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From the Desk of Rabbi Ben-Zion Lanxner



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Letter to our Congregation in the aftermath of the Tree of Life atrocities....

Dear Friends of the Waco Jewish Community, Agudath Jacob Members, Rodef Sholom Members and Friends of the Greater Waco Interfaith Community,

This past weekend, during the Sabbath (Shabbat) morning prayers services, in the midst of rejoicing with a family celebrating a Circumcision (*Brit Milah*) and baby naming, affirming a child's identification with the Jewish people, the most horrendous antisemitic act of brutality took the life of eleven worshipers, our brothers and sisters and wounded another six others including police officers.

The FBI special agent in charge of the Pittsburgh office, Bob Jones, said that it was the most "horrific crime scene" he has witnessed in his 22-year career with the Bureau.

We are heartbroken and devastated by the horror of the shooting and murder at the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh.

Our hearts go out to the Jewish community of Pittsburgh, we grieve for the families that have lost loved ones, to those who were injured and to the brave first responders.

We pray for their speedy recovery and extend our condolences to all their families and friends.

May the bereaved be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

When American Jews are murdered in a house of God it is an affront to every person who believes that all of humankind was created "in the image of God." It represents the ultimate rejection of civilized society.

Our Torah teaches us, that “**Kol Israel Areivim ZeLazeh**”, “*each and every one of us is responsible for one another*”, as we are also commanded to honor the image of God in one another. Our sense of justice compels us to address the core issues facing not only the Jewish people but all people in our country in pursuit of a civil society.

Unfortunately, what happened in Pittsburgh, I do not believe it to be an isolated incident.

It is an echo of a kind of evil which we have come to witness in recent times. And it is an evil which, either on a conscious or subconscious level, has a powerful motivation.

A celebration of life turned into a bloodbath. And we can only ask, will it never end? What’s next?

I sadly recall saying in my last Rosh Hashanah sermon, that we need not to be complacent, that even in these beautiful United States of ours, antisemitism is back on the streets, getting stronger and stronger every day.

We need to come and stand all together as our Holy Torah suggests “**keIsh Echad beLev Echad**”, “*One people with One Heart*” united to confront this evil.

I remember like it was just yesterday, many years ago when I attended a very powerful and convincing lecture of a wonderful and world renown Holy woman, by the name of Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis zt”l, in Oak Park Michigan, (Founder of a TV Show “Hineini” in New York), as she was talking about antisemitism resurging all over the world

but particularly here in our backyards. (...as she was living in Nazi Germany in the early 1940 suffering and surviving through the horror of the Holocaust...) In a few words this is what she said...

“I know what I’m talking about, (Kinderlach) my little children (- in Yiddish). Listen to me. I’ve seen this before. I can’t be silent. We are getting a wake-up call. The world is on fire. So much is happening just like it did when I was a little girl. And we are sleeping. The World Is On Fire and We are just sleeping.”

Let me tell you, the Holy woman, Rebbetzin Jungreis was already an elder woman at this time, but you could not stop her, “**She was On Fire**”, as my Rebbe Shlomo Carlebach would say...

Some may have listened very carefully, some others dismissed it with indifference.

Some said this didn’t seem to apply to them.

None really thought that anything terrible could truly happen here in these glorious United States of America where freedom rings. Jews here, are safe. We are so very comfortable. We are so very happy and content Thank G-d (B”H), as we are also so very complacent, may I add.

This is not Europe, after all. This could not happen here! Right?

But then, it did happen, on October 27, 2018. One of the most atrocious and deadliest attacks on Jews in the history of

the United States occurred. Sadly, it has arrived.

The day has come when things will never be the same.

We wake up one Shabbat morning to go to the synagogue and the sky is still blue but suddenly, like from nowhere, life is forever transformed.

It's time to wake up my dear friends!

The the Mishnah Pirkei Avoth, the Ethics of the Fathers teaches us that not the intention nor the thought is important but **the deed, the action** is what is important.

My friends, **it is a time for action.**

Feeling sorry is not enough, we have to be more proactive to make this world a better place!

As the Talmud also teaches us that whomever kills one person, it is like killing the entire World. An attack on one American Jewish community is an attack on all of us!

