions on contentious global issues within an academic setting. The demand for clearer intentions, honesty, and responsibility in addressing matters of global justice reflects the ongoing struggle to find common ground and ensure a safe and inclusive environment for all members of the university community.

AGPI would assign the University of Victoria (UVic), an overall grade of a **D**-. The surge in antisemitic incidents, including physical assaults, online harassment, and disruptive rallies, creates a deeply troubling and unsafe environment for Jewish students and faculty. The reported lack of effective action and support from campus authorities, non-committal responses, contradictory statements, and a perceived failure to safeguard the Jewish community contribute to the low grade. The fear expressed by faculty, unsuccessful attempts to contact the university president, and disruptions during a board of governors meeting further highlight the urgency of addressing antisemitism on campus. Clear actions and a commitment to ensuring a safe and inclusive environment are imperative to improve the situation.

## Alberta

#### **Mount Royal University**

In the wake of concerns raised by various Jewish community organizations, Mount Royal University (MRU) faced scrutiny over the 2023 Calgary Peace Prize and its recipient, Mohammed El-Kurd, an anti-Israel activist with a history of antisemitic remarks. In 2023, AGPI called on MRU to disavow the award. MRU responded by attempting to distance itself from the Calgary Peace Prize, asserting that it is not an MRU initiative but rather an independent effort by a faculty member. However, past announcements on the university's website contradicted this claim, stating that the prize was "awarded by the Peace Studies Initiative at Mount Royal University." El-Kurd's selection prompted criticism for his extreme anti-Israel views, including celebrating suicide bombers, comparing Israel to the Nazi regime, and advocating violence against Jews. Furthermore, AGPI raised concerns, leading MRU to again clarify that the prize is not directly affiliated with the university. MRU emphasized that El-Kurd's views do not represent the institution, expressing opposition to antisemitism. Amidst the controversy, AGPI stressed the need for clarity, stating that MRU's past involvement in the award raises questions. In so doing, to ensure transparency and prevent future ties, AGPI urged the university to explicitly renounce the Calgary Peace Prize.

AGPI would assign Mount Royal University (MRU) an overall grade of a C-. While MRU responded by attempting to distance itself from the Calgary Peace Prize and clarifying that it is not directly affiliated with the university, the conflicting statements and past announcements on the university's website raise questions about transparency and consistency. The concerns raised by AGPI, prompting MRU to clarify its stance and express opposition to antisemitism, are positive steps. However, the controversy and the need for repeated clarifications indicate a lack of clear communication and proactive measures in handling the situation. To improve the grade, MRU should work towards ensuring transparency, consistency in messaging, and take proactive steps to prevent future ties with initiatives that may involve individuals with a history of antisemitic remarks.

#### **University of Alberta**

The University of Alberta has faced a series of controversies that have heightened concerns about antisemitism on Canadian university campuses. A revelation regarding the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies' endowment fund, named after Yaroslav Hunka, associated with a Nazi-linked military unit, stirred controversy. Dated September 28, 2023, the incident revealed a historical connection to Nazism within the university's framework, creating an unsafe environment for Jewish students and faculty. The university responded by returning the \$30,000 funds to the family, acknowledging unintended harm and committing to combat antisemitism. The resignations of House Speaker Anthony Rota and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's apology underscored the gravity of the situation. Following the Hunka affair, and just weeks following the October 7 Hamas terrorist attack on Israel, the University of Alberta Sexual Assault Centre made headlines for endorsing an widely criticized and alleged antisemitic open letter from Ontario's ex-NDP MPP Sarah Jama which also questioned whether Jewish women, kidnapped by Hamas were

in fact rapped. While this incident may not directly relate to campus-wide antisemitism, it contributes to a perception that the university associates with antisemitic ideologies. Such perceptions can fuel sentiments of discomfort among Jewish students and faculty, urging the university to address concerns and clarify its stance on antisemitism. Despite these controversies, the University of Alberta demonstrated a proactive response by hosting its inaugural Hanukkah celebration. This move, seen as a response to growing concerns about antisemitic incidents, showcases solidarity with the Jewish community and emphasizes the commitment to an inclusive and safe environment for all students. However, incidents involving antisemitism, such as protests featuring antisemitic slogans and handling complaints related to anti-Israel bias, have contributed to an unsafe environment for Jewish students. The university's responses, deemed inadequate, highlight institutional challenges. Instances of dismissive responses and lack of concrete actions may foster an environment where Jewish students feel isolated and unsafe, impacting their academic experience and well-being.

AGPI would assign the University of Alberta, an overall grade of C+. The university demonstrated a proactive response by returning funds associated with a Nazi-linked military unit and hosting its inaugural Hanukkah celebration, signaling a commitment to combating antisemitism and fostering inclusivity. However, controversies involving the endorsement of an alleged antisemitic open letter and incidents like protests featuring antisemitic slogans indicate challenges in addressing and preventing antisemitism on campus. The perceived inadequacy in the university's responses to such incidents contributes to an environment where Jewish students may feel isolated and unsafe. Clear communication, concrete actions, and a continued commitment to combating antisemitism are essential to improving the university's approach.

#### **University of Calgary**

In October, a disturbing video emerged, revealing students at the University of Calgary marching and imitating Nazi soldiers, complete with "Heil Hitler" chants. The video, shared on Instagram, depicted students laughing and saluting Hitler on campus. University officials strongly condemned the actions, emphasizing the lack of humor in Hitler or Nazi atrocities, including the Holocaust. The University of Calgary's Student Conduct Office launched an immediate investigation, pledging to create a campus environment free of hatred. They are offering wellness counseling services to those affected. The Calgary Jewish Federation and other community groups had been informed, highlighting the gravity of the incident, where students engaged in offensive behavior trivializing the historical horrors of the Holocaust. Regrettably, in November, explicit and violent messages were vandalized in bathrooms at the University of Calgary, stating, "Islam will rule Canada, kill the Jews." This incident reflects a surge in antisemitic incidents on Canadian university campuses. It involved explicit calls for violence against Jews, coupled with antisemitic and anti-Zionist sentiments. Such actions perpetuate harmful stereotypes and create an unsafe learning and working environment for Jewish students and faculty. The University of Calgary promptly condemned the vandalism, removed the offensive content, and initiated an active investigation, showcasing commitment to addressing these concerns. However, these incidents highlight the urgent need for comprehensive strategies to combat antisemitism, fostering a campus culture that prioritizes inclusivity, respect, and tolerance. As Canadian universities

grapple with these challenges, implementing educational programs and policies that promote intercultural understanding becomes imperative to create an environment where diversity is celebrated, and all members feel secure and supported.

AGPI would assign the University of Calgary, an overall of **B+**. The university responded promptly and strongly condemned the disturbing video showing students imitating Nazi soldiers, emphasizing the seriousness of the matter and launching an immediate investigation. The commitment to creating a campus environment free of hatred, offering wellness counseling services, and informing community groups demonstrates a proactive approach. The swift condemnation and active response to the explicit and violent messages vandalized in November, coupled with the removal of offensive content and initiation of an investigation, further showcase the university's commitment to addressing antisemitic incidents. While the University of Calgary has demonstrated a strong response to these incidents, the incidents themselves highlight the urgent need for comprehensive strategies to combat antisemitism. Implementing educational programs and policies that promote intercultural understanding will be imperative to foster a campus culture prioritizing inclusivity, respect, and tolerance. Continued vigilance and proactive measures are crucial in maintaining a safe and supportive environment for all members of the university community.

#### **University of Lethbridge**

AGPI was extremely concerned with a protest organized in mid-November organized by a University of Lethbridge student, associated with the Lethbridge Public Interest Research Group, calling for Israel to stop its attacks in the Gaza Strip, which in turn raised concerns about contributing to the rise of antisemitism on campus. The event, labeled "Ceasefire Now," took place at City Hall on a date not specified in the information. The protest, although aimed at the Israel-Hamas war, has been criticized for displaying blatant antisemitism and hate, as reported by Garry Kohn, president of the Lethbridge Hebrew congregation. Kohn expressed outrage, stating that the event lacked an understanding of the historical complexities of the Middle East, and he intends to file complaints with the University of Lethbridge and its Student Union. The protest is seen as contributing to a hostile environment for Jewish students and employees, fostering division and reinforcing negative stereotypes.

AGPI would assign the University of Lethbridge, an overall grade of **D**. The protest, labeled "Ceasefire Now," aimed at the Israel-Hamas war, has been criticized for displaying blatant antisemitism and hate. The reported lack of understanding of the historical complexities of the Middle East and the expressed outrage from the president of the Lethbridge Hebrew congregation highlight concerns about fostering a hostile environment for Jewish students and employees. The intention to file complaints with the University of Lethbridge and its Student Union indicates a need for further investigation and response to address the reported antisemitic nature of the protest.

## Saskatchewan

#### **University of Regina**

Students and faculty at the University of Regina staged a peaceful walkout in early November, aligning with global solidarity movements, to demand an immediate ceasefire and an end to the blockade of humanitarian aid in Gaza. The demonstration aimed to raise awareness about the severe shortage of essential resources such as food, water, medical supplies, and electricity in the Gaza Strip, exacerbated by the ongoing conflict. The protesters emphasized the need for increased awareness and action regarding the humanitarian crisis. Organizer, Ad Hika, highlighted the importance of pressuring leaders to take meaningful action and called for a campus environment that encourages free expression of feelings, education, and transparent sharing of information on social media. The participants, representing various nationalities, expressed their commitment to organizing similar protests until tangible action is taken to address the crisis in Gaza. In response to a pro-Palestinian demonstration at the Saskatchewan Legislature, Premier Scott Moe accused the NDP of supporting antisemitism, specifically pointing to MLA Jennifer Bowes liking a video featuring the chant "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free." Moe asserted that this chant, heard during the demonstration, was antisemitic and accused the NDP of endorsing antisemitism. The premier also accused NDP Leader Carla Beck of holding a secret meeting with protesters, which Beck denied, emphasizing transparency in their discussions about the Israel-Hamas war. The slogan "From the river to the sea" has different interpretations, with Israel advocacy groups deeming it antisemitic, while Palestinians and some Jewish academics argue it is a call for justice, equality, and human rights for Palestinians. The premier stood by his comments and social media post, intensifying the rhetoric following the demonstration and raising concerns about the safety and inclusivity of the university environment.

