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**RABBIS AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE STATEMENT ON THE
SHOOTING AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, TEXAS
DEADLIEST CHURCH SHOOTING IN MODERN U.S. HISTORY**

BERKELEY, CA — Rabbis Against Gun Violence is shocked and saddened by the shooting at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas. We are still learning more details and there is much we do not know yet. But here's one thing we do know: it is far too easy in our country for dangerous people to obtain guns and use them with deadly results. This easy access to guns means we are not safe anywhere – not in our places of worship, concerts venues, movie theaters, workplaces or schools.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all affected. But we know for certain that prayers are not enough. More than 90 Americans die from guns and hundreds more are injured each day. We must resolve to do more to save lives and make our communities safe.

“We must end this uniquely American insanity,” said Rabbi Menachem Creditor, founder and Chair of Rabbis Against Gun Violence. “The Gun Violence epidemic is fueled by profit-lusting weapon manufacturers, amplified by NRA blood-money, protected by cowardly legislators, and enabled by our silence. This is on us. The blood of 59 concert goers just over one month ago, of the hundreds who have died since then, and now of the worshippers in Texas is screaming to us from the earth. We must demand that our lawmakers act to keep guns out of dangerous hands.”

About Rabbis Against Gun Violence

Rabbis Against Gun Violence is a national grassroots coalition of Jewish American leaders and faith activists from across the denominational spectrum mobilized to curb the current gun violence epidemic plaguing our communities. We believe in the inherent dignity and sacredness of every human life and believe that every gun death – whether from urban violence, suicide, domestic violence, accidental shootings, or mass shootings - diminishes us. We use our rabbinic voice to educate and advocate for positive, achievable solutions that will save lives and make our communities safer. You do not need to be a rabbi to be a member – just support the work of the group and recognize the important role that faith leaders have in addressing the devastating effect of gun violence. For more information or to get involved visit rabbisagainstgunviolence.org. Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/RabbisAgainstGunViolence and on Twitter [@rabbisagstgv](https://twitter.com/rabbisagstgv)

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