

## PUBLIC STATEMENT FROM THE RABBINICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER KANSAS CITY April 2019

## Rabbinical Association Responds to Tragedy in Poway, California

The members of the Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City are heartsick to have to write yet another statement in response to baseless hate and violence inflicted on our fellow Jews at Chabad of Poway, California; exactly six months to the day after the murder of eleven Jews worshipping in a Pittsburgh synagogue. Amidst our mourning for the loss of life of one precious soul and our on-going prayers for the three who were injured, we stand committed to fighting against the hatred against our Jewish community, and any and all acts of hatred and religious persecution.

We offer whatever support and comfort we can to Poway Chabad, and our local Chabad and Torah Learning Center as part of the Lubavitch community.

The recent events at Poway, in Sri Lanka and Christchurch, New Zealand must be responded to with a unified voice of religious freedom and a zealous pursuit of peace and love. It is that commitment that has and will continue to sustain Jews throughout centuries of persecution.

## The Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City

Rabbi Doug Alpert	Congregation Kol Ami
Rabbi Javier Cattapan	Congregation Beth Torah
Rabbi Stuart Davis	Temple Sinai
Rabbi David Glickman	Congregation Beth Shalom
Rabbi Moshe Grussgott	Kehilath Israel Synagogue
Rabbi Shaya Katz	Community Kollel
Rabbi Jon Kleinman	Chaplain, Vitas Healthcare
Rabbi Monica Kleinman	Congregation Beth Torah
Rabbi Josh Leighton	Community Rabbi
Rabbi Mark Levin	Founding Rabbi, Congregation Beth Torah
Rabbi Alan Londy	New Reform Temple
Rabbi Herbert Mandl	Rabbi Emeritus, Kehilath Israel Synagogue
Rabbi Arthur Nemitoff	The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah
Rabbi Beryl Padorr	Shared Vision Coordinator, The Temple Congregation
B'nai	Jehudah
Rabbi Daniel Rockoff	Beth Israel Abraham Voliner
Rabbi Jonathan Rudnick	Community Chaplain
Rabbi Neal Schuster	KU Hillel
Rabbi Sarah Smiley	The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah
Rabbi Linda K. Steigman, MSS	Temple Adath Joseph
Rabbi Debbie Stiel	Temple Beth Sholom, Topeka
Rabbi Avi Weinstein	Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy
Rabbi Scott White	Congregation Ohev Sholom