

**We Assyrians believe standing against Anti-Semitism in America is an obligation and a duty**

The attacks against innocent members of the Jewish-American community at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, the shooting at the kosher supermarket in Jersey City, the desecration of the Torah and vandalism of the Nessah Synagogue in Beverly Hills and numerous other attacks which are unreported have raised major concern among the Assyrian-Americans.

We, the Assyrians know the footprint of harassment and persecution for we too have suffered for our faith and continue to face ethnocide. Our generational and collective experience with similar heinous crimes and our long kinship with the Jews has moved us to feel the pain of this ancient community not just in America, but throughout the world. We strongly condemn these heinous crimes and see these attacks not only against our Jewish-American brethren but against all of us. There is no place for bigotry and hate of any kind in this country we call home.

Hereby, during this Season of Advent and as the Hanukkah is being celebrated, we the Assyrian organizations and leaders in the United States of America call on our federal, state and local authorities to investigate these hate crimes and to swiftly prosecute the perpetrators to the fullest extent of the law. We also call for the educational institutions to invest more resources in educating the young on fighting bigotry and discrimination of any kind and combating anti-Semitism.

One of the bedrock principles upon which America was founded is the cause of religious freedom. As such this great nation has always been a beacon of light for countless. Let us hope it will remain as such.

In closing, we the Assyrian people send a message of solidarity with the Jewish-American community. May God bless all of us in this land of the free.

Sincerely,

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Assyrian American Association of Illinois  
Assyrian American Association of San Jose  
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