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Attention: Rabbi Adam J. Scheier

Re: Antisemitic attack on Shaar Hashomayim

Dear Rabbi Scheier,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Lord Reading Law Society, in my capacity as President.

We have met in the past as I have many good friends who attend the Shaar Hashomayim, though I do not expect you to remember me.

We were devastated to hear about the antisemitic attack on the synagogue last week, namely the painting of swastikas on the synagogue's doors. The Lord Reading Law Society vehemently condemns this abhorrent and racist act in the strongest language possible.

As you know, the Shaar Hashomayim has been our home for many years. It is a venue where we have hosted countless events with distinguished speakers in the field of law, academia, business and politics. It is only due to the Covid-19 pandemic that we have not been there this season. This attack should be an affront to anyone, but we take it more personally, as the organization representing Jewish jurists in Quebec, as the attack was in our own back yard.

As a human rights organization, this cowardly act is the antithesis of the values that we aim to promote.

We are glad to hear that no one was injured and that the graffiti was removed. We want to commend you for your swift efforts to clean the graffiti and also to commend the security staff who reacted quickly to prevent further damage.

The Lord Reading Law Society stands in solidarity with Congregation Shaar Hashomayim and offers our support and assistance as needed. We look forward to our return as soon as this pandemic is over.

Warm regards,



Andrew Kliger
President