Cold-blooded, fanatical, baseless, relentless hatred can be uprooted from its core only by saturating our world with pure, indiscriminating, uninhibited, unyielding love and acts of kindness. Today more than ever, we

need to spread love and unity; positivity and light.

In a spirit of solidarity, I ask you all, even those who do not attend services on a regular basis, to please make a concerted effort to come together this coming Shabbat, November 3, 2018 at 9:30 am, as we are participating in a Campaign organized by the “**American Jewish Committee**” called the **ShowUpForShabbat** campaign. ***“Synagogues across the United States are bracing themselves for big crowds this coming Shabbat with the launch of a national campaign that urges Americans – Jews and Non-Jews alike to fill the pews over the weekend and demonstrate their resilience, in this way, to acts of terror,”*** as reported yesterday in the Israeli newspaper “Haaretz”.

Let us all pray together as a unified Waco Jewish Community in fellowship and in unison against hatred in all its ugly forms as we stand strong as proud Americans and Jews emulating G-d's attribute of kindness, goodness, tolerance and love. May G-d Almighty watch over us, protect us and Bless us all.

Rabbi Ben-Zion Laxner

We must continue with resilience to proclaim NEVER AGAIN!

November Service Schedule

Friday, November 2

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting 6:21 p.m.

Saturday, November 3

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat Ends 7:15 p.m.

Friday, November 9

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting 5:15 p.m.

Saturday, November 10

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat Ends 6:10 p.m.

Friday, November 16

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting 5:11 p.m.

Saturday, November 17

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat Ends 6:07 p.m.

Friday, November 23

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting 5:09 p.m.

Saturday, November 24

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat Ends 6:05 p.m.

Friday, November 30

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting 5:07 p.m.

Saturday, December 1

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat Ends 6:04 p.m.



*Don't forget to set your clocks
BACK 1 hour
on Sunday, November 4!*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November 1

Benjy Bauer

November 4

Raylene Silver
Carron Thomson

November 11

Hannah Perry

November 16

Harriet Stupak

November 22

Dylan Rogers

November 25

Halyn Bauer

November 26

Joel Weissman

November 30

Lourdes Perez

Caritas



Food from the Faithful

Please continue to bring cereals and pastas throughout the year and Susan Silver will see that they are delivered to Caritas.



William Lipinsky
Sidney Jacobson

Frank Lipinsky
Naman & Esther
Lipinsky

Harvey Goldfeder

Jeff & Lea Levin

Bernard Hersh

Linda Kowal

Scott Vaughan

Barbara Wolpo

Mary Settle

Joseph Settle

Esther Hoffman

Craig & Lydia

Hoffman

Mariano Fusco

Jim & Morasha
Stuckey

Margaret Ida Fusco

Sevcik

Jim & Morasha
Stuckey

*HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY*

November 13

Mr. & Mrs. Jay Rogers



October Shabbat

Food Sponsors:

Rabbi & Susan Lanxner

Jim & Gabrielle Howle

Javis Howeth

Special Donations:

Robert & Gayle Monta

Ilsa Burns

AT & T

Shabbat Donations:

September 29 and Shemini Atzeret

Joseph Settle

Jim & Morasha Stuckey

David Fay

Larry & Joie McNabb

Gloria Yoder

Abbye & Susan Silver

Mike & Cindy Perry

Abbye & Susan Silver

Jim & Morasha Stuckey

David Fay

October 20

David Fay

Javis Howeth

Mike & Cindy Perry

Jim & Morasha Stuckey

October 6

Jim & Morasha Stuckey

David Fay

Mike & Cindy Perry

Joseph Settle

October 27

Javis Howeth

George & Kathleen Keller

Larry & Joie McNabb

Mike & Cindy Perry

Jim & Gabrielle Howle

Jim & Morasha Stuckey

October 13

Joseph Settle

Mike & Cindy Perry

HOW TO OBSERVE THE YAHRZEIT

It is traditional to kindle a Yahrzeit Candle in the home on the evening Yahrzeit begins. It should remain lighted until sunset the next day. Possible prayer before lighting a Yahrzeit candle: Eternal God, I/we light this candle in memory of (name) _____, my/our beloved (relationship) _____. The light of the flame rekindles all the warm memories of the moment we shared together, and reassures me /us that a piece of his/her soul dwells in my/our heart(s) forever. May his/her soul be bound up with the bonds of eternal life. Amen. Candles are available at the Gift Shop. Every effort should be made to say Kaddish at congregational services. It is meritorious to perform some Mitzvah or to contribute to the synagogue in commemoration of the deceased.