Given the information provided about the University of Regina's peaceful walkout and the subsequent response from Premier Scott Moe, AGPI would assign a tentative grade of **B**-. The peaceful walkout itself appears to be an expression of free speech and a call for attention to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, with an emphasis on raising awareness and encouraging action. However, the controversy surrounding Premier Scott Moe's accusations and the differing interpretations of the slogan "From the river to the sea" suggest a need for improved understanding, respectful dialogue, and clarity on the use of language during such demonstrations. While it is challenging to assign a precise grade due to the complexity of the situation, a B- reflects the positive aspect of advocating for a cause and the need for further work on fostering inclusive dialogue and understanding diverse perspectives to prevent misunderstandings and accusations related to antisemitism.

#### **University of Saskatchewan**

AGPI is happy to report that given extensive research and investigation, there were no significant reports of campus antisemitism this year.

Based on the fact that the university did not appear to have any significant reports of campus antisemitism, the overall grade for this aspect would be an **A**. This indicates a positive environment where antisemitic incidents are not prevalent, showcasing a commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. It's important to note that ongoing vigilance and proactive measures will be essential to maintaining this positive climate and preventing the occurrence of antisemitic incidents in the future.

## Manitoba

#### University of Manitoba

The University of Manitoba has grappled with incidents of antisemitism, notably the suspension of a nursing student due to her antisemitic social media posts, condemning the Israeli government and making controversial comparisons. This has raised concerns about increasing antisemitism on campus, potentially impacting the sense of vulnerability among Jewish students. The incident has triggered discussions on how universities address discrimination and navigate freedom of expression. The student's appeal however, introduces legal and ethical complexities, prompting a potential review of university policies. The outcome may affect community relations, shaping the university's reputation, particularly in its relationships with local Jewish organizations. In December, the university faced another antisemitic incident involving defamatory posters targeting Israel Asper. The swift removal of these posters and collaboration with the Winnipeg Police Service for an investigation emphasize the university's commitment to addressing such incidents. The institution strongly denounces racism and antisemitism, underlining a zero-tolerance policy. This event raises concerns about discriminatory acts, emphasizing the ongoing need for vigilance in fostering an inclusive and respectful academic environment.

AGPI would assign the University of Manitoba's response to antisemitic incidents, a tentative grade of **B+**. The university's swift response to the antisemitic incident involving defamatory posters, including their removal and collaboration with law enforcement for an investigation, reflects a commitment to addressing such incidents promptly. The strong denouncement of racism and antisemitism and the emphasis on a zero-tolerance policy are positive aspects that contribute to a safer and more inclusive environment. However, the initial incident involving the suspension of a nursing student due to antisemitic social media posts raises questions about how universities navigate freedom of expression while addressing discrimination. The ongoing discussions on this matter and the potential review of university policies demonstrate a commitment to addressing legal and ethical complexities. Overall, a B+ is assigned, considering the university's proactive response to the poster incident, commitment to a zero-tolerance policy, and ongoing efforts to navigate the complexities of addressing antisemitism on campus.

#### **University of Winnipeg**

The incident on February 2 involving the University of Winnipeg Collegiate Junior Varsity Basketball team, facing disbandment due to antisemitic behavior, prompted swift action from Manitoba Sports Minister Obby Khan. The team's disbandment followed an undisclosed antisemitic incident during a game against the Gray Academy Raiders. The specific nature of the gestures remains undisclosed, but the incident was not isolated, with a history of provocative behavior against the Raiders. The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association (MHSAA) learned of the incident a week later, expressing concerns about the lack of formal reporting. The vague term 'antisemitic gestures' led to an investigation, and while university officials remained tightlipped, the MHSAA confirmed the team's disbandment. The lack of transparency, delayed reporting, and subsequent disbandment highlight the urgency for addressing antisemitism and fostering a secure and inclusive learning atmosphere. Following the October 7 attack by Hamas on Israel, the University of Winnipeg issued a statement condemning all forms of antisemitism, Islamophobia, and racism. The statement acknowledges socio-political tensions and emphasizes upholding values of inclusivity, respect, and critical inquiry. Concerns arose regarding a virtual event discussing the "Situation in Palestine", with the university asserting its commitment to academic freedom while emphasizing the need for events to align with principles of respect, tolerance, and responsible use of freedom. In early November, an event titled "Palestine and Genocide: Reflections on Imperialism, Settler-Colonialism, and Decolonization" raised concerns about antisemitism. Winnipeg South Centre MP Ben Carr expressed worry that the event might fuel antisemitism, criticizing the lack of diverse viewpoints. The University of Winnipeg defended its commitment to academic freedom, stating the event was independently organized by faculty. Manitoba Advanced Education Minister Renée Cable stressed the importance of safety and inclusion for students. Winnipeg South Centre MP Ben Carr, along with four other Liberal MPs, co-signed a letter addressing the rise of antisemitism on campuses. The letter questions how universities are ensuring the safety of Jewish students and staff and whether calls for genocide against the Jewish people violate university codes of conduct. The MPs set a deadline of January 20, 2024, for university presidents to respond. The University of Manitoba stated that calls for genocide on its campuses are unacceptable, receiving support from a group of Jewish students represented by Hillel Ontario, endorsing the MPs' call for action against rising antisemitism on campus.

AGPI would assign the University of Winnipeg's handling of antisemitic incidents, as a **C**. The disbandment of the University of Winnipeg Collegiate Junior Varsity Basketball team due to an undisclosed antisemitic incident, coupled with concerns about delayed reporting and lack of transparency, raises concerns about the university's response to such incidents. The commitment to addressing antisemitism following the October 7 attack by Hamas is positive, but concerns about events discussing the "Situation in Palestine" and the event titled "Palestine and Genocide" highlight challenges in balancing academic freedom with the principles of respect, tolerance, and responsible use of freedom. While the University of Manitoba expressed that calls for genocide on its campuses are unacceptable and received support from a group of Jewish students represented by Hillel Ontario, the overall grade is reflective of the challenges and controversies surrounding these incidents and events. The grade suggests that there is room for improvement in fostering a more secure and inclusive learning atmosphere.

## Ontario

#### Algoma University

AGPI is happy to report that given extensive research and investigation, there were no significant reports of campus antisemitism this year.

Based on the fact that the university did not appear to have any significant reports of campus antisemitism, the overall grade for this aspect would be an **A**. This indicates a positive environment where antisemitic incidents are not prevalent, showcasing a commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. It's important to note that ongoing vigilance and proactive measures will be essential to maintaining this positive climate and preventing the occurrence of antisemitic incidents in the future.

#### **Brock University**

Though many universities failed to acknowledge the horrific attack on Israel by Hamas on October 7th, the leadership at Brock University explicitly acknowledged the distress caused by Hamas, whereby university officials noted: "Brock University is shocked by the terrorist acts committed by Hamas against the state of Israel this past weekend and is alarmed by the horrific and volatile situation unfolding in the Middle East. We share the concern felt by many in our community about harm to civilians, both Israeli and Palestinian." Unlike the leadership of Harvard, MIT, and the University of Pennsylvania, Brock University explicitly explained that there is absolutely no place on our campus for hate speech, antisemitism or Islamophobia, and AGPI will take appropriate action if the law, Brock policies or the Student Code of Conduct are violated. AGPI applauds the Brock University leadership for taking a firm stance against all forms of hate, including antisemitism. There is always more work to be done, but the first step is to reinforce that antisemitism is unwelcome on university campuses and the assurance that universities will take proper action against any perpetration on campus.

AGPI would assign Brock University an overall grade of **A**. The university's acknowledgment of the distress caused by the terrorist acts committed by Hamas, coupled with a clear statement about the unwelcome nature of hate on campus and a commitment to take appropriate action, reflects a strong commitment to maintaining a safe and inclusive environment.

#### **Carleton University**

In response to the surge in antisemitism following the Israel-Hamas war, Carleton University has taken proactive steps to address and counteract this concerning trend. The introduction of the course "Antisemitism, Then and Now" during the winter semester underscores the university's commitment to educating students about the historical roots and contemporary manifestations of antisemitism. Additionally, the revival of the Beinner Family Speaker Series, in collaboration with Indiana University, demonstrates a concerted effort to engage the university community in informed discussions on antisemitism through webinars. The university's official message on

October 12, expressing solidarity with all affected students and condemning antisemitism, reflects a commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive environment. By offering resources to support students during these challenging times, Carleton University acknowledges the need for proactive measures to protect its Jewish student population. Furthermore, the Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies organized an online workshop on November 17, addressing antisemitism and guiding interfaith conversations, exemplifying the university's dedication to promoting understanding among students of diverse religious backgrounds. While these initiatives signify positive efforts to combat antisemitism, ongoing incidents and tensions reveal that more work is needed to create a truly safe and inclusive learning environment for Jewish students and faculty on Canadian university campuses.

AGPI would assign a grade of **B+** to Carleton University for its proactive steps to address and counteract antisemitism following the Israel-Hamas war. The introduction of the course "Antisemitism, Then and Now," revival of the Beinner Family Speaker Series, and the organization of an online workshop by the Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies demonstrate a commitment to educating and engaging the university community in discussions on antisemitism. The university's official message expressing solidarity and condemning antisemitism, along with offering resources to support affected students, reflects an awareness of the need for proactive measures. However, the acknowledgment of ongoing incidents and tensions suggests that more work is needed to create a fully safe and inclusive learning environment for Jewish students and faculty.

#### Lakehead University

AGPI is happy to report that given extensive research and investigation, there were no significant reports of campus antisemitism this year.

Based on the fact that the university did not appear to have any significant reports of campus antisemitism, the overall grade for this aspect would be an **A**. This indicates a positive environment where antisemitic incidents are not prevalent, showcasing a commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. It's important to note that ongoing vigilance and proactive measures will be essential to maintaining this positive climate and preventing the occurrence of antisemitic incidents in the future.

#### Laurentian University

In a recent case at Laurentian University, an arbitrator addressed a professor's grievance against the University for its handling of an antisemitic incident. Dr. Roth, who had criticized the university's actions regarding a financial matter, received an anonymous antisemitic email. Despite forwarding it to the Dean, who then escalated it to the Equity, Diversity, and Human Rights Office (EDHRO), Dr. Roth found the EDHRO's response flippant and insufficient. The arbitrator applied the Marineland Test to assess the adequacy of the university's response, considering factors like providing a healthy work environment, communication, seriousness of the issue, promptness, awareness, and complaint mechanisms. While the EDHRO's language was criticized for being too mild, the arbitrator concluded that the university's overall response was sufficient. The Dean and IT department demonstrated swift and empathetic reactions, meeting the basic requirements of the Marineland test. The case highlights two key takeaways for employers. Firstly, it underscores the importance of cohesive systems within large organizations to address discriminatory behavior. While the EDHRO's response met minimum requirements, the Dean's sensitive reaction and the IT department's prompt action compensated for any shortcomings. Secondly, the case emphasizes that employers, in the digital age, cannot control what employees receive but can control their response. The Marineland test served as a baseline checklist for addressing discrimination, yet the human element, empathy, and sensitivity play crucial roles in shaping employers' responses. While employers may not be accountable for the words of anonymous strangers, they bear the responsibility of responding appropriately and sympathetically, fostering a safe working environment.

