

# DEATH PENALTY ACTION

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## Jews & Allies Say "NO" to the Angel of Death

Pittsburgh, PA - As the sentencing hearing for the Pittsburgh synagogue shooter continues on Tuesday this week, local citizens will gather starting at 4:30pm for a "Prayer Vigil for Healing" at Steel Tower Plaza, across the street from the Federal Courthouse in Pittsburgh, PA. "[Say NO to the Angel of Death](#)" is convened by L'Chaim! Jews Against the Death Penalty, a project of Death Penalty Action, and its Pennsylvania partner, Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty.

Among those present will be Abraham Bonowitz, co-founder of L'Chaim! Jews Against the Death Penalty and executive director of Death Penalty Action, a national organization convening the coalition in support of the Federal Death Penalty Prohibition Act, introduced in 2020 by Rep. Ayanna Pressley and Senator Richard Durbin, and co-sponsored by nearly 100 members of Congress. The legislation is set to be reintroduced in the second week of July.

Bonowitz authored an [op-ed published in Monday's Pittsburgh Tribune](#) calling for the government to stop seeking the death penalty in the case.

"No one is suggesting we be soft on this racist terrorist," Bonowitz said. "We can be safe from people who have done terrible things, and hold them accountable with severe punishment, without executions. That's what we do in the vast majority of cases, and that is what we should do with the Pittsburgh synagogue shooter. Throw away the key."

Bonowitz will be available for interviews at Tuesday's event. To confirm an interview or connect via phone or Zoom, please contact Blair FitzGibbon, 202-503-6141, [blair@blairfitzgibbon.com](mailto:blair@blairfitzgibbon.com)

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