

Muslims Protect Jews by Forming “Ring of Peace” Around Synagogue

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In the wake of last week's attack on a Copenhagen synagogue – along with the Paris terrorist attacks, the [murders](#) of three young Muslims in Chapel Hill, and growing anti-Semitism across Europe – a group of young Muslims in Norway have [organized](#) a

Shabbat “Ring of Peace” around an Oslo [synagogue](#) to, in the words of its 17-year-old organizer, “extinguish the [prejudices](#) people have against Jews and against Muslims.” Concerned the event could prove “counter-productive” in an increasingly volatile climate, the leader of Oslo’s Jewish community agreed to it only if at least 30 people [signed up](#). To [date, over 1,500](#) have, agreeing with organizers’ argument that, “Islam is about protecting our brothers and sisters, regardless of which religion they belong to.” The event has also sparked a wave of online campaigns expressing similar solidarity, including [#IGoToSynagogue](#) [#WeMustStickTogether](#) [#MuslimsAndJewsRefuseToBeEnemies](#) [#ChildrenOfAbraham](#) [#AbrahamIbrahim](#). Explained one [attendee](#) for the Ring of Peace, “We all have to [live](#) under the same sky.”

And in Toronto, this Blind Trust Project: