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RE: Rising Anti-Semitism at the University of Toronto

The UTSU Executive Committee is stunned and alarmed by the Swastika that was recently drawn in front of the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy at the University of Toronto. Furthermore, we are disappointed in the lack of communication by the University, or other publication sources such as on-campus newspapers, in alerting the University community to the hateful graffiti. Jewish individuals are the [most frequent targets of hate crimes in Toronto](#), and we at the UTSU are alarmed at the increase of anti-semitism, both on and off-campus.

The UTSU is also aware of the [recently released report](#) by Dr. Ayelet Kuper of the University's Temerty Faculty of Medicine, which chronicles her experiences with blatant and rampant anti-semitism throughout her time in the faculty. The experiences that Dr. Kuper describes and harmful stereotypes inflicted upon her are not indicative of who we strive to be as members of the University of Toronto, and should not be taken lightly, but acted upon so that all feel welcome. It is also notable that no non-Jewish on-campus publications have written about Dr. Kuper's report at the time of this statement's release.

South of the border, antisemitic hatred has increasingly been given a greater platform, and that has had a scary effect across the world. We stand with all Jewish students at this difficult time, and are aware of anti-semitic instances on our campus and in our classes that are glossed over. We want Jewish students to know that The University of Toronto Students' Union expresses its support for the Jewish community and stands with all students during this difficult time.

If you have personally experienced harassment or discrimination, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at the University of Toronto Students' Union, as we are here to represent you and ensure you feel safe on our campus.

If you are a student who is struggling and need support:

Hillel Ontario: <https://hillelontario.org/uoft/report-incident/>

In solidarity,
The UTSU Executive Committee