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The symbols, including a Nazi swastika, were found by the Rabbi of the synagogue the following morning.

## Toronto Synagogue Vandalized with Antisemitic Graffiti

### Multiple other Toronto locations targeted with antisemitic messages in same week

The Toronto Jewish community has been wracked with worry after antisemitic hate symbols appeared on a local synagogue overnight this week. The threatening symbols and defacement of this place of worship is being received not only as a hate crime but also as a threat and a disturbing reminder of the antisemitism that Jews regularly face throughout our city. The symbols, including a Nazi

ing morning. Surveillance footage captured a man leaving the scene, but his face was covered. This incident is the latest in what authorities are calling a "wave" of antisemitic graffiti throughout Toronto, with transit shelters and schools also defaced with symbols of hate against Jewish people. This wave is contributing to a growing list of hate crimes against Jews, the most-targeted demographic for

past year saw the highest incidence of hate crimes throughout the city since the city first began recording such incidents in the first place.

These figures are consistent with previous years, which also saw Jews as the group most often targeted by vandalism and both verbal and physical assault. Despite comprising less than 4% of Toronto's population, the Jewish community

**Antisemitism only seems like old news.  
This happened in 2021.**