Dear Friends,

Today was a sad and horrifying day for the Jewish community and for our country. At services this morning, we received reports of worshipers massacred at The Tree of Life Synagogue in the Squirrel Hill section of Pittsburgh. Again, violence has scarred our nation and now has come very close to home. Our hearts break for the victims, their families, and the Pittsburgh Jewish community.

The scourge of anti-Semitism is still with us, and has reared its ugly head once again. Yet we are not helpless. We can stand up to hatred by not allowing ourselves to be cowed by fear. We can show our solidarity and affirm life by coming together next Shabbat to hold one another in the embrace of community. We must never abide discrimination and senseless hatred in any religious community in Denver or anywhere else in this country. When anyone is attacked, we are all attacked. And we feel this most powerfully, today.

Please join us in a communal vigil to be held tomorrow, Sunday, at 5pm at Temple Emanuel. We will be together and mourn our brothers and sisters murdered in Pittsburgh. May God give us strength.

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