AGPI would assign Laurentian University an overall grade of **B** for its handling of the antisemitic incident involving Dr. Roth. The application of the Marineland Test by the arbitrator and the acknowledgment of the importance of cohesive systems within large organizations are positive aspects. The swift and empathetic reactions from the Dean and IT department are commendable and demonstrate a commitment to addressing discriminatory behavior promptly. While the response from the Equity, Diversity, and Human Rights Office (EDHRO) was criticized for being too mild, the arbitrator concluded that the overall university's response was sufficient. The case emphasizes the significance of the human element, empathy, and sensitivity in shaping employers' responses to discriminatory incidents. The university's ability to compensate for shortcomings and foster a safe working environment is crucial.

#### **McMaster University**

McMaster University offered its students various resources to support them during the Israel-Hamas war. On October 23, the university hosted a Zoom workshop called, "How to Think about Antisemitism: Anti-Jewish Racism" that focussed on contemporary antisemitism and how to tackle the Israel-Hamas war. On October 31, the university released a message from University President David H. Farrar about the Israel-Hamas war, stating that they stand in solidarity and are showing support to all affected. Though the university did provide students with resources during this challenging time, there were still incidents of antisemitism that happened on campus. On October 28, students at McMaster University and Western University were caught ripping down posters around campus of Israelis who were kidnapped by Hamas. The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs has since spoken up and condemned this incident. McMaster University also refuses to denounce faculty member Ghada Sasa who has been organizing rallies in Toronto targeting Jewish institutions. When asked why she was still allowed to speak at the university, they stated that they believed that everyone has the right to voice their opinions.

AGPI would assign McMaster University an overall grade of C+ for its efforts to offer resources and host a workshop addressing antisemitism during the Israel-Hamas war. The university's message expressing solidarity and support for all affected is a positive step. However, incidents of antisemitism on campus, such as the tearing down of posters and the refusal to denounce a faculty member organizing rallies targeting Jewish institutions, indicate challenges in fully addressing antisemitism. The refusal to denounce the faculty member may raise concerns about the university's commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive environment for all students. While the university provided resources and hosted educational workshops, the incidents of antisemitism on campus suggest that there is room for improvement in creating a truly safe and inclusive learning environment for Jewish students and addressing incidents of discrimination.

#### **Nipissing University**

AGPI is happy to report that given extensive research and investigation, there were no significant reports of campus antisemitism this year.

Based on the fact that the university did not appear to have any significant reports of campus antisemitism, the overall grade for this aspect would be an **A**. This indicates a positive environment where antisemitic incidents are not prevalent, showcasing a commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. It's important to note that ongoing vigilance and proactive measures will be essential to maintaining this positive climate and preventing the occurrence of antisemitic incidents in the future.

#### **OCAD University**

OCAD University released a statement on October 10 regarding the Israel-Hamas war, standing in solidarity with and offering support to the Israeli and Palestinian students affected by it. From October 22 to November 12, OCAD University in collaboration with United Jewish People Order hosted a Jewish Film Festival called "Split Screens: Israeli Filmmakers Confront Colonialism". Every Sunday, the university would show films that highlighted Jewish filmmakers. Sadly, however, as efforts are being made to create and foster a safe learning environment for students, antisemitic posters were placed on campus on November 17. AGPI was happy to learn that shortly after the poster was discovered, they were removed and reported to the police. OCAD University has since collaborated closely with the Toronto Police to find out who was behind it.

AGPI would assign OCAD an overall grade of **B+** for its efforts to stand in solidarity with and offer support to Israeli and Palestinian students affected by the Israel-Hamas war. The collaboration with the United Jewish People Order to host a Jewish Film Festival, showcasing films by Jewish filmmakers, is a positive initiative that promotes cultural understanding. However, the presence of antisemitic posters on campus on November 17 is a concerning incident. The university's prompt response in removing the posters, reporting them to the police, and collaborating closely with law enforcement to identify those responsible demonstrates a commitment to addressing incidents of antisemitism and fostering a safe learning environment. While the grade is generally positive, the incident of antisemitic posters suggests that continuous efforts are needed to create a fully safe and inclusive environment for all students.

#### **Queen's University**

Queen's University released an article on antisemitism in January of 2023. The presented their stance against antisemitism, its history in dealing with antisemitic incidents, and announced an event on January 27 for Holocaust Remembrance Day. However, once the Israel-Hamas war broke out, antisemitic incidents erupted on campus. On October 22, a Mezuzah was removed from the door of a Jewish student's dorm. The incident was reported to the Kingston police and an investigation has since been launched. During an off-campus party on October 27, Queen's University students arrived dressed in Hamas attire, one of whom was also carrying a weapon. The incident was reported to the university and the police. While no charges were made, the university did give the students involved a non-academic misconduct. Washroom stalls on campus were seen having had hate speech written on them on November 22. Words like "Satan + IDF" had been seen written in the creases of building cinderblocks. Jewish groups on campus called on the university the address the ongoing antisemitism not only at Queen's University but around Kingston as well. However, due to the ongoing antisemitism on campus, the university released a statement on October 26 calling out the antisemitism that was happening on campus due to the ongoing war. A follow-up statement was released on October 31 emphasizing the importance of safety on campus and expressing zero tolerance for hate. On November 2, Queen's University was issued a lawsuit alongside four other universities in the country of \$15 million through Diamond and Diamond stating that they were unable to provide a safe space for its students due to antisemitism as far back as 1998.

AGPI would assign Queen's University an overall grade of **D**-. While the university released an article addressing antisemitism, announced an event for Holocaust Remembrance Day, and responded to specific incidents, the ongoing occurrences, including the removal of a Mezuzah, students arriving dressed in Hamas attire, and hate speech in washroom stalls, indicate challenges in creating a safe and inclusive environment. The issuance of a lawsuit against Queen's University and four other universities, claiming an inability to provide a safe space for students due to antisemitism dating back to 1998, further emphasizes the severity of the situation. The university's statements addressing antisemitism and emphasizing safety are positive steps, but the ongoing incidents and legal action suggest a need for more comprehensive measures to address and prevent antisemitism on campus.

#### Ryerson University (Toronto Metropolitan University [TMU])

On October 20, a number of Lincoln Alexander Law School at Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly known as Ryerson University), students signed an open letter sent to the administration which condoned the Hamas attack on Israel. Three days later, on October 23, the law school administration released a statement openly condemning the antisemitic letter written by the 74 students. Aside from the antisemitic letter by law students, other antisemitic incidents unfortunately also took place on campus. On November 7, a student told a Jewish student "Too bad Hitler didn't finish the job" during a campus protest against the war in front of the university. A swastika sticker was shown during a protest on Gould St on November 29. TMU has condemned the hate crime and has provided students with resources if they are affected by antisemitism on campus. They have also worked with the Toronto Police to investigate this matter. On November

2, TMU joined four other Canadian universities with a lawsuit of \$15 million by alumni through Diamond and Diamond stating that they were unable to provide a safe space for its Jewish students as far back as 1998. AGPI was happy to not that from November 6-9, the university hosted a Holocaust Education Week on campus educating students on antisemitism and what happened during the Holocaust. There were various events students could attend.

AGPI would assign an overall grade of **D**- to Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU) for its handling of the student letter from Lincoln Alexander Law School. While the university condemned the antisemitic letter by law students, responded to antisemitic incidents on campus, and worked with the Toronto Police to investigate such matters, it still failed to come out in front of incidents which in turn emboldened further campus wide incidents. The hosting of Holocaust Education Week is a positive initiative that contributes to awareness and education about antisemitism and the Holocaust. However, the occurrence of antisemitic incidents on campus, including offensive remarks and the display of a swastika sticker, indicates challenges in fully addressing and preventing antisemitism. The university's involvement in a \$15 million lawsuit filed by alumni further emphasizes concerns about the perceived inability to provide a safe space for Jewish students. While efforts have been made to condemn hate crimes, provide resources, and educate students on antisemitism, ongoing incidents suggest a need for continued vigilance and comprehensive measures to create a safe and inclusive environment for all students.

#### **Trent University**

In October, The Trent University Faculty Association (TUFA) issued a statement, responding to the Israel-Hamas war, upholds academic freedom but criticizes the Minister of Colleges and Universities for actions that could impede such freedom on Ontario campuses. While TUFA commits to anti-racist initiatives and opposes discrimination, including antisemitism, the statement lacks explicit acknowledgment of potential risks for Jewish students amid the conflict. The call to protect members from targeted attacks is somewhat broad, with limited focus on safeguarding the specific learning environment. This could contribute to an atmosphere that Jewish students may perceive as potentially dangerous, as the statement falls short in addressing the unique challenges they might face during times of heightened political tensions and conflicts involving their heritage.

AGPI would assign Trent University an overall grade of **C**- for its responds to the TUFA statement on the Israel-Hamas war. While the statement upholds academic freedom and commits to antiracist initiatives, it lacks explicit acknowledgment of potential risks for Jewish students amid the conflict. The call to protect members from targeted attacks is somewhat broad, with limited focus on safeguarding the specific learning environment, which may not adequately address the unique challenges faced by Jewish students during times of heightened political tensions. The statement could benefit from a more targeted approach to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students, including those of Jewish heritage.

#### **University of Guelph**

The University of Guelph Central Students Association (CSA) faced backlash for an Instagram post condemning Hamas's actions in Israel. The statement has prompted an online petition urging the CSA to reconsider its stance in support of Israel. The CSA's condemnation of antisemitism and commitment to zero tolerance for hate and violence is challenged by those pressing the university to Boycott, Divest, and Sanction Israel.

AGPI would assign the University of Guelph an overall grade of **B+**. While the University of Guelph Central Students Association (CSA) is facing criticism for condemning antisemitism and expressing a commitment to zero tolerance for hate and violence, it might be seen as a positive stance against discrimination. In such a case, a grade of B+ could be considered, indicating a generally commendable effort in promoting an inclusive and respectful environment.

#### University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT)

AGPI is happy to report that given extensive research and investigation, there were no significant reports of campus antisemitism this year.

Based on the fact that the university did not appear to have any significant reports of campus antisemitism, the overall grade for this aspect would be an **A**. This indicates a positive environment where antisemitic incidents are not prevalent, showcasing a commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. It's important to note that ongoing vigilance and proactive measures will be essential to maintaining this positive climate and preventing the occurrence of antisemitic incidents in the future.

