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## **Toronto Board of Rabbis Statement Concerning Racism**

As Canadians, we are proud of our multicultural society, though we recognize that within it also exists unresolved issues of hatred, racism and inequality.

As Jews, we are committed to the notion that all people are created in the “image and likeness of God” (Genesis 1:27) and are fashioned from a single human being so that no one may say, “My ancestor is greater than yours” (Mishnah Sanhedrin 4:5).

We stand, therefore, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Black community including Black Jews and Jews of Colour in our own communities, and in all communities experiencing inequality, denouncing racism and prejudice, and calling for justice and peace.

We call upon all people of faith and good conscious to deepen our commitment to these ideals and work together to eliminate systemic racism and advocate for a more just and peaceful society.

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Love and Truth shall embrace. Justice and peace shall kiss. (Psalms 85:11)

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