Kaddish will be read on November 2

Cheshvan 24 Ephraim Levin
Gershon Epstein
Betty Rosen (F. Hersh)

Cheshvan 25 Al Budin (F. Hersh)
Anna Korsch
Mayer Lipshitz
Jean Adelman

Cheshvan 26 Joseph Levine
Joe Harry Lewis
Mollie Roberts
Max F. Starr

Cheshvan 27 Nathan Feldt
Jennie Rubin

Cheshvan 28 Hyman Lyons
Harry Smith

Cheshvan 29 Hyman Wolf Fink
Sara Smolensky
A.L. Torchin

Kaddish will be read on November 9

Kislev 1 Max Ellis
Mrs. J. Kuttner
Frank Lipinsky
Sam Raphael
Sarah Rubel (H. Vaughan)

Kislev 2 George Cohen

Kislev 3 B. Kaplan
Rachel Lachman
Charles Handelman
Minnie Meinstein

Kislev 4 Eva Adler
Secil Chazanow
Cecilia Fleischman
Geraldine Harelik (D. Harelik)
Ethel Koppman

Kislev 5 Esther Blinderman
A.M. Bierman
Morris Giniger
A.J. Goldberg
M. Roman
Elmer Smith

Kislev 6 Pauline Koss
Edith Koss
Mrs. Toby Novich

Kislev 7 Arthur Schwartz (M. Schwartz)

Kaddish will be read on November 16

Kislev 8 F. Jennie Chazanow
A.D. Goldfine
Isaac Goldstein
Rosa Genecov Ellis

Kislev 9 Sophie Blank
Mrs. Isaac Feldt
Sarah Holste
I. Israel
Wm. Petchesky
Dora Sackett
Beatrice Siegel

Kislev 10 Minnie Wise
Jack Goldberg (M. Goldberg)

Joe L. Reed
Sol Siegel
David Sornin
Hannah Udashen

Kislev 12 Sam Gelber
Mina Parven
Mrs. Goldye Solomon

Kislev 13 Miriam Berkman
Philip Stupak (D. Stupak)

Kislev 14 Stanley Marmelzadt
Lilian Mendelsohn

Kaddish will be read on November 23

Kislev 15 Pauline Bartz
Moses W. Cinnamon
Elihugh Frankfort

Kislev 16 B. Roddy
Emma Wizig
Zlata Singer (Schwartz) (C. Kamenetsky)
Devorah Lanxner

Kislev 17 Mary Friedman
Moze Novich
Max Reed

Kislev 18 William Goldblatt
Warren Israel
H. Novich

Kislev 19 Rachel Rosenthal
Max Corman
Mose Harris

Jack Silver (A. Silver, L. Silver, R. Silver)
Robert Glick (I. Bonneville, D. Glick)

Kislev 20 Sidney Fleischman

Kislev 21 Flora Epstein
Toby Schwartz
Vernon Woolf

Kaddish will be read on November 30

Kislev 22 Yetta Cohen

Kislev 23 Amanda Goldstein
Sarah Leah Markusfeld
Dr. Sam Ellis (G. Zacharias)

Kislev 24 Carrie Loewenstein
Samuel H. Robinson
Sarah Schaevitz
Margaret Harelik (H. Harelik)

Kislev 25 Leon Rouvant
Edith Koss
Jon Evans, Jr. (L. McNabb)

Kislev 26 Sadie Berman
Chaim H. Green
Diana Green Rosner
Margot Meyers

Kislev 27 Shirley Kleiner
Cochavah Lavi (C. Hoffman)

Kislev 28 Cecile Aronson
Dora Goldberg
Max Knop

November 2018

23 Heshvan 5779 - 22 Kislev 5779

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

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