



JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER HOUSTON AND THE EVELYN RUBENSTEIN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN RESPONSE TO SYNAGOGUE SHOOTING IN PITTSBURGH

The shooting in Pittsburgh during Shabbat services this morning displayed the worst of humanity and reminds us that anti-Semitic sentiments are still prevalent in our society.

We are horrified and saddened by the senseless, violent atrocity that targeted innocent people practicing their faith in their spiritual home. We stand in solidarity with an outraged world who condemn this and all terrorist attacks.

We know that the Pittsburgh Jewish community will have difficult days ahead. We stand with them and will provide any support we can.

Here in Houston, we will gather with other Jewish institutions to review security protocols and do all that we can to provide safety and security to members of our community.

From Avital Ingber, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, “The anti-Semitic terroristic attack on Pittsburgh’s Jewish community is sickening. We pray for those who lost their lives this Shabbat morning and for an end to attacks on the Jewish people. The Houston Jewish community stands with Pittsburgh as they work to heal from this terrible tragedy.”

From Joel Dinkin, CEO of the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish community center, “As a Pittsburgh native and someone who grew up in the Tree of Life Synagogue, this tragedy hits very close to home. Senseless targeted violence against the Jewish people must stop.

About the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston

The mission of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston is to preserve and enrich Jewish communal life through innovative and visionary leadership that is responsive to Jewish communities locally, nationally, in Israel and around the world.

About the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center

Evelyn Rubenstein JCC Houston is a non-profit organization that provides quality programs for all members of the family including infants, school-aged children, teens, adults and seniors. Evelyn Rubenstein JCC provides more than \$500,000 in scholarship aid to area families in need thanks to the generous support received, in part, from the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston and the United Way.