



MEDIA ADVISORY

MULTI-FAITH WELCOMING COMMITTEE TO SURPRISE TRAVELERS **Local religious leaders to hand out chocolates at the airport**

Wednesday, February 21, 2018, OTTAWA — Tomorrow, join Rabbi Reuven Bulka and other religious leaders as they come together for the annual Multi-Faith Welcoming Committee at the Ottawa International Airport. They will be handing out chocolates to arrivals in an effort to spread kindness and welcome them to Canada. The group symbolizes the variety of beliefs and values of Canadians, as well as the kindness and cooperation that exists between diverse groups.

- WHAT:** Multi-Faith Welcoming Committee
- WHEN:** Thursday, February 22, 2018
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
- WHO:** Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Congregation Machzikei Hadas and Chair of Kindness Week, Archbishop Prendergast, Rev. Anthony Bailey, Imam Samy Metwally, Rev. Blakley, and Bishop Peter Coffin
- WHERE:** Ottawa International Airport, Arrivals

About Kindness Week

Now in its eleventh year, Kindness Week in Ottawa, presented by [the Caring and Sharing Exchange](#), is a city-wide initiative that encourages community members to choose to be kind and recognizes those who engage in everyday acts of kindness. The brainchild of Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Congregation Machzikei Hadas, Kindness Week was launched to help make a difference in the community by spreading kindness. Kindness Week is made possible thanks to an organizing committee of volunteers from government, non-profit, corporate, education, and the food and hospitality sectors, and is facilitated by the Caring and Sharing Exchange. For more information about Kindness Week, please visit www.kindottawa.ca or follow updates on [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) at @kindottawa.

About the Caring and Sharing Exchange

The Caring and Sharing Exchange helps Ottawa families facing economic hardship during the Christmas and back-to-school seasons. The Coordination Service verifies the names of clients registered by hundreds of partner agencies in Ottawa, eliminating duplicate applications for assistance and redistributing funds fairly. For more information or to make a donation, please visit www.CaringandSharing.ca or call 613-226-6434.

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