

This Shabbat has been designated as "Gun Violence Prevention Shabbat" by [Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence](#). At this moment, I want us to say a memorial prayer for all those who have been killed by gun violence in our country. This Thursday night, at the Univ. of Hartford, Marion Wright Edelman spoke to an auditorium filled with people at a program organized by the Community Relations Council of our Jewish Federation. She was absolutely inspiring. I would call her a modern day prophet. She quoted myriad of mind numbing and shocking statistics, but one in particular stood out. More people in our country have been killed by gun violence than all those who have lost their lives in American wars since the Revolutionary War in 1776. I share this particular statistic to explain that the gun massacres mentioned in this prayer, which have taken place in schools, public spaces,

work places and houses of worship, are mentioned only to stand for all the others which are far too numerous to list. But indeed, we mourn for all those who have needlessly lost their lives in such horrific events.

Please rise.

יִתְגַּדֵּל

Columbine

וְיִתְקַדֵּשׁ

Binghamton

שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.

בְּעֶלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ,

Fort Hood

וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ

Oakland

בְּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן

Tucson

וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Aurora

בַּעֲגֵלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב

Oak Creek

וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמָא וְלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא:

יְתְּבָרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח,

California State

וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם

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וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר

University of Texas

וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל

Red Lake Reservation

שְׁמֵהּ דְקֻדְשָׁא בְּרִיךְ הוּא

לְעָלְמָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא,

West Nichols Amish School

תְּשַׁבַּחְתָּא וְנַחֲמַתָּא,

Huntsville

דְאָמִירוֹ בְּעָלְמָא,

Sandy Hook

וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

יְהִי שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל,

וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

עֲשֵׂה שָׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל

יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן: