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The Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada

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Open Letter to Prime Minister Trudeau

Members of the Jewish community of Montreal woke up this morning to the horrifying news that bullets were once again fired at the entrance doors of Yeshiva Gedola-Merkaz Hatorah school.

Unfortunately, as we all know, this is not an isolated incident. Late last week shots were fired at the Talmud Torah Elementary School and the Yeshiva Gedola-Merkaz Hatorah school, and Congregation Beth Tikvah synagogue and the office of Federation CJA were firebombed.

Our community is on edge, and our children are frightened and nervous about attending school. We are calling on the Government of Canada to do more to ensure our safety and security and to protect our schools, synagogues and institutions.

While your Government's recent commitment to spend \$5 million on private security and other safety measures for community groups is a step in the right direction, it is insufficient. We are asking for an **immediate significant boost in funding** and for a **reduction in red tape** so that it is easier for organizations to take advantage of the funding. Currently the application process is complicated, and there are too many barriers to accessing it.

Since the terrorist attack by Hamas on Israel, we have had an ongoing and productive dialogue with the local police, and we are indeed appreciative of their concern and support. Our understanding is that resources are stretched and that they do not have the capacity to enhance their presence and services. It is in this context that we urge the Government of Canada to enter into discussions with the Government of Quebec about **providing increased manpower and resources** in order to ensure the security of Jews across Montreal and Quebec.

As leaders of community organizations, we urgently need your help in addressing the fears of our community and ensuring our safety and well-being. Together we will ensure Canada remains the peaceful country it has always been.



Jewish Community Council of Montreal
 Montreal

Ahavas Yisroel Viznitz
 Outremont

Anshei Lubavitch
 Westbury Area

Bais Yakov Belz
 Outremont

Belz Avreichim
 Outremont

Beth Chabad Cote St. Luc
 Cote. St Luc

Centre Chabad
 Westbury Area

Chabad on Campus Laval
 Quebec City

Chabad Chabanel
 Chabanel, Quebec

Chabad Chai Center
 Westbury Area

Chabad Chomedey
 Chomedey, Quebec

Chabad Cote des Neiges
 Cote Des Neiges

Chabad Dollard
 Dollard, Quebec

Chabad Kirkland
 Kirkland, Quebec

Chabad Lasalle
 Lassale, Quebec

Chabad Latino Montreal
 Westbury Area

Chabad Laval
 Laval, Quebec

Chabad MADA
 Westbury Area

Chabad Mile End
 Mile End / Outremont

Chabad Mont Tremblant
 Mont Tremblant, Quebec

Chabad Montreal West
 Montreal West

Chabad NDG & Loyola Campus
 NDG

Chabad of Nuns Island
 Nuns Island, Quebec

Chabad Old Montreal & Griffintown
 Downtown Montreal

**Chabad Rohr Jewish Student Center
 at McGill University**
 McGill University - Montreal

Chabad of South Shore
 South Shore - Montreal

Chabad St. Lazare & Hudson
 Hudson, Quebec

Chabad St. Sauveur
 St Sauver, Quebec

Chabad of the Town
 TMR

Chabad University of Montreal
 Downtown

Chabad on Westminster
 Cote. St Luc

Chabad of Westmount
 Westmount

Chabad Zichron Kedoshim
 Queen Mary Area

Chouva Israel
 Cote St. Luc

Congregation Nusach Hoari
 Westbury Area

Congregation Oneg Shabbos
 Westbury Area

Congregation Sepharade Maghen David
 Westbury Area

Congregation Tzeirei Hadas
 Westbury

Dorval Jewish Center
 Dorval, Quebec

Eitz Chaim
 De Vimy Area

Grand Rabbinate Sepharade du Quebec
 Westbury

Hekhal Shalom
 St. Laurent, Quebec

Jewish Russian Community Center
 Westbury Area

Kollel Avreichim CSL
 Cote St. Luc

Montreal Torah Center
 Hampstead

Munkatch
 Outremont

Satmar Avreichim
 Outremont

Satmar Hutchison
 Outremont

Satmar Ohel Chaim
 Outremont

Satmar Park
 Outremont

Zichron Yakov Yitzchok Belz
 Outremont

Yeshiva Gedola Montreal
 De Vimy

Yeshiva CPE
 De Vimy

CPE Kindervelt
 De Vimy



First Mesifta of Canada
De Vimy

JEP Montreal
Cote St. Luc

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Cote St. Luc

Ateret Torah
Cote St. Luc

Breslev Center
Cote St. Luc

Petah Tikva
Ville St. Laurent

Yechiva Yavne
Cote St. Luc

Tomchei Temimim Schools
Westbury

Rabbinical College of-Quebec
Westbury

Chaya Mushka Seminary
Westbury

Arizal
Westbury

Bet Kel Beit Midrash
Cote St. Luc

Académie Beth Rivkah
Westbury

Ohr Hachayim
Cote St. Luc

Congregation Toldos Yakov Yosef
Outremont

Congregation Skver
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Congregation TYY - Parc
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Foundation TYY Inc
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CPE Skver
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Yehivah Skver Montreal
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Congregation Toldos Yakov Yosef - Lantier
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Ecole Communautaire Skver
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Beth Jacob Of Montreal
Outremont

Pirchei Agudath Israel of Montreal
De Vimy

Bnos Agudath Israel of Montreal
De Vimy

Beth Jacob Seminary of Montreal
De Vimy

CPE Kan Tzipor
Westbury

The Green Shul
Westbury

Kollel Belz
Outremont

Cong Kol Yehudah
Cote St. Luc

Tzede Yitzchak
Cote St. Luc

Bnos Jerusalem Belz Elementary
Outremont

Bais Esther School
Outremont

Talmud Torah Belz
Outremont

Yeshiva L'tzerem Satmar
Outremont

CPE Belz Boys
Outremont

CPE Yeshiva Gedola Ekers
De Vimy

Yetev Lev Satmar
Outremont

Montreal Jewish Conversion
Montreal

Yeshiva Beth Yossef Meir
Cote St. Luc

Belz schools
Outremont

Belz Teachers Seminary
Outremont

Kehillas Belz
Outremont

CPE Belz
Outremont

Belz Kehilah
Cote St. Luc

Minchas Soles
Outremont

Mesifta Reishis Chochma
De Vimy

