



To the Jewish Community of Ottawa,

Chag sameach!

As your community prepares to celebrate Chanukah, I want to offer you the best wishes of the Ottawa Police Service.

We hope you can enjoy a restful holiday season and observe your traditions with family, friends and community. You are a vital part of what makes Ottawa great and we want to thank you for your friendship and partnership as we look forward to 2023.

During this season of light, it is also important that you know that we support and stand with your community. The Ottawa Police are very concerned by recent incidents of anti-Semitism in local schools, online, and in our communities. Anti-Semitism is hateful, unacceptable and it threatens the peace and security of Jewish people and communities. It hurts our entire community. It is also imperative that we address anti-Semitism in schools through education to teach our children and youth equality and promote human rights for all individuals.

Multiple criminal investigations are underway and we are also working with the Ottawa District School Board to address incidents at its facilities. All reported

incidents will be fully investigated and people will be held accountable for their actions.

The Ottawa Police have zero tolerance for hate or bias crimes and we encourage you to report any incidents immediately. The community can report these crimes in three different ways:

1. Call 613-236-1222, pressing 1 for English, then 2 to connect to the Communications Centre.
2. You can also file a [report online](#).
3. Anonymous tips can be submitted by calling Crime Stoppers toll-free at 1-800-222-8477 or at [crimestoppers.ca](#)

We wish all members of our communities a safe and peaceful time.

Happy Chanukah!

Eric Stubbs

Chief of Police

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