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Our hearts break for the families of those killed and injured at the Tree of Life Synagogue, the Jewish community of Pittsburgh and all Jews around the world. This massacre is one of the deadliest attacks on the Jewish community in the history of the United States. In Solidarity with the Pittsburgh Jewish Community, Rabbi Joshua Maroof is visiting families in Pittsburgh on behalf of United Mashadi Jewish Community of America. Further, we are asking our Rabbis and Gabbayim to recognize the victims with special Tefillot and to say Hashkavahs this Shabbat in all our Synagogues.

In lieu of the devastating events of last week, the UMJCA Central Board has contacted Nassau County law enforcement and has requested additional support in these troubling times. Our police commissioner and our elected officials are aware of our security concerns and are fully cooperating with us. We will be working with all of our security teams, internal and external, to review our already great security procedures. In addition, we are planning to have speakers from the Nassau County Police Department this Shabbat in our Synagogues. Further, our own dedicated security committee will be conducting new drills and are getting extra training and funding to strengthen our already great security in our centers. We thank our Nassau County Police Commissioner, Patrick Ryder, as well as the entire Nassau County Police Department and all of our security personnel and first responders for their hard work. We ask all community members to show their appreciation to all of them as well.

As we mourn the loss of the victims of the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, we ask all community members to stay vigilant, help and cooperate with our security professionals. May the victims' memories be a blessing and we all pray for the injured victims to have a full and speedy recovery. We pray for strength and unity for the people of Pittsburgh and all Jews around the world in these difficult times.

Central Board of United Mashadi Community of America