



To our Hillel BC community,

Hillel BC stands shoulder to shoulder with Black students on BC campuses and the Black community of Canada in their fight against racism and bigotry. As a people that have known and fought oppression for generations, we have a moral obligation to speak out and act whenever people are being targeted for who they are or what they believe. Canada is not immune to racism.

Jewish tradition teaches us that we may not “stand idly by the blood of our neighbours.” Now is the moment for action; standing idly by will not suffice. Today we recommit to calling out racism and discrimination whenever, wherever we see it. We recognize that our words are not enough. We will continue to listen, to learn, and to educate our student leaders and our community. Some of the things we are doing and will continue to do are participating in anti-oppression training, continuing allyship programming, promoting Black voices in our local communities, and sharing educational resources in Hillel communications.

During this time, while our physical spaces may be closed, the hearts of our students, staff, and community are open and ready to act. We encourage Jewish students and community members across the country and around the world to be true allies to the Black community in this difficult moment - to grieve and pray together, to advocate, and to find new and powerful ways to make our voices heard and our impact felt.

We see you, we hear you, and we stand with you.

Black Lives Matter.

-Hillel BC