#### University of Ottawa (Université d'Ottawa)

AGPI has expressed concern in October with the University of Ottawa following an event, featuring members of the UN commission blaming Israel for Middle East issues, for fostering anti-Israel sentiments and downplaying Israel's security concerns. The event and panel failed to address Hamas' refusal to acknowledge Israel's right to exist and its attempts to harm Jewish Israelis. Moreover, the event contributed to an unsafe environment for Jewish students by perpetuating biased narratives, ignoring contrary views, and exhibiting a form of "polite" antisemitism where crucial perspectives are disregarded. In additional to creating a space to host anti-Israel activists, the University of Ottawa made headlines following the suspension of Dr Yipeng Ge, a University of Ottawa medical resident, who claims he was suspended for posting pro-Palestinian messages critical of Israel on social media. Dr. Ge's posts, expressing support for the Palestinian cause, were brought to attention by an associate professor at the university, who labeled them as "antisemitism." Screenshots of Ge's posts, including references to Gaza and the statement "from the rivers to the sea, Palestine will be free," were shared online. The university, citing complaints about a breach of professional standards, has imposed interim measures pending an investigation. Sadly, an online petition, with over 65,000 signatures, calls for Ge's reinstatement, an apology, and a thorough investigation.

AGPI would assign the University of Ottawa with an overall grade of **C**. While the University has faced concerns related to fostering anti-Israel sentiments and issues surrounding the suspension of Dr. Yipeng Ge, the university's handling of events and the suspension has been seen as a positive move in protecting marginalized students from antisemitism. Considering these aspects, a grade of C could be considered, indicating room for improvement in fostering an environment that supports open dialogue and considers different viewpoints while upholding professional standards.

#### **University of Toronto**

This has been an extremely trying time at the University of Toronto with a number of key events overshadowing the academics. In December 2022, Professor Ayelet Kuper published a personal reflection on her experiences of antisemitism at Temerty Faculty of Medicine in the Canadian Medical Education Journal. In her scathing reflection, Kuper described antisemitic statements and viewpoints she had personally experienced and wrote that families often needed to conceal their Jewish heritage when not in Jewish settings. To begin 2023, Kuper's article forced the institution to condemn the use of demeaning language, expressing solidarity with Jewish colleagues and learners, however, as witnessed throughput 2023, there remained a rise in intolerance on campus, leading to a stronger need to stand together, educate, and challenge dehumanizing words. The Faculty declared a commitment to combating ancient tropes and hatred, pledging to evolve programs for inclusivity and while addressing historic quotas limiting access to Jewish medical students, the recognizes the persistence of harmful attitudes. While the institution vowed to listen, validate, and actively enhance programs, striving to create a safer, more welcoming environment, little has authentically been done to foster a safe and caring learning and working environment for faculty and students. That said, more than 550 Jewish physicians affiliated with the University of Toronto's Temerty Faculty of Medicine (TFOM) expressed distress over selective criticism of Israel, double standards, and silence regarding the recent massacre of Jews on October 7. They highlight the core issue of targeting Israel solely for being a Jewish state, impacting the Jewish physician community. Some colleagues faced accusations of perpetuating antisemitic tropes, aligning with historical patterns. The physicians asserted their right to openly identify as Zionists without censure, defining antisemitism on their terms and resisting attempts by anti-Zionists to dictate this definition. They firmly oppose colleagues promoting anti-Zionism and other forms of antisemitism, emphasizing their commitment to supporting Jewish faculty and learners. The group calls for equal consideration and protection, expecting the TFOM to extend the same rights and safeguards provided to other minority groups. Sadly, following the October 7 attack on Israel, the University's President, Meric Gertler, provided a statement after considerable public pressure, acknowledging the atrocities committed by Hamas against Israeli civilians. However, the University of Toronto Faculty Association (UTFA) failed to issue a clear statement condemning the violence perpetrated by Hamas.

AGPI would assign the University of Toronto, an overall grade of **F** for its response to antisemitism, as reflected in Professor Ayelet Kuper's experiences and the concerns raised by Jewish physicians. The University of Toronto falls short in demonstrating a robust commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive environment. While there are declarations and pledges, the

gap between these statements and tangible actions raises questions about the university's effectiveness in addressing antisemitic incidents. The delayed response to the October 7 attack on Israel, coupled with the University of Toronto Faculty Association's failure to issue a clear condemnation of violence by Hamas, reveals a lack of consistent and proactive measures to combat antisemitism on campus. The university needs to prioritize concrete actions to ensure the well-being of its Jewish faculty and learners.

#### **University of Waterloo**

The Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association (WUSA) released a statement on October 10 that condemned all Islamophobia and antisemitism happening in light of the Israel-Hamas war. They mentioned that they stand in solidarity with all those affected and provided resources for them. Due to the war, Hillel Waterloo, a Jewish group on campus started working with the Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association and Waterloo Regional Police Service in October to ensure the safety of all the Muslim and Jewish students on campus. President Goel revealed that he sat down with Jewish and Muslim students on campus during the week of November 20 to hear how they have been affected by the war. He then released a statement on November 29 standing in solidarity with those students and offering support to all who are affected.

AGPI would assign the University of Waterloo, an overall grade of A- for showing a commendable efforts in addressing Islamophobia and antisemitism during the Israel-Hamas war. The release of statements condemning discrimination, solidarity with affected communities, and collaboration with groups like Hillel Waterloo and the Waterloo Regional Police Service demonstrate proactive steps towards creating a safe and supportive campus environment. President Goel's engagement with Jewish and Muslim students to understand their experiences and subsequent statements further highlight a commitment to inclusivity and support. However, continuous monitoring and sustained efforts will be crucial to maintaining a positive and inclusive atmosphere on campus.

#### **University of Windsor**

Following the October 7 Hamas attacks, the University of Windsor's Student Association issued a statement, expressing unequivocal solidarity with Palestine, which has raised concerns about its potential contribution to a rise in campus antisemitism and the safety of Jewish students. While emphasizing human rights and justice, the statement condemns the Israeli government's actions, framing them as severe violations of international humanitarian laws. The unequivocal denouncement of oppression is coupled with a rejection of antisemitism, yet the association of these sentiments in the context of the Israeli-Hamas war may create an atmosphere where criticisms of Israel could be misconstrued as antisemitic. The commitment to the safety and rights of Jewish students is stated, but the strong stance against Israel's policies might inadvertently contribute to an environment where anti-Israel sentiments could escalate into antisemitic incidents, potentially endangering Jewish students on campus.

AGPI would assign the University of Windsor an overall grade of C+ for how it managed the Student Association's statement expresses solidarity with Palestine, emphasizing human rights and justice while condemning the Israeli government's actions. While the statement and the University reject antisemitism and commit to the safety and rights of Jewish students, the strong stance against Israel's policies in the context of the Israeli-Hamas war may raise concerns about potential contributions to a rise in campus antisemitism. The association of these sentiments may create an atmosphere where criticisms of Israel could be misconstrued as antisemitic, potentially endangering Jewish students on campus. There's room for improvement in balancing support for human rights with clarity to prevent unintended consequences.

#### Western University (University of Western Ontario)

On October 27, an incident at Western University was reported when posters depicting Israelis being held hostage by Hamas were forcibly removed by unidentified individuals. Jewish students expressed concern about the incident, which they reported to the university's Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. The situation arose from tensions related to the Israel-Hamas war. The university acknowledged the challenging atmosphere on campuses due to the conflict and emphasized its commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment. The incident raises concerns about the suppression of speech and expression on campus, contributing to a climate where Jewish students feel targeted and unsafe. The university is working to address these issues and ensure peaceful expression of diverse views amid the ongoing conflict.

AGPI would assign Western University an overall grade of **B**. The university's acknowledgment of the challenging atmosphere and commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment is commendable. However, there is room for improvement in addressing the reported concerns of Jewish students to ensure a climate where diverse views can be peacefully expressed without making any group feel targeted or unsafe.

#### Wilfrid Laurier University

After the Israel-Hamas war broke out, Wilfred Laurier University released a statement on October 9 condemning the attack on Israel and spoke out against Islamophobia and antisemitism. A followup statement was released on October 14, offering support and resources to students affected by the war. Another statement was released the following day (October 15) condemning the war and showing support for the students affected. On November 16, an additional statement was sent out sending their condolences to those affected by the war. The statement also talked about how the university has no place for hate of any kind and that there will be consequences if caught doing so.

AGPI would assign Wilfrid Laurier University an overall grade of **A** as they demonstrated proactive communication by releasing multiple statements condemning the war, offering support and resources to affected students, and emphasizing a zero-tolerance policy for hate.

The consistent messaging and commitment to creating a safe environment contribute positively to addressing the challenges arising from the Israel-Hamas conflict.

#### **York University**

York Federation of Students, York University Graduate Students Association and Glendon College Student Union issued statements on October 12 applauding the Hamas genocide and called it a "strong act of resistance". York University released a statement the following day (October 13), condemning the antisemitic statement shared by the three student unions and stating they stand with the Jewish community. On October 18, the university reached out to the student union to reaffirm their commitment to non-violence and anti-discrimination and to withdraw their statements. They had to respond by October 19. Statements were withdrawn the following day, and all three student unions made a public stance against violence and antisemitism, the university mentioned more steps were being taken to ensure that the student unions don't breach any policies. York University announced enhanced safety measures on October 13. Enhanced safety measurements included increased campus safety patrols and additional security for events. Osgoode Law Hall released a statement on October 18 condemning the violence caused by the war, standing in solidarity with those affected and offering a list of resources to help. On November 2, York University was issued a lawsuit of \$15 million by alumni through Diamond and Diamond stating that they were unable to provide a safe space for its Jewish students as far back as 1998. An article was released on November 1, mentioning that there has been an increase of antisemitism on campus making, many Jewish students feel unsafe.

AGPI would assign York University, an overall grade of F. The initial statements by the York Federation of Students, York University Graduate Students Association, and Glendon College Student Union, applauding the Hamas genocide as a "strong act of resistance," are abhorrent and raise questions about the values and perspectives within these student unions. While the university's subsequent condemnation of the antisemitic statement and the withdrawal of the statements by the student unions are steps in the right direction, they do not fully address the gravity of the initial expressions of support for violence. The fact that such statements were made in the first place is indicative of a serious problem within the student body. The enhanced safety measures, including increased campus safety patrols and additional security for events, suggest acknowledgment of potential safety concerns. However, these measures may be reactive rather than addressing the underlying issues that lead to the propagation of antisemitic sentiments. The lawsuit filed against the university, citing an inability to provide a safe space for Jewish students since 1998, adds another layer to the complexity of the situation. The legal action signals a lack of confidence in the university's historical commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of its Jewish student population. The reported increase in antisemitism on campus and the feelings of insecurity among Jewish students are alarming and indicate a failure in fostering an inclusive and tolerant environment. The university must take substantial and sustained actions to address the root causes of antisemitism and create a campus culture that truly values diversity, tolerance, and safety for all.

