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Istanbul Cultural Center
Mr. Budak & Mr. Delen
591 N. Main Street
Alpharetta, GA 3009

Dear Mr. Budak & Mr. Delen,

It was with outrage and deep sadness that I heard the news about the senseless violent stabbing in Chicago on Saturday, October 14, of Wadea Alfayoumi and his mother, Hanaan Shahin. The death of Wadea, an innocent six-year-old boy, is simply tragic.

I want you to know that Temple Emanu-El, its congregants, and our extended community denounce in the strongest terms this violence. Any violence, threat or intimidation made against any person or organization due to their religious beliefs is unacceptable.

We stand shoulder to shoulder with the Muslim community in Atlanta and across our great nation in protecting our mutual right to religious freedom. Rest assured that we will work hard to continue to inexorably move forward together to create an environment, state, and nation where we all can freely worship our beliefs in an open, safe and secure environment.

We are ready to assist and support you as we collectively navigate through the challenging days ahead for our country and local community.

With hope for peaceful days to come,

B'shalom,

Rabbi Spike Anderson