



JOSEPH KUSHNER HEBREW ACADEMY

RAE KUSHNER YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL

Middle School and High School took part in developmentally appropriate responses to Saturday's tragedy in Pittsburgh. Both divisions recited tehillim in memory of the victims. Rabbi Rubin addressed the high school and offered ways that students can respond and take action in response to the horrific event. He encouraged them to be informed, and not be apathetic or indifferent. He explained to the students how they can bring goodness into the world, as an antidote to the evil. The students then signed up to recite perakim of tehillim, wrote letters of condolence, along with messages on a large sign that will be delivered by school representatives to those in mourning in the Pittsburgh Jewish community at a later date.

Middle School Guidance Counselor Ms. Wasserman spoke to students in fifth grade, and Rabbi Feit addressed sixth - eighth grades after davening to help them process this tragic event in a meaningful way. Rabbi Feit stressed that when a Jew is affected anywhere in the world, all of us are affected. He encouraged the students to do mitzvot and acts of kindness as a response to the tragedy. Seventh and eighth grade students met with their Judaic studies faculty, using information from Ms. Wasserman, as a guide for the classroom discussion. Middle School students also wrote messages of condolence on a large board that will be delivered along with High School's messages.