



## *Standing Together: Shabbat of Solidarity Unites Communities Against Racism*

On June 17, 2015, a white supremacist murdered nine Black worshippers during Bible study at Charleston's Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church. The gunman targeted the church due to its significant role in the Black community and its history of advocating for civil rights. In response to this act of violence, Darius Crosby (left) was welcomed by Congregation Beth Shalom President Doug Highiet (right) during a Shabbat of Solidarity at Congregation Beth Shalom in Modesto on June 26, 2015, to support the African American community.

Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt of Congregation B'nai Tzedek in Potomac, Maryland, stated, "We stand together as a united American Jewish community in calling for a Shabbat of important introspection and examination of racism in the United States." He added that the goal was to express solidarity with the African American community and to demonstrate a collective stance against violent acts motivated by hatred.

