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Statement on the Murders at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School

The Orloff Central Agency for Jewish Education extends condolences to the families and friends of the seventeen young people and school professionals who perished in the terrible shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Our wishes for *refuah shelema*, complete recovery to those who were wounded in the attack. May the community of Parkland and Coral Springs find healing together. As an organization that stands for education, we pay tribute to the teachers and students who protected others, sometimes at the cost of their own lives.

Our Jewish tradition teaches us the importance of protecting lives and ensuring that we take action to minimize potential threats to human lives. *Pikuach nefesh*, the Jewish value of saving lives, is of paramount importance. Therefore, as the organization that serves as a lead voice for education in the Jewish community of Broward, we are compelled to take a stand for actions that will serve to prevent future such tragedies.

The leadership and professionals of Orloff CAJE call on all government officials to work across political lines in taking meaningful, appropriate actions to bring to fruition the aspiration voiced by the students at Stoneman Douglas High School, that this tragedy in our community will "be the last mass shooting."

With wishes of peace and healing,

Orloff Central Agency for Jewish Education

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The vision of the Orloff Central Agency for Jewish Education is the building of a community of lifelong Jewish learners who connect with all aspects of our Jewish heritage, communal life and future, using the most engaging methods available.

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