## Quebec

#### **Concordia University**

Shockingly, a Concordia University professor, a humanities professor, specialized in dominance and resistance in the Arab world was heard publically chanting "go back to Poland, sharmouta (wh\*re)" to a Jewish student in Concordia. This shocking hate speech is sadly not as surprising to Jewish students as it once was, however, when university professors perpetrate it, it is clear that Jewish students are no longer safe on university campuses or in classes anymore if those in power recite such abhorrent antisemitism -- something many of us never thought we would have to say again since Nazi Germany. Though this professor's staff page has been removed from the university's website and has been suspended with pay pending the investigation, AGPI can't help but wonder where are the hate-speech charges, what actions the university is taking to condemn this disgraceful attack and, what precedent is it setting for the Concordia community? The concern for Jewish students and faculty is growing rapidly, so much so, that a \$15 million proposed class-action lawsuit accuses Concordia University in Montreal and its student union of creating a safe space for antisemitism on campus over decades, leaving students and faculty psychologically scarred. Unfortunately, the university has become a part of many students and staff's post-traumatic stress, in addition to falling short of a duty to investigate antisemitic incidents and penalize perpetrators, the law suit application accuses Concordia of neglecting to offer support to Jewish students targeted by those hateful acts and of failing to educate students on the issue of antisemitism. Moreover, by failing to properly discipline students and/or student organizations for antisemitic behaviours ... the defendants (the student union) have effectively created and fostered a safe space for anti-Jewish hate.

AGPI would assign Concordia University, an overall grade of F. Events at Concordia were deeply troubling and reflects a severe failure in maintaining a safe and inclusive environment for Jewish students. The incident involving a humanities professor publicly chanting offensive and antisemitic remarks towards a Jewish student is not only shocking but raises serious concerns about the university's commitment to combating discrimination and fostering a supportive community. The immediate suspension of the professor with pay and the removal of their staff page indicate a recognition of the severity of the incident. However, the absence of reported hate-speech charges and a clear condemnation from the university leaves a critical gap in addressing the harm caused by such abhorrent antisemitism. The proposed class-action lawsuit, seeking \$15 million, highlights the gravity of the situation and suggests that the university has failed over decades to create an environment free from antisemitic sentiments. The accusations of neglecting to investigate incidents, penalize perpetrators, offer support to affected Jewish students, and educate the broader student body on antisemitism point to systemic issues that must be urgently addressed. The assertion that the university has effectively created and fostered a safe space for anti-Jewish hate is particularly damning. This not only reflects a failure in enforcing consequences for antisemitic behaviors but also raises questions about the institution's commitment to combating discrimination across campus. Given the severity of the allegations and the potential long-standing impact on the psychological well-being of Jewish students and faculty, Concordia University must take swift and comprehensive action to address the root causes of antisemitism, foster an inclusive environment, and ensure the safety and well-being of its entire academic community.

#### École de technologie supérieure

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported

Based on the fact that the university did not appear to have any significant reports of campus antisemitism, the overall grade for this aspect would be an **A**. This indicates a positive environment where antisemitic incidents are not prevalent, showcasing a commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. It's important to note that ongoing vigilance and proactive measures will be essential to maintaining this positive climate and preventing the occurrence of antisemitic incidents in the future.

#### **HEC Montréal**

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Based on the fact that the university did not appear to have any significant reports of campus antisemitism, the overall grade for this aspect would be an **A**. This indicates a positive environment where antisemitic incidents are not prevalent, showcasing a commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. It's important to note that ongoing vigilance and proactive measures will be essential to maintaining this positive climate and preventing the occurrence of antisemitic incidents in the future.

#### Laval University (Université Laval)

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Based on the fact that the university did not appear to have any significant reports of campus antisemitism, the overall grade for this aspect would be an **A**. This indicates a positive environment where antisemitic incidents are not prevalent, showcasing a commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. It's important to note that ongoing vigilance and proactive measures will be essential to maintaining this positive climate and preventing the occurrence of antisemitic incidents in the future.

#### **McGill University**

As with much of our society, the Israel-Hamas war has caused rising tides of extreme tension, aggression and blatant antisemitism to the world's Jewish population, including Canadian Jews. University campuses have become pervasive breeding grounds for outright antisemitism causing many Jewish faculty and students to not only fear for their safety and security on university grounds but actively hide and shield their identity -- harrowingly reminiscent of Nazi Germany.

While McGill University is known as one of Canada's best-known institutions of higher learning and one of the leading universities in the world, AGPI is concerned that given recent events, it has failed to enforce safeguards already in place for its Jewish students and staff who face pervasive antisemitism. A statement was put out by the university president and vice-chancellor, condemning the circulation of posters and images that called upon McGill students to participate in a "National Day of Shutdown, in support of a "rally for Gaza." The poster features an image of a group of individuals kicking and breaking glass windows" to which President Saini expressed "Publicizing an event through allusions to destruction of property is troubling. Far worse is using an image of people breaking glass to encourage participation in an event planned for November 9th, the 85th anniversary of Kristallnacht, and a series of violent attacks in Nazi Germany that saw mobs smash the windows of synagogues and Jewish-owned businesses. Considering all facts and relevant contexts, I can only conclude that these posters are antisemitic". Though AGPI is relieved to hear this condemnation, Jewish students and faculty still fear for their safety, especially due to the increase in antisemitic and hate-derived attacks on Quebec's Jewish population "according to the Montréal Police, between 7 October (the day Hamas attacked Israel) and 7 November, the city recorded 73 hate crimes against Jews." This statistic is horrifying, and AGPI has asked McGill's leadership -- what safeguards are now being put into place for Jewish students and staff? As Dr. Lisa Salamon, a practising physician, a lecturer at the TFOM and one of the three members of the Toronto-based Doctors Against Racism and Antisemitism (DARA) stated "the entire DEI structure is not designed to protect Jewish learners. "We are the only minority group that is not allowed to define what is racist toward us."

AGPI would assign McGill University, an overall grade of **C**. This grade reflects a concerning rise in antisemitic incidents and a failure to ensure the safety and well-being of Jewish students and faculty on campus. The university's condemnation of antisemitic posters referencing Kristallnacht is a positive step, acknowledging the severity of the issue. However, the continued fear for safety among Jewish students and faculty, especially in the context of increased hate crimes against Quebec's Jewish population, raises questions about the effectiveness of existing safeguards. McGill's leadership needs to address these concerns more comprehensively, outlining specific actions and safeguards being implemented to protect Jewish students and staff. The statement from Dr. Lisa Salamon highlights a potential gap in the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) structure, emphasizing the need for inclusivity and protection for all minority groups, including Jewish learners. The university must not only condemn antisemitic acts but also actively work to create an environment where all students and faculty, regardless of their background, feel safe, respected, and protected against discrimination.

#### Polytechnique Montréal

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Based on the fact that the university did not appear to have any significant reports of campus antisemitism, the overall grade for this aspect would be an **A**. This indicates a positive environment where antisemitic incidents are not prevalent, showcasing a commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. It's important to note that

ongoing vigilance and proactive measures will be essential to maintaining this positive climate and preventing the occurrence of antisemitic incidents in the future.

#### **University Laval (Université Laval)**

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Based on the fact that the university did not appear to have any significant reports of campus antisemitism, the overall grade for this aspect would be an **A**. This indicates a positive environment where antisemitic incidents are not prevalent, showcasing a commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. It's important to note that ongoing vigilance and proactive measures will be essential to maintaining this positive climate and preventing the occurrence of antisemitic incidents in the future.

#### University of Montreal (Université de Montréal)

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Based on the fact that the university did not appear to have any significant reports of campus antisemitism, the overall grade for this aspect would be an **A**. This indicates a positive environment where antisemitic incidents are not prevalent, showcasing a commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. It's important to note that ongoing vigilance and proactive measures will be essential to maintaining this positive climate and preventing the occurrence of antisemitic incidents in the future.

#### University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM - Université du Québec à Montréal)

Five federal politicians, including three from Montreal, have sent a letter to the presidents of every major Canadian university asking them to better protect Jewish students against harassment amid protests and demonstrations related to the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza. The Université du Québec à Montréal was among the universities the politicians included in their powerful letter demanding answers on the safeguards the university has put in place for its Jewish students. This letter comes after not only the horrific October 7th Hamas terrorist attack, but also the despicable Congress hearing where three presidents from the esteemed Harvard, MIT, and the University of Pennsylvania were not able to call out the rampant antisemitism on their campus explicitly. Although there are currently no significant or documented reports of antisemitic attacks or incidents that have come out of this university recently, AGPI eagerly awaits for their reply to this letter and to learn about what safeguards they have put in place for their Jewish population on campus.

Based on the fact that the university did not appear to have any significant reports of campus antisemitism, the overall grade for this aspect would be an **A**. This indicates a positive environment where antisemitic incidents are not prevalent, showcasing a commitment to

fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. It's important to note that ongoing vigilance and proactive measures will be essential to maintaining this positive climate and preventing the occurrence of antisemitic incidents in the future.

#### **University of Sherbrooke**

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Based on the fact that the university did not appear to have any significant reports of campus antisemitism, the overall grade for this aspect would be an **A**. This indicates a positive environment where antisemitic incidents are not prevalent, showcasing a commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. It's important to note that ongoing vigilance and proactive measures will be essential to maintaining this positive climate and preventing the occurrence of antisemitic incidents in the future.

## **Atlantic Canada**

## Acadia University

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Based on the fact that the university did not appear to have any significant reports of campus antisemitism, the overall grade for this aspect would be an **A**. This indicates a positive environment where antisemitic incidents are not prevalent, showcasing a commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. It's important to note that ongoing vigilance and proactive measures will be essential to maintaining this positive climate and preventing the occurrence of antisemitic incidents in the future.

## **Cape Breton University**

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Based on the fact that the university did not appear to have any significant reports of campus antisemitism, the overall grade for this aspect would be an **A**. This indicates a positive environment where antisemitic incidents are not prevalent, showcasing a commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. It's important to note that ongoing vigilance and proactive measures will be essential to maintaining this positive climate and preventing the occurrence of antisemitic incidents in the future.

