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Trenton, NJ – Governor Chris Christie today condemned in the strongest terms possible the recent rash of bias attacks on Jewish synagogues in Bergen County. The Governor has asked that key representatives of the State Police, Attorney General's Office and Homeland Security meet this evening and again next week with Jewish leaders to discuss security issues and aspects of the ongoing investigation.

"Clearly there is a purposeful campaign by one or more persons to do bodily injury to members of the Jewish community in Bergen County. I will not stand for it, and we will summon all necessary law enforcement resources to identify and prosecute those responsible," Governor Christie said. "I urge everyone in and outside of the Jewish community to be vigilant and wary but not intimidated by these events and to stand in unison against violent hatred like this."

Governor Christie said law enforcement, investigative and homeland security staff will join leaders of the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey at a private meeting tonight in Paramus to discuss security, public awareness and aspects of the county and state investigation. Attorney General Jeffrey Chiesa plans to meet next week in Trenton with Jewish leaders and law enforcement.

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