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### **Audit of 2010 shows anti-Jewish hatred continues to rise in Canada Human rights organization calls on federal candidates to react**

TORONTO, April 11, 2011 – The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada has released its most recent Audit of Antisemitic Incidents, an authoritative study of patterns of prejudice released each year in this country. In total, 1,306 incidents were reported to the League in 2010, representing a 3.3% increase over the 2009 data, and a more than four-fold increase over the past ten years.

“Incidents were reported across the country in synagogues, schools, playgrounds, on campus, at street rallies, sporting events, workplaces, even reaching people’s own homes,” said Frank Dimant, CEO of B’nai Brith Canada. “This kind of hatred is infectious and insidious. It destroys the very fabric of Canada’s multicultural society, and those that would deny its gravity are part of the problem, not the solution.

“Antisemitic canards continue to gain traction with new technologies giving a modern twist to age-old anti-Jewish messaging. Cyber-bullying - in this case antisemitic - is just one of the newest threats to society.

“Society appears to be getting desensitized to anti-Jewish racism and, in response, we note an increasing tendency in our community to remain silent when targeted. This is the new challenge we have to overcome.

“With the federal election just round the corner, this is a prime time to call on all candidates to commit to the recommendations we have put forward, in order to demonstrate their commitment to the welfare of all communities in Canada today.”

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The full text of the Audit can be accessed at <http://www.bnaibrith.ca>.

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Incidents of antisemitism can be reported by calling B'nai Brith's Anti-Hate Hotline at 1-800-892-BNAI (2624), or reporting online at [www.bnaibrith.ca](http://www.bnaibrith.ca).

B’nai Brith Canada has been active in Canada since 1875 as the Jewish community’s foremost human rights agency