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Dear Fellow Congregants,

The security of Temple Israel is paramount. We should all be made to feel spiritually and physically comfortable in our sanctuary and religious school.

We are unfortunately living in anxious times when threats and violent actions have targeted Jewish organizations. In direct response to recent events, and your concerns, the Temple Board of Trustees is evaluating measures to bolster our security for the short- and long-term future.

The board passed a motion during our March 16 meeting to hire an armed security guard that would be present during religious school, family Shabbat services, holidays, and large gatherings through the end of June.

We kindly ask you to consider funding at least one hour of security coverage with a donation of \$75.00. If you are able to fund additional hours, your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

Our doors are open! Your Temple Israel community is here to welcome you every day and embrace you every Erev Shabbat, and for school and other gatherings. May Adonai "guard our going and coming to life and to peace evermore."

With gratitude,

Jerrold Gross,  
President, on behalf of your Board of Trustees.

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Yes! I would like to sponsor \_\_\_ hour(s) of security at \$75 / hour.

My check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Call me at \_\_\_\_\_ so I can charge my credit card.

[Or call Lara in the Temple office to charge over the phone (718) 727-2231]

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone / email \_\_\_\_\_  
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