#### **Dalhousie University**

Among many other universities worldwide, Dalhousie University, at the time of this report, had not released any form of communication to its student body to condemn any violence against Jewish students and staff, and on a student forum, one student wrote "We call upon the administration of Dalhousie University—who has ignored all of our pleading emails—to release a public condemnation of this violence against Jews. We also urge them to take immediate steps towards ensuring the safety and well-being of their Jewish students by implementing strict antihate policies on campus". As AGPI has seen with other universities, Dalhousie's failure to condemn this violence and terrorism makes the campus a dangerous place for Jewish students to be right now and they need to make an acknowledgement. In a global climate, where social justice and anti-racism pedagogy is at the core of many higher-level institutions, AGPI can't help but wonder, why is social justice applied to many marginalized and traditionally silenced groups, but rarely given to the Jewish population on university campuses. It seems as though even a condemnation of the antisemitic attacks on Jews is far too much to ask for.

AGPI would assign Dalhousie University an overall grade of **C**. The university's failure to release any form of communication condemning violence against Jewish students and staff is a notable concern, as it may contribute to an unsafe environment for Jewish individuals on campus. While the student forum's call for the administration to condemn the violence and implement strict anti-hate policies is valid, the university's lack of response or acknowledgment diminishes its commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive campus for all students, including Jewish individuals. The absence of proactive measures to address the concerns raised reflects a need for improvement in addressing antisemitism on campus.

## **Memorial University of Newfoundland**

During Jewish Heritage Month at Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland, a memorial service organized by Professor Steven Wolinetz paid tribute to the victims of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and the Holocaust. Holocaust survivor Pinchas Gutter shared his harrowing experiences during the Nazi reign, emphasizing the atrocities faced in concentration camps. Wolinetz stressed the importance of recounting such stories to prevent history from repeating and counteract signs of intolerance. The memorial service underscores the university's commitment to commemorating historical events and promoting lessons of tolerance. Wolinetz's efforts reflect the dedication of academic institutions to create awareness and foster a harmonious environment. Gutter's testimony serves as a poignant reminder of the Holocaust's horrors, resonating even thousands of kilometers away from its epicenter. Additionally, Memorial University hosted the Honorable Gerry Byrne, Minister of Immigration, Population Growth, and Skills, on May 7, commemorating the Holocaust and addressing rising antisemitism on Canadian university campuses. The Holocaust Memorial Service, organized by Beth El Synagogue and the Jewish Community Havura, aimed to honor Holocaust victims, highlighting the persistence of antisemitic sentiments. Again, here, Holocaust survivor Pinchas Gutter's participation via Zoom underscored the historical context of discrimination against Jewish communities. The subsequent event, "Where Courage Lives," organized by the Chabad of Newfoundland and featuring Holocaust survivor Muguette Myers, stressed the importance of acknowledging and learning from past atrocities.

AGPI would assign Memorial University, an overall grade of **A**. Memorial University's commemoration of Jewish Heritage Month and the Holocaust, including the memorial service organized by Professor Steven Wolinetz, demonstrates a strong commitment to historical awareness, education, and tolerance. The involvement of Holocaust survivor Pinchas Gutter adds a powerful and personal dimension to the events, emphasizing the importance of remembering and learning from the past to prevent the recurrence of such atrocities. Additionally, the university's collaboration with various organizations and the presence of government officials like the Honorable Gerry Byrne reflect a collective effort to address rising antisemitism on Canadian university campuses. The events organized by Beth El Synagogue, the Jewish Community Havura, and the Chabad of Newfoundland further highlight the dedication to Holocaust remembrance and combating antisemitic sentiments. Overall, the university's proactive approach and collaboration with the community contribute to creating a respectful and inclusive environment.

## Mount Saint Vincent University

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Based on the fact that the university did not appear to have any significant reports of campus antisemitism, the overall grade for this aspect would be an **A**. This indicates a positive environment where antisemitic incidents are not prevalent, showcasing a commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. It's important to note that ongoing vigilance and proactive measures will be essential to maintaining this positive climate and preventing the occurrence of antisemitic incidents in the future.

## Saint Mary's University

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Based on the fact that the university did not appear to have any significant reports of campus antisemitism, the overall grade for this aspect would be an **A**. This indicates a positive environment where antisemitic incidents are not prevalent, showcasing a commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. It's important to note that ongoing vigilance and proactive measures will be essential to maintaining this positive climate and preventing the occurrence of antisemitic incidents in the future.

## University of King's College

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Based on the fact that the university did not appear to have any significant reports of campus antisemitism, the overall grade for this aspect would be an **A**. This indicates a positive environment where antisemitic incidents are not prevalent, showcasing a commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. It's important to note that ongoing vigilance and proactive measures will be essential to maintaining this positive climate and preventing the occurrence of antisemitic incidents in the future.

## **University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI)**

AGPI expressed concern in December over a letter allegedly written by a consortium of concerned UPEI community members. The letter pleads for acknowledgment and support following tragic events in Gaza and the West Bank, emphasizing the absence of visible support from the UPEI, "for those affected by reported ethnic cleansing and bombardment by the Israeli government." This lack of recognition contributes to an unequal addressing of the impact of such crises, raising concerns about fairness, sensitivity, and the university's commitment to inclusivity, particularly when compared to responses during other conflicts like the Ukraine-Russia conflict. The letter underscores the personal toll of the situation on the Jewish community, but seemingly emphasizes loss for one alleged author who lost over 20 family members. There is no doubt that war has tragic outcomes but the need to trumpet one over the other is concerning and fails to

acknowledge the emotional and psychological impact on Jewish community members as well. The call for mental health resources, counseling, and a meeting with the university president highlights the urgency of addressing the unique challenges faced by those directly affected by the Hamas terrorist attack on Israel.

AGPI would assign the University of Prince Edward Island, an overall grade of **B**. The university's response is critiqued for perceived lack of visible support and unequal addressing of the impact of the reported events. The concern about fairness, sensitivity, and the university's commitment to inclusivity is expressed. However, the letter acknowledges the need for mental health resources, showing an understanding of the emotional and psychological impact on the community. The grade reflects the expressed concerns and the acknowledgment of certain aspects of the situation.

# **Overall University Grades**

- A Acadia University
- A Algoma University
- A Brock University
- A Cape Breton University
- A École de technologie supérieure
- A HEC Montréal
- A Lakehead University
- A Laval University (Université Laval)
- A Memorial University of Newfoundland
- A Mount Saint Vincent University
- A Nipissing University
- A Polytechnique Montréal
- A Saint Mary's University
- A Thompson Rivers University
- A University of King's College
- A University Laval (Université Laval)
- A University of Montreal (Université de Montréal)
- A University of Northern British Columbia
- A University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT)
- A University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM Université du Québec à Montréal)
- A University of Saskatchewan
- A University of Sherbrooke
- A Wilfrid Laurier University
- A- University of Waterloo
- B+ Carleton University
- B+ OCAD University
- B+ Royal Roads University
- B+ University of Calgary
- B+ University of Guelph
- B+ University of Manitoba
- B Laurentian University
- B University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI)
- B Western University (University of Western Ontario)
- B- University of Regina
- C+ McMaster University
- C+ University of Alberta

- C+ University of Windsor
- C Dalhousie University
- C McGill University
- C Simon Fraser University
- C University of Ottawa (Université d'Ottawa)
- C University of Winnipeg
- C- Mount Royal University
- C- Trent University
- D University of British Columbia
- D University of Lethbridge
- D- Queen's University
- D- Ryerson University (Toronto Metropolitan University [TMU])
- D- University of Victoria
- F Concordia University
- F University of Toronto
- F York University

## Conclusion

As the Director of Education for the Abraham Global Peace Initiative, my deep concern regarding the escalating issue of antisemitism on Canadian university campuses arises not only from a commitment to academic principles but also from our organization's core mission of fostering understanding, tolerance, and cooperation among diverse communities. The troubling surge in antisemitic incidents poses a significant challenge to the inclusive and harmonious environments that universities should ideally represent.

Universities are meant to be crucibles of intellectual growth, cultural exchange, and mutual respect. However, reports of antisemitic incidents, ranging from verbal harassment to discriminatory practices, compromise these ideals. Such acts not only infringe upon the principles of academic freedom but also erode the foundation of a pluralistic society that cherishes diversity.

In addressing this issue, universities must take proactive measures to confront and eradicate antisemitism. Implementing robust educational programs is crucial, programs that not only inform students about the historical roots and contemporary manifestations of antisemitism but also foster intercultural understanding. By creating platforms for open dialogue and collaboration between different communities, we can begin to dismantle the stereotypes and prejudices that fuel antisemitic attitudes.

Moreover, universities should engage in partnerships with community organizations, religious leaders, and advocacy groups to develop comprehensive strategies for combating antisemitism. These partnerships can serve as conduits for shared knowledge, experiences, and resources, creating a united front against discrimination. Through collaborative efforts, we can establish an environment where students from all backgrounds feel safe, valued, and empowered to contribute to the rich tapestry of university life.

It is essential for university administrators to demonstrate strong leadership in promoting inclusivity and addressing incidents of antisemitism promptly and decisively. This may involve revising campus policies, strengthening disciplinary measures for offenders, and ensuring that educational initiatives promoting tolerance and diversity are woven into the fabric of university life.

In conclusion, the Abraham Global Peace Initiative urges Canadian universities to prioritize the eradication of antisemitism on their campuses. By fostering an atmosphere of respect, empathy, and open dialogue, we can collectively work towards creating educational environments that not only reflect but actively embody the principles of diversity, tolerance, and global harmony that are fundamental to our organization's mission and to the pursuit of peace.

Dr Neil Orlowsky, PhD

# AGPI's Path to Discourse through Education

AGPI works hard to provide information, resources and reporting to ensure Canada's voice is amplified in the fight for human rights. Through education and discourse, we can build a better tomorrow by protecting our past and defending our future. In a letter to the Toronto District School Board, AGPI's Director of Education and Global Chair of Education Dr Neil Orlowsky outlined an 8 point reflective model for educators - or anyone taking part in a discussion on the conflicts in the Middle East. This model of thinking provides a set of tools to create safe spaces and open dialogue for discussions of this caliber.

- 1. Have I strongly and critically articulated the case for the duality of narratives, examined the interconnectivity of histories, and situated diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts as essential to the mission of this activity and to achieve excellence for all students, from all pathways?
- 2. Have I established or designated an administrator tasked with overseeing, critiquing, and/or leading class or institution-wide efforts to introduce and/or strategically advance DEI and anti-racist organizational change within my class, my department, or our school?
- 3. Have I engaged with colleagues, school and system leadership, the community, and other organizations to implement inclusive materials that appropriately highlight all parties equally?
- 4. Have I delegated central and decentralized accountabilities for advancing DEI and antiracism to key roles across the class, department, or school teams to act as champions and to foster accountability?
- 5. Have I established a model of coordinated decentralization whereby central (board) and local (school) DEI champions communicate and collaborate to approve anti-racism and DEI efforts I am engaging in?
- 6. Have I adhered to board policies, procedures, and implementation tools that integrate DEI, anti-racism, and inclusive excellence principles and practices into my class and our activities?
- 7. Have I engaged in regular climate reviews to assess the perception and experiences of diverse community members with the ability to disaggregate responses from racialized members? If so, have I considered its findings and appropriately implemented them in my practice?
- 8. Have I incorporated mechanisms for regular consultation with, and engaged with communities most affected by the systemic inequalities including racialized community members I am focusing on?

