

Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting - Pittsburgh, PA October 27, 2018

October 27, 2018 (CNN) Eleven people were killed Saturday morning when a gunman stormed the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh and opened fire on the congregants inside, officials said.

A law enforcement official told CNN the suspect was identified as 46-year-old Robert Bowers. It's believed the suspect made anti-Semitic statements during the shooting and targeted Jews in posts on social media that are a focus of the investigation, according to a federal law enforcement official.

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/10/27/us/pittsburgh-synagogue-active-shooter/index.html>

The names of the deceased victims in the synagogue shooting will be released at 9 a.m. ET Sunday, Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto told CNN's Wolf Bitzer.

The mayor said there was "really strong insistence by the FBI that we identify everybody with 100% accuracy before giving out any information, for the families' sake."

Peduto also said security was being tightened at Islamic centers and any other group that "would feel insecure or would need additional security."

Eleven people were killed and six people were injured when a gunman entered the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, officials said.

The suspect was taken into custody.

<https://www.cnn.com/us/live-news/pittsburgh-synagogue-shooting/index.html>

According to Wendell Hissrich, Pittsburgh Public Safety Director, this incident falls under a hate crime since it was at a Jewish Synagogue. It will be a federal investigation led by the FBI. The shooter was taken to the hospital.

Phone number for victims' families to ask questions – 412-432-4400

Blood donations needed

<https://www.wkbn.com/news/local-news/red-cross-accepting-donation-in-wake-of-pittsburgh-synagogue-shooting/1555089168>

Vitalant (formerly the Central Blood Bank) is accepting blood donations for today's victims. Vitalant says the most needed blood types are O-positive, O-negative and platelet donations are also needed. People who are as young as 16 (with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health may be eligible to donate blood, according to Vitalant. Sign up on the website to donate, <https://donateblood.centralbloodbank.org>

Red Cross Blood Donation

Find a drive - <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

How to donate money

Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh – Our Victims of Terror Fund

<https://jewishpgh.org/>

234 McKee Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

GoFundMe

GoFundMe has verified a fundraiser supporting the victims of Saturday's Pittsburgh synagogue shooting that left 11 people dead.

The GoFundMe had collected more than \$60,000 in just five hours by Saturday evening, and donations continued to pour in.

Organizer Shay Khatiri said funds raised will support survivors and victims' families. Funds will also be used to help the congregation repair physical damage to the building as a result of the deadly shooting at Tree of Life synagogue. <https://6abc.com/how-to-help-pittsburgh-synagogue-shooting-victims/4566695/>

<https://www.gofundme.com/tree-of-life-synagogue-shooting?utm>

Live and Work Well Resources

<https://www.liveandworkwell.com/content/en/member/search.html?search=ZGlzYXN0ZXIgcmlVjb3Zlcnk=&sort=score&page=1>

Coping with Disaster - <https://www.ready.gov/coping-with-disaster>

Helping Others - <https://www.ready.gov/helping-others>

Helping Friends and Co-Workers After Disaster -

<https://www.liveandworkwell.com/content/en/member/article.13007.html>

Dealing with the Effects of Trauma – A Self-Help Guide -

https://www.liveandworkwell.com/content/dam/laww/documents/guides/SAMHSA_deal_trauma.pdf

Helping Children and Adolescents Cope with Violence and Disasters: What Parents Can Do -

<https://www.liveandworkwell.com/content/en/member/article.15439.html>

Helping Kids Cope with Disaster -

<https://www.liveandworkwell.com/content/en/member/article.8294.html>

FBI Pittsburgh

<https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/pittsburgh>

3311 East Carson Street

Pittsburgh, PA 15203

(412) 432-4000

Please visit <https://www.fbi.gov/tips> on how to submit a tip on the shooting.

Mayor of Pittsburgh, Bill Peduto

<http://pittsburghpa.gov/mayor>

(412) 255-2626

United HealthCare and Optum

The Optum Public Line has been opened for those impacted by the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. *The phone readout is **Optum Help Line**, the number they are dialing is 866-342-6892.*