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Joint Statement of Solidarity with People of France Following Attacks

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The Bay Area Jewish community, horrified and outraged by Friday's deadly terror attacks in Paris, stands united with the people of France and unified in grief with the families of the innocent people who were murdered.

These attacks, committed by radical Islamic extremists in the center of one of the world's great cities and targeting people going about their daily lives, constitute an assault on humanity and the cherished values of freedom. Though startling in their scale and brutality, they are only the latest in a long sequence of atrocities perpetrated by those at war with Western values. Barbaric assaults on innocents have become a basic strategy of jihadists seeking to spread hatred. To thwart such violence we must come together now with added resolve to combat terrorism and preserve our values of democratic pluralism, which the perpetrators seek to undermine.

The Bay Area Jewish community has created an online communal memorial at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StandWithFrance/> where you may share your thoughts, prayers, feelings and support with the people of France. We are united with all who say to France, ***You are not alone in this struggle***, and hope to magnify this message of solidarity. It is critical that all people who value peace and unity speak out against the evil of terrorism and stand shoulder to shoulder with the just.

