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Anti-hate rally packs pavilion

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Disgusted by recent discrimination against the city's Jewish community, Calgarians of various faiths joined a rally last night vowing to fight racism.

Organized by the Calgary Jewish Community Council, the Calgary Says No to Hate event was supported by dozens of multicultural and religious groups, including Muslims, Chinese and Polish.

The rally was sparked by hateful graffiti found Nov. 15 targeting Jews in Pump Hill and Woodbine communities.

A Holocaust memorial was desecrated, while the Chabad Lubavitch Centre, the Calgary Jewish Centre and two schools were also sprayed.

The graffiti included swastikas and slogans, such as '6 million more,' in reference to the Holocaust.

Calgarians showed support for the Jewish community last night by packing the 500-seat Archie Boyce Pavilion at the Stampede grounds.

Gerry Barron, president of the Calgary Jewish Community Council, said he was inundated with calls of support immediately after the graffiti attack.

"We were truly moved by the outpouring of support from our community," said Barron.

Calgarian Carey Fraser, a non-Jew, attended because she was hurt by the racist remarks. "Hate of any kind is wrong," said Fraser.

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