PUBLIC STATEMENT FROM THE RABBINICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER KANSAS CITY IN Response to New Zealand Mosque Tragedy

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We, the rabbis who comprise the Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City are heartsick at the tragic loss of life in a New Zealand mosque; a horrific, hateful event motivated by baseless Islamophobia that occurred as our Muslim brothers and sisters were coming together for prayer. We mourn this tragedy, and in this moment offer our support for all who grieve.

We extend our prayers that G-d, (and our community) provide comfort to all who mourn; the Muslim community in New Zealand and our Muslim community here in Kansas City, as we in the Jewish community have been comforted in the past during times of mourning.

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