

■■■■ LILLIAN AND ALBERT SMALL CAPITAL JEWISH MUSEUM

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Statement from the Capital Jewish Museum

WASHINGTON – This morning, Dr. Beatrice Gurwitz, executive director of the Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum, and the Board of Directors, released the following statement:

“We are heartbroken by the murders of Yaron Lishinsky and Sarah Milgrim, and send our sincere condolences to their families and friends. May they, and all who grieve this devastating loss, be comforted by their communities.

“In an act of horrific antisemitic violence, a gunman attacked our beloved community. This tragedy is devastating. Such acts of terror attempt to instill fear, silence voices, and erase history—but we refuse to let them succeed.

“The Capital Jewish Museum was built to tell the centuries-old story of the greater Washington region’s vibrant Jewish community. We are proud to tell these stories of Jewish life. In our work, we share Jewish stories in the service of building bridges and opening dialogue in our beautiful city.

“We are working to re-open the museum in the coming days, with all necessary security in place, so we can return to telling the story of Jewish Washington for thousands of visitors from around the world.”

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The Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum opened in 2023. The Museum explores the Jewish experience in the national capital region and inspires visitors to connect personally and collectively, reflect on the relevance of the past to today, and act on behalf of their communities and values. The Museum connects the past to the present through thought-provoking exhibitions, dynamic programming, and creative public experiences.

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