

**VICTIMS OF TERROR FUND
PAYMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS ON THE PREMISES DURING THE SHOOTING**

INFORMATION AND PROCESS FOR VERIFYING ELIGIBILITY

The Independent Committee overseeing the distribution of dollars collected through the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh's *Victims of Terror Fund* has established a pool of funds totaling \$48,528 to be distributed in equal shares to individuals who were on site at the time of the attack but who were not trapped in the building as described in the eligibility criteria below. The Committee authorized these payments in recognition of the fact that these individuals may have suffered special emotional trauma because they were at risk and were very near the place where their fellow congregants were being murdered. For more information about Committee reasoning and other decisions, please read the full report at:

<https://jewishpgh.org/app/uploads/2019/03/Independent-Committee-Report.pdf>

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The pool of funds established for this group of recipients will be distributed in equal shares to individuals who were physically present on the Tree of Life Synagogue property at 5898 Wilkins Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15217, but not inside the building, on the morning of October 27, 2018 between approximately 9:45am when the shooting began and approximately 10:15am when police took control of the site.

PROCESS FOR VERIFYING ELIGIBILITY

Individuals who meet these criteria and who are interested in receiving a share of these funds are asked to make themselves known to the Committee, by sending an email to VictimsOfTerrorFund@gmail.com or calling (412) 254-4488 unless alternative arrangements have been made. Inquiries must be submitted by **April 1, 2019**.

Individuals will be asked to verify their interest in receiving funds and eligibility by completing a simple form, attached. These forms must be completed and submitted by **April 15, 2019**. Additional information may be requested. Individuals will also be required to sign a legal document verifying the individual satisfies the eligibility criteria.

All requested paperwork must be submitted by **April 15, 2019** unless alternative arrangements have been made. Final notification and delivery of awards is expected by **April 30, 2019**.

OUTREACH TO INDIVIDUALS THAT MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAYMENTS

Information about these funds and this process is being disseminated by the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, Congregation Dor Hadash, New Light Congregation, and Tree of Life*Or L'Smicha. Individuals who were on the site during the shooting and meet the eligibility criteria are probably aware of others who may also qualify. At your discretion, please share this information with others whom you think may qualify, may not already know about the existence of this fund, or may not have already received this form.

HOW TO ASK QUESTIONS OR GET MORE INFORMATION

Questions about the process may be addressed by email (preferred) to VictimsOfTerrorFund@gmail.com or by leaving a detailed voicemail at (412) 254-4488.

Individuals who aren't sure if they meet eligibility criteria are encouraged to complete the attached form and wait for a response, which shall be anticipated on or about April 15, 2019, to see if further information is required.

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VERIFICATION FORM**

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Email _____

My affiliation (Congregational affiliation is not a requirement for eligibility):

Congregation Dor Hadash Tree of Life*Or L'Smicha Congregation
 New Light Congregation I am not affiliated with any of the three congregations

In the space below or using additional space as required, please share information that may help explain or substantiate your eligibility. We appreciate that sharing this information may be difficult for some applicants. This information is not required but could be helpful to the Committee in verifying your eligibility. Additional information may be requested.

I attest that I was physically present on the Tree of Life Synagogue property at 5898 Wilkins Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15217, but not inside the building, on the morning of October 27, 2018 between approximately 9:45am when the shooting began and approximately 10:15am when police took control of the site. I understand that I may be asked to submit additional corroborating information, and that my eligibility may be verified using information provided by law enforcement and the court system, and against prior statements made in the media. I further attest that any additional information I provided to substantiate my eligibility along with this form is true.

Signature
Printed Name: _____
Date: _____

Please return a scanned copy of this this completed document with signature and any attachments via email to VictimsOfTerrorFund@gmail.com or by mail to Victims of Terror Fund, c/o Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, 2000 Technology Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. All emails must be received by April 15, 2019. All mailed forms must be postmarked on or before April 15, 2019.