



The following is a transcript of the address delivered by Matthew Taub, executive director of Unapologetically Jewish, on the morning of October 6, 2025 in Ottawa:

“Good morning. My name is Matthew Taub. I am a proud Jew, a husband, a father, and a community advocate who has dedicated the last several years to confronting antisemitism head-on. From speaking before the Toronto Police Services Board to filing hate-crime reports and building grassroots networks, my journey has always been about one thing: making sure Jews in Canada are seen, heard, and protected.

What began as online advocacy grew into a movement, *Unapologetically Jewish*. And today, that movement has become something more. Today, we launch *Unapologetically Jewish* as a federally registered nonprofit organization, headquartered in Toronto, with a mission that reaches across Canada.

This is an important moment. *Unapologetically Jewish* is not just a name, it’s a statement of pride and strength. We will not be silenced. We will not hide. And we will never diminish who we are in the country we love and have contributed to in every field of its growth.

Antisemitism is not just ignorance. It’s the oldest hatred, now normalized in universities, some media, and even law enforcement. I’ve seen it firsthand in Toronto. Jews were harassed in the streets. Children are cursed at. Police standing by. And institutions hesitating, excusing, or refusing to act. That is systemic antisemitism.

That is why we built *Unapologetically Jewish*. Our work is grounded in six pillars:

- Creating unapologetic online spaces that amplify Jewish pride
- Educating governments at all levels
- Demanding equal police protection
- Using the courts to hold institutions accountable
- Challenging bias in media and public discourse
- Empowering Jewish communities to live proudly, openly, and without apology

Today, I’m making an important announcement: **Unapologetically Jewish has officially filed formal Human Rights Complaints against the Cities of Toronto and Montreal, their**



respective Mayors—**Olivia Chow** and **Valérie Plante**, the **Toronto and Montreal Police Services Boards**, **Toronto Police Chief Myron Demkiw**, and **Montreal Police Chief Fady Dagher** of the SPVM.

These complaints stem from their **repeated failures to protect Jewish communities from antisemitic hate**. This is not theory—it is lived experience.

And this is about more than words. It's about **action, accountability, and equal protection under the law**.

My colleague, Eli Yarali, of Lewis and Associates, a nationwide law firm. Will be speaking shortly to provide more details about this legal action and its implications for Jewish Canadian and truly all Canadians.

For centuries, Jews have endured blood libels, pogroms, the Holocaust and as we approach the second anniversary of October 7th. Today, in Canada, we will not ask for permission. We will live openly, proudly, and unapologetically as Jews.

This is who we are. This is why we are here in Ottawa. Today we announce to Canada: we are *Unapologetically Jewish*.

Thank you.”