# References

- A message of support and belonging for our entire community. (2023, October 31). https://dailynews.mcmaster.ca/articles/a-message-of-support-and-belonging-for-ourentire-community/
- A message of support to the Laurier community | Wilfrid Laurier University. (2023, November 16). www.wlu.ca. https://www.wlu.ca/about/governance/seniorleadership/president/news/2023/fall/a-message-of-support-to-the-lauriercommunity.html
- Antisemitism Max and Tessie Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies. (n.d.). Carleton.ca. https://carleton.ca/jewishstudies/antisemitism/
- Antisemitism and Islamophobia on Campus | Office of the Principal and Vice-Chancellor. (2023, October 31.). www.queensu.ca. https://www.queensu.ca/principal/antisemitism-and-islamophobia-campus
- Author Unknown. (2023). Lawsuit Accuses Concordia, Student Union of Failing to Address Antisemitism. The Canadian Press. https://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/lawsuitaccuses-concordia-student-union-of-failing -to-address-antisemitism
- Author Unknown. (2023). Urge Dalhousie to Publicly Condemn Antisemitic Violence and Protect Jewish Students. Change.Org. https://www.change.org/p/urge-dalhousie-university-topublicly-condemn-anti-semitic-violenceand-protect-jewish-students
- Beit Menachem Jewish Student Centre at McMaster University (n.d.). Beit Menachem Jewish Student Centre at McMaster University. https://www.jewishmcmaster.ca/
- Brock University. (2023). Message to the Community on Violence in Middle East. The Brock News. https://brocku.ca/brock-news/2023/10/message-to-the-community-on-violence-inmiddle-east/
- Burns, L., & Boisvert, A. (2023, January 30). U of T professor documents experiences of antisemitism at Temerty Faculty of Medicine. Publication of paper followed swastikas drawn outside Munk School in October. The Varsity. https://thevarsity.ca/2023/01/30/uof-t-professor-documents-experiences-of-antisemitism-at-temerty-faculty-of-medicine/
- Cantin-Nantel, E. (2023, October 28). CAMPUS WATCH: Pro-Palestinian students tear down posters of missing Israelis at Western, McMaster. https://tnc.news/2023/10/28/pro-palestinian-students-tear-down-posters/

- CBC News. (2023, December 6). Antisemitic posters found at University of Manitoba prompt police investigation. Retrieved from https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/antisemitic-posters-university-manitoba-1.7050428
- CBC News. (2023, May 15). Liberal MP Ben Carr asks University of Winnipeg to reconsider Palestinian speaker. CBC. https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/ben-carrreconsider-palestinian-talk-antisemitism-winnipeg-1.7031081
- CBC News. (2023, May 8). Holocaust memorial event at Memorial University honours victims of Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Retrieved from https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/holocaust-memorial-mun-1.6836015
- CBC News. (2023, November 1). Jewish students at Western University react after posters of hostages pulled down. CBC. https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/jewish-students-at-western-university-react-after-posters-of-hostages-pulled-down-1.7009266
- CBC News. (2023, November 24). Hamas stickers at UBC have resulted in threats against racialized students. https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/hamas-stickers-students-threats-1.7038461
- CBC News. (2023, November 24). UBC among 4 Canadian universities facing class-action lawsuits for alleged antisemitic incidents. https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/britishcolumbia/ubc-among-4-canadian-universities-facing-class-action-lawsuits-for-allegedantisemitic-incidents-1.7018309
- CBC News. (2023, November 27). Petition calls for reinstatement of University of Ottawa doctor suspended after posting pro-Palestinian messages. Retrieved from https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/university-ottawa-doctor-suspended-palestine-petition-1.7034464
- Chaarani, J. (2023, October 19). UW groups step up to support Muslim, Jewish students amid Israel-Hamas war. CBC. https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/universityof-waterloo-hillel-jewish-msa-muslim-students-association-1.6999029
- Change.org. (2023, December 10). Urgent Appeal for Assistance for Members of UPEI Community Impacted by the Events in Gaza. Retrieved from https://www.change.org/p/urgent-appeal-for-assistance-for-members-of-upeicommunity-impacted-by-the-events-in-gaza
- CityNews Calgary. (2023, October 7). Students Praise Hitler at University of Calgary. https://calgary.citynews.ca/2023/10/07/students-praise-hitler-university-of-calgary/

- Coppolino, S. (2023, November 10). Jewish students and alumni sue Queen's University for failing to address antisemitism. The Queen's Journal. https://www.queensjournal.ca/jewish-students-and-alumni-sue-queens-university-forfailing-to-address-antisemitism/
- Coppolino, S. (2023, October 27). Antisemitic incidents occur on and off Queen's campus. The Queen's Journal. https://www.queensjournal.ca/antisemitic-incidents-occur-on-and-off-queens-campus/
- Craig, A. G. (2023, November 2). Safe and inclusive campuses for all. YFile. https://yfile.news.yorku.ca/2023/11/02/safe-and-inclusive-campuses-for-all/
- Craig, A. G. (2023, October 13). A statement on behalf of York University. YFile. https://yfile.news.yorku.ca/2023/10/13/a-statement-on-behalf-of-york-university
- Craig, A. G. (2023, October 18). A community update: our shared responsibility. YFile. https://yfile.news.yorku.ca/2023/10/18/a-community-update-our-shared-responsibility/
- Crosier, S. (2023, November 22). Advocacy organization calls on Queen's University to address instances of antisemitism. The Kingston Whig Standard. https://www.thewhig.com/news/advocacy-organization-calls-on-queens-university-toaddress-instances-of-antisemitism
- CTV News Winnipeg. (2023, December 23). Winnipeg MP signs letter calling on university presidents to address antisemitism on campus. CTV News. https://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/winnipeg-mp-signs-letter-calling-on-university-presidents-to-address-antisemitism-on-campus-1.6690022
- CTV News Winnipeg. (2023, December 5). Antisemitic posters found on U of M campus, university says. Retrieved from https://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/antisemitic-posters-found-onu-of-m-campus-university-says-1.6676805
- CTV News. (2023, May 26). Calls for Ceasefire in Gaza Heard During Student-Faculty Walkout at University of Regina. Retrieved from https://regina.ctvnews.ca/calls-for-ceasefire-in-gazaheard-during-student-faculty-walk-out-at-university-of-regina-1.6629311
- Edmonton Journal. (2023, November 28). U of A plans first Chanukah event amid concerns of anti-Semitism. https://edmontonjournal.com/news/local-news/u-of-a-plans-first-chanukah-event-amid-concerns-of-anti-semitism
- Edmonton Sun. (2023, November 19). Letters, Nov. 19: Anti-Semitic letter makes University of Alberta look foolish. https://edmontonsun.com/opinion/letters/letters-nov-19-anti-semitic-letter-makes-university-of-alberta-look-foolish

- Enhanced Security Measures: (2023, October 13). Community Safety. https://www.yorku.ca/safety/2023/10/13/enhanced-security-measures/
- Farrow, T. (2023, October 18) A Message from the Dean. Osgoode Hall Law School. https://www.osgoode.yorku.ca/news/a-message-from-the-dean/
- Gauze, J. (2023, March 30). Handling Hate Speech: Laurentian University v Laurentian University Faculty Association. Retrieved from https://hunterliberatore.ca/handling-hate-speechlaurentian-university-v-laurentian-university-faculty-association/
- Goel, V. (2023, November 29). Addressing reports of hate on our campuses. Waterloo News. https://uwaterloo.ca/news/presidents-news/addressing-reports-hate-our-campuses
- Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. (2023, May 5). Memorial University to Host Holocaust Remembrance Events. Retrieved from https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2023/ipgs/0505n01/
- Greenfield, N. (2023). Jewish Faculty, Students Face Hostility and Lack of Support. University World News. https://www.universityworldnews.com/post.php?story=20231201212454204
- Greyman-Kennard, D. (2023). "Go Back to Poland, Sharmuta,' Montreal Professor Tells Jewish Students." The Jerusalem Post. https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/antisemitism/article-772592
- Here's how you can participate in TMU's Holocaust Education Week. (2023, November 2). Toronto Metropolitan University. https://www.torontomu.ca/newsevents/news/2023/11/holocaust-education-week/
- International Holocaust Remembrance Day. (2023, January 27). Www.queensu.ca. https://www.queensu.ca/hreo/resources/antisemitism
- Israel and Golda Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies. (n.d.). https://www.yorku.ca/cjs/
- Israel National News. (2023, May 27.). Calgary University distances itself from peace prize awarded to extremist. https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/371574

Jewish Community on Campus. (n.d.). Hillel Ontario. https://hillelontario.org/

JNS.org. (2023, December 11). Jewish law student who asked University of Alberta to ensure her safety in limbo at final exam time. https://www.jns.org/jewish-law-student-who-askeduniversity-of-alberta-to-ensure-her-safety-in-limbo-at-final-exam-time

Judaism. (n.d.). Chaplain.uwo.ca. https://chaplain.uwo.ca/meet\_the\_chaplains/judaism.html

- Koren, D. (2023, December 13). It's time for new leadership at Canadian universities. National Post; National Post. https://nationalpost.com/opinion/its-time-for-new-leadership-at-canadian-universities
- Koren, D. (2023, October 16). York University needs to shut down its antisemitic hate mills. National Post. https://nationalpost.com/opinion/york-university-needs-to-shut-down-itsantisemitic-hate-mills-now
- Laurentian University | Clubs and Associations. (2019). Laurentian.ca. https://laurentian.ca/clubs-and-associations
- Lilley, B. (2023, October 23). TMU law students put their names to letter endorsing terrorism. Toronto Sun. https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/tmu-law-students-put-theirnames-to-letter-endorsing-terrorism
- Lincoln Alexander School of Law's statement in response to the Open Letter. (2023, October 23). Toronto
- Lupton, A. (2023, October 27). Jewish students at Western University react after posters of hostages pulled down. CBC. https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/jewish-students-at-western-university-react-after-posters-of-hostages-pulled-down-1.7009266
- MacDonald, T. (2023). \$15M Lawsuit Accuses Concordia, Student Union Of Failing To Address Antisemitism on Campus. CTV News Montreal. https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/15m-lawsuitaccuses-concordia-student-union-of-failing-to-addressantisemitism-on-campus-1.6649836
- Macintosh, M. (2023, November 30). University of Manitoba nursing student suspended, accused of antisemitic posts. Winnipeg Free Press. https://www.pentictonherald.ca/spare\_news/article\_59308e7c-f9c3-524b-aad0f922858e22f7.html
- Mazza, S. (2023, October 18). President Gertler's message to the U of T community on the conflict in the Middle East. Office of the President. https://www.president.utoronto.ca/president-gertlers-message-to-the-u-of-t-community-on-the-conflict-in-the-middle-east/

