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Klein Condemns Synagogue Vandalism

Calls anti-Semitic attack on Parkland synagogue “outrageous”

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Representative Ron Klein (FL-22), the co-chairman of the Congressional Taskforce Against Anti-Semitism, today condemned in the harshest terms the anti-Semitic vandalism of a South Florida synagogue. The incident, discovered this morning at the Chabad of Parkland, included three spray-painted swastikas on the synagogue's walls, and the words "Heil Hitler." A nearby stop sign also was spray-painted to read, "Stop 4 Hitler."

“I am outraged by this disgusting display of hate,” Klein said. “This is a cowardly act of vandalism against innocent people of faith. We in South Florida stand united against this kind of discrimination. This vile act will not be tolerated.”

Klein noted that the incident is particularly disturbing because May 1 is Holocaust Remembrance Day, and a day of prayer had been scheduled at the synagogue.

“If we are to live up to our mantra of ‘never again,’ we must not sit by silently in the face of any anti-Semitic attack,” Klein said. “It is our solemn responsibility to speak out against such hate speech. I thank our hard-working law enforcement officers, who are diligently investigating this crime, and encourage any community member with information on the perpetrators to come forward immediately.”

The Congressional Taskforce Against Anti-Semitism, chaired by Representative Klein and Representative Mike Pence (IN-06) is the bipartisan voice of Congress against anti-Semitism worldwide.

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