

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
BEFORE THE HONORABLE WILLIAM ALSUP, JUDGE**



**MOTION FOR REMEMBRANCE  
OF VICTIM WORSHIPERS  
AT TREE OF LIFE SYNAGOGUE,  
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

Thursday, November 1, 2018

8:00 a.m.

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**THE COURT:** Welcome, everyone. Please be seated.

Before we turn to the normal civil calendar this morning, we are going to pause and reflect and remember those who perished while worshiping at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh.

And to help us with that, I'm going to call on attorney Randy Sue Pollock to make a motion.

Please come forward. Be sure to use the microphone, so that everyone can hear.

**MS. POLLOCK:** Yes. Good morning, Your Honor.

Religious freedom is a major cornerstone of our democratic society. Many of our founders came here to avoid religious persecution in their countries. Many of the members of Columbus's crew were escaping the Inquisition. The Pilgrims for whom we are going to celebrate Thanksgiving in a few weeks came here to practice their religion, free of persecution. The writers of our Constitution specifically protected the freedom of religion in the First Amendment.

In this country, it is the special guarantee to be able to practice one's own religion that brings differing cultures and practices to our country, and adds to the colorful and rich mosaic that is the United States.

Religious freedom brings all people together and

encourages peace, tolerance and respect. When one religion is attacked, it is an attack on the religious freedoms of everyone. Anti-Semitism, hatred and bigotry have no place in a democratic society.

In the names of the eleven Jewish worshipers who perished last Saturday, I would like to make a motion that this Court recognize these individuals, and dedicate these proceedings in their memory. And I would like to acknowledge each of them:

Daniel Stein.

Joyce Fienberg.

Richard Gottfried.

Rose Mallinger.

Jerry Rabinowitz.

Cecil Rosenthal.

David Rosenthal.

Bernice Simon.

Sylvan Simon.

Melvin Wax.

And, Irving Younger.

May their memories be a blessing for all of us.

**THE COURT:** Thank you. The Court will grant that motion.

And the court reporter will please transcribe this brief proceeding separately, and I will make sure that it is transmitted to the rabbi at the Tree of Life in Pittsburgh.

Ms. Pollock, thank you.

**MS. POLLOCK:** Thank you, Your Honor.

(Conclusion of Proceedings)

**CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER**

I, BELLE BALL, Official Reporter for the United States Court, Northern District of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript from the record of proceedings in the above-entitled matter.

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