



# Yeshiva University

## Office of the President

# THE VIEW FROM YU

Not a week removed from the heinous attack on Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Synagogue, the Jewish world is still in a period of mourning for our murdered brothers and sisters. We have been cruelly reminded that even in this great nation the ancient, noxious fumes of anti-semitism still have the power to corrode the souls of our fellow citizens. "This is why I weep and my eyes overflow with tears" (Lamentations 1:16).

But as Matthew Arnold once wrote, when darkest night threatens to overwhelm, "The right thing is...to keep pushing on one's posts into the darkness, and to establish no post that is not perfectly in light, and firm." Indeed, as the educational epicenter of our global movement, Yeshiva University has sprung into action on myriad fronts, providing consolation and trauma support to the Squirrel Hill community both in person and from afar; pedagogical and counseling resources to our community educators and rabbis, as well as thoughts from faculty members across our many schools and programs to help our community and the broader society contextualize the events of this past week.

I am deeply proud of our students, teachers, professionals and alumni for their inspiring leadership as demonstrated by the many initiatives and resources detailed below. May those grieving be comforted, and may this Shabbat be one of peace, consolation and rebuilding.

Dr. Ari Berman  
President  
Yeshiva University

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# From Our President

Dr. Ari Berman, President

[Our Fight Against Hatred](#)

(as covered by CBS, NBC and other media)

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# From Our Students

Hadassah Penn (Stern College for Women)

[From Sorrow to Solace in Squirrel Hill](#)



Rabbi Dr. Ari Sytner (center) with YU students Hadassah Penn, Eliana Felder and Andrew Bronner (wearing lanyards) as they offer solace and support

## Vigil for Pittsburgh

[The YU family gathers to mourn and pray](#)



## James Striar School

[Five students and Rabbi Yonason Shippel make a pilgrimage](#)



## From Our Alumni

**Gail (Giti) Bendheim '91F**

[The Primal Power of Connection](#)

**Susan Jacobs Jablow '99S**

[Our Darkest Day](#)

**Shoshi (Mollie) Butler '06S**

[Thanking Law Enforcement](#)



## **From Our Faculty**

**Center for the Jewish Future**

[Outreach to and resources for a beleaguered world](#)

**Dr. Nancy Beckerman**

*Wurzweiler School of Social Work*

[Born Into the Human Form](#)

**Zahava Farbman, MSW, LCSW**

*Wurzweiler School of Social Work*

[Addressing the Horror and Tragedy With Students and Children](#)

**Lisa Henshaw, MSW**

*Wurzweiler School of Social Work*

[Constructing Your Own Narrative in the Search for Meaning](#)

**Dr. Rona Novick**

*Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration*

[The Tragedy of Tree of Life: Helping Children Cope](#)

**Dr. Ronnie Perelis**

*Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies*

[Washington's "Letter to The Hebrew Congregation of Newport"](#)

**Bonnie Pollak, Adjunct Instructor/Doctoral Student**

*Wurzweiler School of Social Work*

[The Holocaust: Will It Ever End?](#)



## Media Links

- [YU Torah: Perspectives on Tragedy](#)
- [Thanking Law Enforcement](#) (*The Yeshiva World*)
- [“Returning to Shul: How to Speak to Our Children About Pittsburgh”](#) (*Jewish Link of New Jersey* by Rabbi Dr. Ari Sytner)
- [“Pittsburgh Jews begin healing with ancient shiva mourning custom”](#) (*Reuters* quoting Rabbi Yaakov Glasser)
- [“We Are All in Pain”](#) (*Manhattan Times News*)
- [“New York Rallies Unity, Support For Synagogue Shattered By Hateful Killings”](#) (*CBS*: reference to the vigil at Yeshiva University begins at 1:58)
- [Yeshiva University Visits Pittsburgh](#) (viral footage)

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