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**Tikvat Yisrael Messianic Synagogue, Cleveland, Ohio
Responds to the Ponway, California Chabad Synagogue shooting.**

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.

(Psalm 116:15)

Cleveland— April 30, 2019 — On Saturday, April 27th; exactly six months from the last act of synagogue violence in Pittsburg, PA.; Lori Kaye, 60, of Poway, CA., was killed and injured in the shooting were Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein, Noya Dahan, 8, and Almog Peretz, 34. Tikvat Yisrael Messianic Synagogue, in Cleveland Ohio, expresses our most sincere condolences to the surviving members of Kaye family, as well as all of those injured including the entire congregation and community of Ponway who have been traumatized by this cowardly act of terror. To add insult to this injury, over this same weekend the New York Times published an Anti-Semitic cartoon depicting the President of the United States as a blind Orthodox Jewish man wearing a kippah, and holding a leash of a guide dog with the face of Israel's Prime Minister complete with a Jewish Star of David around it's neck. Not only do we condemn this rhetoric of bias media; we also call it out for what it is: Anti-Semitic Propaganda in the fashion of pre-Holocaust hate speech of the 1930's. While the New York Times has apologized for the cartoon they published; the damage has been done and we recognize this as a trend that is evolving not only in the biased media, but also with the increased violence and hate speech against Jews in deteriorating American political landscape as well as our society's declining tolerance in general towards all faith communities. As movements on college campuses such as

the Boycott, Divest and Sanction Movement (BDS) against the State of Israel, the arson against mosques, and the assault of First Amendment Rights against Christians for expressing their faith in public, these results of the secularization of America have all become self-evident.

Tikvat Yisrael Messianic Synagogue stands in unity with our Jewish people in condemning all expressions of antisemitism in all its various forms; in addition to ethnic as well as all religious hate crime universally. We also agree with the statement that was made by the Vice President of the United States in his response to this act of terror: **“No one should be in fear in a house of worship. Antisemitism isn’t just wrong - it’s evil.”**

The house of worship here at Tikvat Yisrael Messianic Synagogue remains diligent for years now we’ve enforced safety plans and all possible due diligence measures of security. We indeed will not fear in our place of worship; as it is written, *“Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.”* (Psalm 121:4). We indeed will not fear in our place of worship.

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