McGill, 2023. (2023). https://www.mcgill.ca/about/administration

Medicine Hat News. (2023, November 16). Local Jewish leader condemns rally at City Hall. https://medicinehatnews.com/news/southern-alberta-news/2023/11/16/local-jewishleader-condemns-rally-at-city-hall/

- Message on the conflict in the Middle East-Safety on campus. (2023, October 12). University of Ottawa. https://www.uottawa.ca/en/news-all/message-conflict-middle-east-safety-campus
- Message to the Community on the War in the Middle East. (2023, October 11). U of G News. https://news.uoguelph.ca/2023/10/message-to-the-community-on-the-war-in-themiddle-east/
- Message to the Laurier community | Wilfrid Laurier University. (2023, October 15). Www.wlu.ca. https://www.wlu.ca/about/governance/seniorleadership/president/news/2023/fall/message-to-the-laurier-community.html
- Metropolitan University. https://www.torontomu.ca/law/newsevents/2023/10/lincoln\_alexander\_school\_of\_laws\_statement\_in\_response\_to\_the\_open \_letter/
- New Winter 2023 Course: "Antisemitism, Then and Now." (2022, November 4). Carleton.ca. https://carleton.ca/jewishstudies/2022/new-winter-2002-course-antisemitism-then-andnow/
- No charges for alleged threats toward Jewish community at house party. (2023, November 1). CBC. https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/kingston-police-investigate-halloweenparty-threats-to-jewish-community-1.7015146
- OCAD U's statement on violence in the Middle East | OCAD University. (2023, October 10). Www.ocadu.ca. https://www.ocadu.ca/news/ocad-us-statement-violence-middle-east
- Pace, T. & Vivian, R. (2023, October 20). U of G student association statement on Middle East violence raises concerns. Guelph Today. Retrieved from https://www.guelphtoday.com/local-news/u-of-g-student-association-statement-onmiddle-east-violence-raises-concerns-7714492
- Reflecting on Holocaust Education Week. (2023, January 23). U of G News. https://news.uoguelph.ca/2023/01/reflecting-on-holocaust-education-week/
- Reporter, M. H. S. (2023, November 1). Jewish students at York University sound alarm over increasing antisemitism on campus. Toronto Star. https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/jewish-students-at-york-university-sound-alarm-overincreasing-antisemitism-on-campus/article\_962e2f87-accc-565d-9195-fe047b82ea55.html
- Resources from Indiana University Max and Tessie Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies. (n.d.). Carleton.ca. https://carleton.ca/jewishstudies/antisemitism/resources-from-indianauniversity/

- Response to antisemitic poster on campus | OCAD University. (2023, November 17). Www.ocadu.ca. https://www.ocadu.ca/news/response-antisemitic-poster-campus
- Robson, J. (2023, 31, October). Polite antisemitism on full display from international law experts at uOttawa. National Post. Retrieved https://nationalpost.com/opinion/politeantisemitism-on-full-display-from-international-law-experts-at-uottawa
- Rowe, J.D. (2023). 3 Montreal MP's Sign Letter to Canadian University Presidents Calling to Protect Jewish Students. CTV News Montreal. https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/3-montrealmps-sign-letter-to-canadian-university-presidents-calling -to-protect-jewish-students-1.6687297
- Roy, L. (2023). Montreal Lecturer Suspended In Fallout of Concordia Altercation over Israel-Hamas war. CTV News Montreal. https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/montreal-lecturersuspended-in-fallout-of-concordia-altercation-over -israel-hamas-war-1.6639774
- Royal Roads University. (2023). President Steenkamp: Hate has no place here. Retrieved from https://www.royalroads.ca/news/president-steenkamp-hate-has-no-place-here
- Safety and Well-Being of the Carleton Community. (2023, October 12). Students.carleton.ca. https://students.carleton.ca/2023/10/safety-and-well-being-of-the-carleton-community/
- Safety and wellbeing of the Laurier community | Students Wilfrid Laurier University. (2023, October 14). Students.wlu.ca. https://students.wlu.ca/news/2023/oct/safety-andwellbeing-of-the-laurier-community.html
- Split Screens: Israeli Filmmakers Confront Colonialism | OCAD University. (n.d.). www.ocadu.ca. https://www.ocadu.ca/event/split-screens-israeli-filmmakers-confront-colonialism
- Statement against antisemitism at Queen's | Office of the Principal and Vice-Chancellor. (2023, October 27.). www.queensu.ca. https://www.queensu.ca/principal/statement-against-antisemitism-queens
- Statement on Violence in Middle East | Wilfrid Laurier University. (2023, October 9). www.wlu.ca. https://www.wlu.ca/news/spotlights/2023/oct/statement-on-violence-inmiddle-east-oct-9.html
- Statement regarding ongoing violence in the Middle East. (2023, October 10). Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association. https://wusa.ca/statement-regarding-ongoingviolence-in-the-middle-east/

Student Groups (2023). Ocadu.ca. https://www.ocadu.ca/services/campus-life/student-groups

- Talbot, M. (2023, November 2) 3 Canadian universities face \$15M lawsuits for allegedly failing to address anti-Semitic incidents | CityNews Toronto. Toronto.citynews.ca https://toronto.citynews.ca/2023/11/02/3-canadian-universities-face-15m-lawsuits-forallegedly-failing-to-address-anti-semitic-incidents/
- The Canadian Jewish News. (2023, December 23). Professors and students at the University of Victoria say they are harassed and threatened while the administration offers no help. Retrieved from https://thecjn.ca/news/professors-and-students-at-the-university-of-victoria-say-they-are-harassed-and-threatened-while-the-administration-offers-no-help/
- TheJ.ca. (2023, February 15). After Antisemitic Incident, U of Winnipeg Collegiate Disbands Basketball Team. Retrieved from https://www.thej.ca/2023/02/15/after-antisemiticincident-u-of-winnipeg-collegiate-disbands-basketball-team/
- TheJ.ca. (2023, March 2). Sports Minister Alerted Manitoba Justice About U of Winnipeg Collegiate Antisemitism Incident. Retrieved from https://www.thej.ca/2023/03/02/sportsminister-alerted-manitoba-justice-about-u-of-winnipeg-collegiate-antisemitism-incident/
- TheJ.ca. (2023, November 24). Jewish Physicians at the University of Toronto Speak Out Against Antisemitism. Retrieved from https://www.thej.ca/2023/11/24/jewish-physicians-at-theuniversity-of-toronto-speak-out-against-antisemitism/
- Times Colonist. (2023, November 28). Pro-Palestine students at UVic disrupt board of governors meeting. Retrieved from https://www.timescolonist.com/local-news/pro-palestine-students-at-uvic-disrupt-board-of-governors-meeting-7896367

Trent U Jewish Alliance. (n.d.). Instagram. https://www.instagram.com/trent\_tuja/?hl=en

- Trent University Faculty Association. (2023, November 7). TUFA Statement on Academic Freedom in Times of Conflict. Retrieved from https://www.trentfaculty.ca/2023/11/tufastatement-on-academic-freedom-in-times-of-conflict/
- University of Alberta returns endowment honoring Ukrainian who fought with Nazis. (2023, September 28). CityNews Edmonton. https://edmonton.citynews.ca/2023/09/28/university-of-alberta-returns-endowmenthonouring-ukrainian-who-fought-with-nazis/
- University of Alberta. (2023, November 18). Statement on the University of Alberta Sexual Assault Centre. University of Alberta News. https://www.ualberta.ca/news/news-releases-and-statements/statements/2023/2023-11-18-statment.html

- University of Alberta. (2023, September 27). Statement on the disposition of an endowment fund. University of Alberta News. https://www.ualberta.ca/news/news-releases-and-statements/statements/2023/2023-09-27-statment-on-the-disposition-of-an-endowment-fund.html
- University of Manitoba. (2023, December 23). UM denounces antisemitic propaganda. Retrieved from https://news.umanitoba.ca/um-denounces-antisemitic-propaganda/
- University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine. (n.d.). No Place for Antisemitism. Retrieved from https://temertymedicine.utoronto.ca/no-place-antisemitism
- University of Windsor Students' Alliance. (2023, November 1). UWSA's Official Statement Released on October 18, 2023. Retrieved from https://uwsa.ca/2023/11/01/uwsas-officialstatement-released-on-october-18-2023/
- University of Winnipeg. (2023, November 17). Statement from the University of Winnipeg. Retrieved from https://news.uwinnipeg.ca/statement-from-the-university-of-winnipeg/
- University statement on the November 29 protest. (2023, November 30.). Toronto Metropolitan University. https://www.torontomu.ca/media/releases/2023/11/university-statement-onthe-november-29-protest/
- UWindsor Jewish Student Association. (n.d.). Www.facebook.com. Retrieved December 15, 2023, from https://www.facebook.com/UWindsorJSA/
- Vancouver Sun. (n.d.). UBC students launch proposed class-action lawsuit over alleged antisemitism. https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/ubc-students-lawsuit-antisemitism
- Warmington, J. (2023, November 7). Jewish student told "Hitler didn't finish job" on TMU campus. Toronto Sun. https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/warmington-jewish-student-told-hitler-didnt-finish-job-on-tmu-campus
- Waxman, D. (2023). How to Think about Antisemitism: Anti-Jewish Racism (UCLA). Goldblatt Lecture (virtual). https://dailynews.mcmaster.ca/events/how-to-think-about-antisemitismanti-jewish-racism-dov-waxman-ucla-2023-goldblatt-lecture/
- Western Standard. (2023, November 8). Islam will Rule Canada, "Kill the Jews" Scrawled on U of C Wall. https://www.westernstandard.news/news/watch-islam-will-rule-canada-kill-the-jews-scrawled-on-u-of-c-wall/50076

Winnipeg Free Press. (2023, December 6). Antisemitic propaganda removed from U of M as tensions rise. Retrieved from

https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/breakingnews/2023/12/06/antisemitic-propaganda-removed-from-u-of-m-as-tensions-rise