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JCRC Condemns Terror Attack in Israeli Arab Town

San Francisco, California – The San Francisco-based Jewish Community Relations Council unequivocally condemns the terrorist attack carried out by an Israeli army deserter that occurred today in the Israeli Druze village of Shfaram. In the attack four people were killed and twelve wounded. We mourn this loss of innocent life.

The attacker, a nineteen year-old deserter from the Israeli army who opposed Israel's Disengagement Plan from the Gaza Strip, was apparently motivated by the extremist ideology of the late Meir Kahane, and a member of the outlawed Kahane Chai! (Kahane Lives!) . JCRC condemns this ideology as racist and out of line with Judaism's moral teachings, and supports the Israeli government's long-standing ban on Kahane Chai and other Kahanist activities.

We echo the sentiments of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon who called this attack “a sinful act by a bloodthirsty terrorist.”

Our heartfelt condolences go out to the families of the victims and we pray for a full recovery for all those wounded in this vicious attack.

The Jewish Community Relations Council is the central public affairs arm of the organized Jewish community. It represents more than 80 synagogues and Jewish organizations in the Bay Area on issues that impact the rights and protection of Jews as individuals and as a community here and abroad.