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To Rabbi Kahn and the Congregation of Temple Sinai:

On behalf of the congregation of Church of the Palms I write to you to express our sorrow and outrage at the deplorable act of anti-Semitism and hate inflicted upon your congregation and property. We lament with you and your sister congregation, Temple Emanu-El, in the grief and sorrow this must cause you.

Our congregation cherishes the long-standing friendship between our communities and we are eager to stand with you in this time. We pledge to do whatever we can that will best support you. As people of faith we believe that when one spiritual community is attacked, all are attacked. All must be able to worship and serve freely without fear of intimidation, violence and acts of hate.

We are aware that this is not the first time you have been subjected to such crimes of hate and thus we feel especially called to join you in standing against the evil at work in the minds and hearts of prejudice. Please let us know how we may walk beside you in this time of pain.

Shalom,

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