

AG Schimel: Condemns Anti-Semitic Attack Near Historic Madison Synagogue

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MADISON, Wis. – Earlier today, anti-Semitic graffiti was found on a monument next to the Gates of Heaven Synagogue in James Madison Memorial Park in Madison. The City of Madison Facilities and Maintenance Department has already removed the spray paint and cleaned the monument. This incident is being investigated by the Madison Police Department and Attorney General Brad Schimel and the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the perpetrator of this attack.

Attorney General Brad Schimel has condemned this appalling attack and has offered the DOJ's assistance to the Madison Police Department.

"The display of anti-Semitic graffiti being investigated today is outrageous and particularly so, given the Jewish community's celebration of Rosh Hashanah this week. All graffiti is criminal, but not all graffiti invokes this type of emotion and I am outraged to see two examples of targeted vandalism in Madison within the last week. I am asking all Wisconsinites to join me in calling for an end to these incidents. Now, as with the threats against the Jewish Community Center in Whitefish Bay earlier this year, I am pledging DOJ's support to investigate the source of this hatred."

Anyone with information on this incident is encouraged to contact the Madison Area Crime Stoppers at 608-266-6014.