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Joseph Wasserman
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Dear Joseph,

It is with great sorrow that I write this letter. The news from Israel is horrific and heartbreaking. On behalf of the 1.6 million members of the American Federation of Teachers, we are shocked and in deepest grief over the terrorist attack on the Kehilat Bnai Torah synagogue in Jerusalem. The leaders and members of the AFT stand with the Israel Teachers Union and the people of Israel at this time.

The deaths of the learned rabbis and the brave policeman who stood between the worshippers and the assassins are in our hearts and minds. We fear that this spiral of violence could continue unless there are negotiations that lead to the kind of just solution we all seek - two states that can live side by side, where Jerusalem can be a thriving and safe city, the jewel and treasure for all religions, holy to Jews, to Muslims and to Christians.

Even in great anguish, we can't let evil deny our common humanity. Please extend our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of those so tragically lost.

In solidarity,

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