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## Ask Me Anything: Celebrating Jewish Voices Event Recap

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**Panellists**

**Ask Me Anything**  
Celebrating Jewish Voices in  
the Public Service

**Elana Aptowitz**   **Dara Lithwick**   **Richard Baylin**   **Joanne Pfeiffer**

**Hosts:** Shannon Anderson and Adam Moscoe

On Wednesday, May 10, we held our interdepartmental [Ask Me Anything event, Celebrating Jewish Voices in the Public Service](#), in collaboration with the Department of National Defence. Participants tuned in virtually from many departments to take part in an honest conversation about the experience of their Jewish co-workers and what actions need to be done to ensure they feel supported and welcomed in each space. The event was opened by Alexis Conrad, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Economic and Regional Development Policy, Privy Council Office and co-moderated by Adam Moscoe, International Trade and Finance Branch, Finance Canada and Shannon Anderson, Change Project Manager, Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

The panel comprised dynamic and candid speakers including:

- Rabbi Dara Lithwick, Counsel, Office of the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, House of Commons
- Chief Superintendent Richard Baylin, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)
- Joanne Pfeiffer, Director, Border Services and Immigration Division, Treasury Board Secretariat (TBS)

The conversation between these panelists flowed naturally as they discussed Jewish faith, ethnicity, culture, and community. What an incredible honour it was to listen and learn from their individual stories and heritage. For more information on ways to celebrate and recognize Jewish Heritage Month check out the [Champions' message](#) in In the Loop.

For those who didn't get a chance to tune in live, we invite you to watch the [event recording](#) and to share this event with members of your family, friends, and community.