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## **IRANIAN-AMERICAN JEWISH FEDERATION (IAJF) STATEMENT ON THE ACT OF VANDALISM AT NESSAH SYNAGOGUE**

On Saturday Dec. 14, 2019, a lone vandal broke into the Nessah Cultural Center, home to the largest house of worship for the Iranian-American Jewish Community in the world, and desecrated a number of holy books and articles of worship, ransacked furniture, prayer shawls and other synagogue property.

The Iranian Jewish community is a community with roots that stretch back several millennia and one which has withstood the ups and downs of history. No cowardly act of hate or vandalism can prevent us from adhering to our beliefs or pursuing our practices.

The IAJF and our entire community stand shoulder to shoulder with the leadership of Nessah and its congregants.

On behalf of our community we wish to thank the BHPD for their strong and immediate response, as well as Beverly Hills Mayor, members of city council, commissioners, LA city attorney Mike Feuer, Special Envoy Elan Carr, representatives from the American Jewish Committee, the ADL and the Jewish Federation Council for coming out in support of our community.

We have full confidence in the Beverly Hills Police Department and know they will bring the perpetrator to justice.

-Manouchehr Nazarian, Chairman

-Susan Azizzadeh, President