



Today, October 27, 2018, we join so many others who are standing with the members of the Tree of Life Synagogue, the Jewish community, the residents of Squirrel Hill, our partners and others who are affected by the tragic shooting. Vibrant Pittsburgh, since our early days as the Welcome Center for Immigrants and Internationals, which was a supporting nonprofit to Jewish Family and Community Services, has had an extraordinary relationship with the Pittsburgh region's Jewish community. All of us at Vibrant Pittsburgh are devastated by the shooting, the senseless violence and loss of life, and injury to both body and spirit.

There is no place for hate. There is no time for hate. This incident is not who we are.

As a community we must come together across our differences to stand against antisemitism and hate of all kinds. We must bring peace and healing, not just to Pittsburgh, but to a nation that is fragmenting at the seams.

We must do better with our public discourse. Civility, empathy and humanity must be the common values around which we see and treat one another, and we must understand that both our words and our deeds have consequences.

On behalf of Vibrant Pittsburgh and the Vibrant Pittsburgh team, we send our heartfelt condolences to the victims and their families today. We thank the public safety officials for their selfless acts of bravery. We #standwithyou. We #standtogether!

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