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Campus Message About Poway Synagogue Shooting

I am deeply saddened and stunned by the senseless act of violence and hate that occurred this morning at Chabad of Poway, when a shooter opened fire on the congregation, resulting in the death of at least one individual and injuring others. We are heartbroken by this tragedy, which was motivated by hate and anti-Semitism.

We extend our deepest condolences to all of the victims, their families, friends and our entire community. We share your grief. This despicable act is entirely against our values as a University, particularly given that many in our community are preparing to observe Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) on May 1. We stand in solidarity with the Jewish community and reject the rhetoric of divisiveness that feeds hatred.

We are dismayed and disheartened that the alleged shooter – now in custody – is a CSUSM student. CSUSM is working collaboratively with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department to assist and gain more information.

Please remember that CSUSM offers a range of services to students who need support, including assistance from [Student Health and Counseling Services](#). In addition, the [Cougar Care Network and SOAR](#) can provide information about on- and off-campus resources. For faculty and staff, the [Employee Assistance Program](#) is available at 800-367-7474. [The Office of University Ombuds](#) offers confidential and neutral assistance.

As a university community, we know that our diversity makes us stronger. Today's reprehensible actions do not define us. They never will. We stand united against hatred as we work toward a better, more peaceful world.

Sincerely,
Karen S. Haynes, Ph.D.
President