

***Expression of Condolence for
Canadian victims of the Hamas terrorist attack against Israel
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 saddened to learn of the murder of eight Canadians since the October 7, 2023 terrorist attack on Israel.

Vivian Silver (age 74), was a Canadian-Israeli peace activist and humanitarian born in Winnipeg. She also co-founded an organization called Women Wage Peace, which strives to prevent the next war and to promote a non-violent, respectful, and mutually accepted solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, with the active participation of women through all stages of negotiations. Silver is survived by her son, Chen Zeigen.

Tiferet Lapidot (age 22) from Montreal was attending the Supernova Music Festival in Israel. She had been volunteering as an English teacher in South Africa. Tiferet spent much of her short life helping others around the world and was described as a beautiful girl with a beautiful heart. Tiferet left a vehicle with an escape route to help a friend alone in a following car.

Shir Georgy (age 22) from Montreal is survived by her parents, Galit and Ronen, and younger brothers Roey and Yehonatan. She is remembered as the first child of her generation who traveled widely and made friends wherever she went. One friend said, "she was a girl who loved life." "She loved people and loved to help people," said a cousin.

Adi Vital-Kaploun (age 33) from Ottawa heroically saved her family by sending a text message to warn her husband and her father to stay away from their house during the massacre. She also convinced the terrorists to spare the lives of her sons.

Ben Mizrachi (age 22) from Vancouver used his experience as a medic with the Israeli Defense Forces to tend to those who had been injured before himself becoming the victim of violence. He was described as having an infectious smile and love of life.

Alexandre Look (age 33) from Montreal sacrificed himself to save survivors of the massacre by acting as a barricade in front of a doorless bomb shelter.

Netta Epstein (age 21) an Israeli with Canadian citizenship. Witnesses said he jumped on a grenade to save his fiancée's life during the massacre.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the Canadians who have been murdered during the terrorist attack of October 7.

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