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**The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee
Condemns Mass-Shooting at Pittsburgh Synagogue.**

(October 27, 2018, Sarasota-Manatee) The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee and its Heller CRC condemn the hate crime and mass shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

Howard Tevlowitz, Chief Executive Officer, says “Every Saturday, Jews gather for Shabbat services. On this Saturday, a murderer broke into a synagogue and killed and wounded innocent Jews. An attack on the most sacred of places is the cruelest and most cowardly act a person can do. We stand with our fellow Jews in Pittsburgh and Jews all over the world in the face of hatred and this horrendous anti-Semitic brutality.”

Iris Nahemow, Chair of the Heller CRC, says “We condemn anti-Semitism in all its forms. Violence like this should never exist, especially in places of worship. There is and will never be any tolerance for hate.” Coincidentally, Nahemow was a member of the Tree of Life synagogue for many years when she lived in Pittsburgh.

The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee has been proactive in addressing security needs of local synagogues and Jewish organizations. In 2017, the Federation organized

training for personnel working in these institutions by the Department of Homeland Security on active shooter situations and bomb threats.

About The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee

The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to save Jewish lives and enhance Jewish life in the Sarasota-Manatee region, in Israel, and throughout the world. In addition, the Federation is responsive when worldwide catastrophes occur. **For more information, call 941-371-4546 or visit www.jfedsrq.org.**