

Since the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting on October 27, 2018—the deadliest antisemitic attack in the history of the United States—Senator Casey has worked tirelessly to help the Pittsburgh community rebuild and to combat antisemitism on a national level. In that time, he has taken the following actions:

October 27, 2018: Senator Casey [released](#) a statement following the attack on three Pittsburgh congregations that occurred earlier that day. He pledged his solidarity with the Pittsburgh Jewish community and thanked the law enforcement who responded to the tragedy.

November 28, 2018: Senator Casey led a bipartisan effort to press for community safety funding in the FY19 appropriations package in response to the tragic synagogue shooting. Casey and his colleagues [called](#) for adequate allocations to the DHS Nonprofit Security Grant Program which helps nonprofit organizations like religious institutions, schools, and community centers make security improvements.

March 28, 2019: Senator Casey co-sponsored the [Stop HATE Act](#), to prevent online extremism from turning into real-life hate crimes. The *Stop HATE Act* would require the Departments of Commerce and Justice to study how modern forms of telecommunications are used to fuel violence and hate crimes against individuals or groups and recommend ways—consistent with the First Amendment—that government and private citizens can combat these growing threats.

October 27, 2019: Senator Casey [commemorated](#) the attack, honoring the 11 worshipers who lost their lives: Joyce Feinberg, Richard Gottfried, Rose Mallinger, Jerry Rabinowitz, Cecil Rosenthal, David Rosenthal, Bernice Simon, Sylvan Simon, Daniel Stein, Melvin Wax, and Irving Younger.

June 16, 2021: Senator Casey, along with Congressman David Cicilline (D-RI-1) introduced the [Disarm Hate Act](#) to prevent individuals convicted of violent misdemeanor hate crimes from purchasing or possessing firearms.

December 20, 2022: Senator Casey delivered a [floor speech](#) raising alarm about the rise of antisemitism in the United States. In his remarks, Senator Casey also reflected on his recent visit to the Tree of Life Synagogue building in Pittsburgh.

June 16, 2023: Senator Casey [released](#) a statement on the conviction of the person responsible for the Tree of Life massacre in Pittsburgh. In his statement, Casey reaffirmed his commitment to rooting out hate and antisemitism.

August 2, 2023: Senator Casey [released](#) a statement on the verdict in the penalty phase of the trial for the person responsible for the Pittsburgh synagogue attack.

October 25, 2023: Senators Casey and Fetterman [announced](#) a unanimous Senate passage to recognize the fifth commemoration of the 11 Jewish worshipers who were tragically killed and the seven more who were injured during the attack. The resolution honored the memory of the victims of the antisemitic attack, honored the dedicated service of the first responders and Federal prosecutors who brought the perpetrator to justice, expressed solidarity with the

Pittsburgh Jewish community and those affected by the tragedy, condemned rising antisemitism, and reaffirmed the commitment of the United States to protect the right to freely exercise religious beliefs.

December 8, 2023: Senator Casey [urged](#) the Senate Appropriations Committee to increase funding for the Office of Civil Rights within the U.S. Department of Education to address the national rise in antisemitic and Islamophobic sentiment. Casey emphasized the national increase in antisemitic and Islamophobic incidents following Hamas' terrorist attack on October 7, 2023. Casey noted particular concern for antisemitism and other harassment and discrimination happening on college campuses.

March 6, 2024: Senator Casey introduced the [Showing Up for Students Act](#), which provides \$280 million in funding for the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S. Department of Education. The bill would give the OCR the capacity to meet the notable increase in reported incidents of antisemitism, anti-Muslim, and anti-Arab actions in schools across the nation, ensuring that students are free from harassment and discrimination.

March 20, 2024: Senator Casey along with U.S. Representatives Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL-25), Mike Turner (R-OH-10), Brendan Boyle (D-PA-2) and Max Miller (R-OH-7) [introduced](#) legislation to transfer the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History to the Smithsonian Institution.

March 23, 2024: Senator Casey [delivered](#) \$1 million in community project funding to Tree of Life to expand its mission to fight antisemitism across Pennsylvania and the Nation. Casey secured \$1,000,000 to give the organization the resources to develop and implement K-12 curriculum to help educators and students to identify and challenge antisemitism and identity-based hate.

April 16, 2024: Senator Casey along with Senator Scott (R-SC) [introduced](#) the bipartisan *Antisemitism Awareness Act* to help address antisemitic sentiment and actions on college campuses. The bill would require the U.S. Department of Education to consider the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of antisemitism when enforcing federal anti-discrimination laws.

May 1, 2024: Senator Casey's bipartisan *Antisemitism Awareness Act* passed the U.S. House of Representatives.