

December 1, 2016  
1<sup>st</sup> Kislev, 5777

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu  
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Prime Minister Netanyahu,

This week the rabbis of our Greater MetroWest, NJ, community met and discussed a wide range of issues and concerns. Greater MetroWest is one of the largest Jewish communities in North America, with over 130,000 Jews in the five central and northern counties of New Jersey. We are a thriving hub of Jewish life with hundreds of Jewish institutions, synagogues, organizations and schools. We are a passionate Zionist community, deeply involved in Israel advocacy and engagement, with strong connections to Israel in our seven partnerships on the ground.

We respectfully send you the attached letter, signed by dozens of our community rabbis, representing all denominations and the diversity of our community. The letter reflects our deep concern over the recent event in Raanana, and threats made against individuals.

We look forward to hearing your response, and thank you for your attention.

Bivracha,



Leslie Dannin Rosenthal  
President



Dov Ben-Shimon  
CEO/Executive Vice-President

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Dear Prime Minister Netanyahu,

We are rabbis representing a wide range of Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist, Independent, Jewish Renewal and other denominational synagogues in the Greater MetroWest New Jersey Jewish community. We write you today to condemn the recent acts of vandalism and hate speech perpetrated at Kehilat Ra'anana, Beit Samueli. Ra'anana is one of our partner communities in Israel, and so we especially stand with our friends there in the wake of this evil attack on their freedom and security.

We condemn unequivocally the threats against Anat Hoffman, Rabbi Rick Jacobs and Rabbi Gilad Kariv. We implore you to ensure any such threat of violence and intimidation is not ignored.

Our Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest supports diversity and the tolerance of all streams of Judaism. Everyone – Jews and non-Jews alike – have the right to feel safe to worship in a way that is meaningful to them. A hateful act of this kind in Israel is an attack on the entire Jewish people, as well as an assault on our basic Jewish values. Violence, incitement, and hatred have no place in any of our communities.

We hope that you and all Israeli leaders will use this incident as an opportunity to demonstrate the Government of Israel's commitment to fight hate crimes, and we are grateful for your continued efforts in this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Joel Abraham	Temple Shalom	Reform
Rabbi Steven Bayar	B'nai Israel	Conservative
Rabbi Cecelia Beyer	Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Springfield	Conservative
Rabbi Mark Biller	Congregation Beth Ahm of West Essex	Conservative
Rabbi Daniel Cohen	Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel	Reform
Rabbi Mark Cooper	Oheb Shalom	Conservative
Rabbi Faith Joy Dantowitz	Temple B'nai Abraham	Independent
Rabbi Marc Disick	Temple Emanu-El of West Essex	Reform
Rabbi Andy Dubin	Jewish Center of Northwest Jersey	Reform
Rabbi Menashe East	Mount Freedom Jewish Center	Orthodox

Rabbi Renee Edelman	Temple Sha'arey Shalom	Reform
Rabbi Mark David Finkel	Pine Brook Jewish Center	Conservative
Rabbi Avi Friedman	Congregation Ohr Shalom - SJCC	Conservative
Rabbi Daniel Geretz	Maayan	Orthodox
Rabbi Matthew Gewirtz	Congregation B'nai Jeshurun	Reform
Rabbi David Greenstein	Congregation Shomrei Emunah	Conservative
Rabbi Laurence Groffman	Temple Sholom of West Essex	Reform
Rabbi Zvi Karpel	B'nai Nathan/Daughters of Israel	Orthodox
Rabbi David Klatzker	Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim	Conservative
Rabbi Alexandra Klein	Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel	Reform
Rabbi E. Samuel Klibanoff	Congregation Etz Hayim	Orthodox
Rabbi Clifford Kulwin	Temple B'nai Abraham	Independent
Rabbi Mark Mallach	Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael	Conservative
Rabbi Ellie Miller	Temple B'nai Or	Reform
Rabbi Steven Mills	Temple Beth Am	Reform
Rabbi Eliezer Mischel	Synagogue of the Suburban Torah Center	Orthodox
Rabbi Randi Musnitsky	Temple Har Shalom	Reform
Rabbi David Nesson	Morristown Jewish Center	Conservative
Rabbi Jesse Olitzky	Congregation Beth El (South Orange)	Conservative
Rabbi Hannah Orden	Congregation Beth Hatikvah (Summit)	Reconstructionist
Rabbi Karen Perolman	Congregation B'nai Jeshurun	Reform
Rabbi Charles Popky	White Meadow Temple	Conservative
Rabbi Ethan Prosnit	Temple Emanu-El	Reform
Rabbi Doug Sagal	Temple Emanu-El	Reform
Rabbi John Schechter	Congregation B'nai Israel	Conservative
Rabbi Alan Silverstein	Congregation Agudath Israel	Conservative
Rabbi Debra Smith	Congregation Or Ha Lev	Renewal
Rabbi Geoffrey Spector	Temple Beth Shalom	Conservative
Cantor Steven Stern	Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah	Conservative
Rabbi Elliott Tepperman	B'nai Keshet	Reconstructionist
Rabbi Ariann Weitzman	Bnai Keshet	Reconstructionist
Rabbi Mary Zamore	Women's Rabbinic Network	Reform