

SYNAGOGUE BOMBINGS AND OTHER HATE CRIMES

1 Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, strongly condemns the arson attacks
2 that struck three synagogues in the Sacramento, CA area this spring. We stand in solidarity with
3 the communities and congregations that have been traumatized by these heinous acts. The show
4 of support from across the spectrum of the community's religious leaders, legislators, and
5 organizations serves as a model of unity and tolerance in the face of acts of hatred.

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7 Hadassah commends the quick response of Federal, state and local agencies. We urge a
8 continuing, thorough investigation into these hate crimes and the punishment, to the fullest
9 extent of the law, of those guilty of involvement.

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11 Hadassah is deeply troubled by the number of attacks against Jews and Jewish institutions. We
12 view with great concern the 39 arson attacks against synagogues and Jewish institutions in the
13 past five years, as well as FBI statistics that show that 80 percent of hate crimes motivated by the
14 victim's religion were perpetrated against Jews.

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16 Therefore, Hadassah pledges its support to educational, legislative and other efforts to combat
17 anti-Semitism and hate crimes. Hadassah also urges the appropriate government entities to
18 monitor and track the activities of all groups that encourage and commit such crimes.