



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Monday, October 20, 2025

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights met this day at 4:01 p.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Paulette Senior, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Arnot, Bernard, Coyle, Karetak-Lindell, McPhedran, Robinson, Senior and Wells (*Alberta*) (8).

Other senators present: The Honourable Senator Cardozo (1).

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, September 25, 2025, the committee began its study on antisemitism in Canada.

WITNESSES:

Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center:

Michael Levitt, President and Chief Executive Officer (*by videoconference*).

Jewish Federation of Edmonton:

Stacey Leavitt-Wright, Chief Executive Officer.

B'Nai Brith Canada:

Richard Robertson, Director, Research and Advocacy (*by videoconference*).

Beth Tikvah Synagogue and Jews of Colour Canada:

Rivka Campbell, Executive Director of Beth Tikvah Synagogue and Co-Founder of Jews of Colour Canada.

Manitoba Institute to Combat Antisemitism:

Belle Jarniewski, Executive Director *(by videoconference)*.

Holocaust and Antisemitism Educators Association:

Eyal Daniel, President *(by videoconference)*.

BC Teachers Against Antisemitism:

Ginaya Peters, Teacher *(by videoconference)*.

Canadian Union of Jewish Students:

Pe'er Krut, President.

As individuals:

Carrie Silverberg.

Justin Hebert *(by videoconference)*.

Michael Levitt, Stacey Levitt-Wright and Richard Robertson each made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:59 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:03 p.m., the committee resumed.

Rivka Campbell and Belle Jarniewski each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:45 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:54 p.m., the committee resumed.

Carrie Silverberg and Eyal Daniel each made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:42 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 6:50 p.m., the committee resumed.

Ginaya Peters, Justin Hebert and Pe'er Krut each made a statement and answered questions.

At 7:49 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Caroline Woodward

Clerk of the Committee