



Temple Rodef Shalom

A Message From TRS

March 13, 2026

Dear TRS family,

As we prepare for Shabbat, our hearts are with the community of Temple Israel, our sister Reform congregation in West Bloomfield, Michigan, and with Jewish communities everywhere as we learn more about the act of violence that occurred at Temple Israel yesterday. We are heartened that no one from the congregation was physically injured, and that their security team and protocols prevented an even greater tragedy.

Moments like these remind us how deeply connected we are to one another across distance and community. We hold Temple Israel's clergy, congregants, and staff in our thoughts and prayers, and we stand together as one people.

Please know that the safety of our congregants, students, and staff is always our highest priority. We remain in close contact with local law enforcement and our security partners and are grateful to the Fairfax County Police Department, which is providing additional resources to Jewish communities in response to the war in the Middle East. We are always continually reviewing our internal processes to strengthen the safety and security of Temple Rodef Shalom, and in moments like these we take the opportunity to look again at those practices and make further improvements, including:

- Sharing updated school policies and reminders with our Early Childhood and RS communities
- Finalizing new security information cards to be displayed in our prayer spaces
- Seeing a heightened police presence as FCPD ramps up their visits to synagogues throughout the county
- While there are no known threats in our local area, we continue to be vigilant, and we appreciate your partnership in those efforts. We ask anyone coming into our building to work with our security team and check in upon arrival when requested. If you see anything that looks out of place, please do not hesitate to let us know.
- We will continue to monitor this situation carefully. If you have questions or concerns, we are here for you.

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