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B'nai Brith Canada, BC Region, applauds Vancouver local business association that says 'no' to vandalism of Israeli flags

VANCOUVER, February 2, 2010 – B'nai Brith Canada, British Columbia Region, has applauded the local business association community for its swift response in dealing with the vandalism of Israeli flags, which were part of a display of the flags of the many countries taking part in the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games.

At the suggestion of the Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee (VANOC), B'nai Brith contacted Sharon Townsend, Executive Director of South Granville Business Improvement Association, since it is the local business associations that conceived and underwrote the cost of the "Flagwalk" initiative.

Salomon Rayek, Chair, B'nai Brith Canada, British Columbia Region, stated: "We thank Ms. Townsend for responding to our request in such a timely and efficient manner. She has advised us that more flag stickers are in reserve in case they are needed. We echo her sentiments when she writes so appropriately: 'We are concerned about ALL vandalism and disrespect paid towards the nations of the world. Flagwalk is a celebration of peace and friendship.' We hope that her message will be heard and implemented in the coming Games as the eyes of the world turn to Vancouver."

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