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### **B'nai B'rith Commends Archbishop of Canterbury for Stance Against Anti-Semitism**

President Allan Jacobs, Executive Vice President Dan Mariaschin and B'nai B'rith United Kingdom President Eve Swabe wrote to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Justin Welby, to thank him for comments made last month at the All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry into Anti-Semitism, which he hosted at Lambeth Palace. Rev. Welby said that it is “a peculiar and remarkable obscenity” that European Jews are again experiencing persistent threats, 70 years after the end of the Holocaust.

Describing anti-Semitism as “blasphemy,” he added that “despite our failings, of which I am more than aware and often deeply embarrassed by, as the Church of England we commit ourselves to be both accountable and to hold others to account.”

B'nai B'rith International wrote that the “continued targeting of diminished Jewish communities in the Diaspora—along with the increasingly brutal attacks on Christians and other religious minorities in so much of the Middle East—testifies to the fact that the aims of extremist ideologies routinely transcend limited political disputes or aspirations.”