

***Expression of Condolence for
Victims of the Jerusalem Neve Yaakov Synagogue Massacre
by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor James Pasternak

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Colle

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are shocked and deeply saddened by the recent terrorist attack in Jerusalem which took the lives of seven innocent civilians after the evening Shabbat prayers on the Friday night of January 27, 2023. It was International Holocaust Remembrance Day and occurred in Jerusalem's Neve Yaakov neighbourhood.

Among the victims were Eli and Natali Mizrahi, a married couple, who ran to help those who had been shot and were killed at point-blank range. Natali was an employee of the Hadassah Mount Scopus Hospital, where she was brought to upon being shot.

The youngest victim of this shooting was a 14-year-old boy named Asher Natan. He was buried at the Jewish Cemetary on the Mount of Olives.

Shaul Hai was another person killed in the attack. He was 68 years old and was on his way to a Torah lesson. He was a sexton at a synagogue in the neighbourhood.

Irina Kololyova was a citizen of Ukraine and worked as a caregiver. Another victim was 26-year-old Ilya Sosansky.

Rafael Ben Eliyahu, 56, was a resident of the area who was survived by his wife and three children. He was a postal worker.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Israel's Consul General for Toronto and Western Canada.

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