



## Speech for Press Conference

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I am Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm and I am the senior rabbi at Beth Jacob Congregation in Mendota Heights.

My tradition teaches that human life is so sacred, so valuable that preserving a life takes precedence over all of the rest of the laws in the Torah.

What we witnessed yesterday—an absolutely senseless and tragic murder of a wife, a mother, a caring neighbor—Renée Nicole Good, who should have been tucking her son into his bed last night just like I was tucking in my kids—goes against everything our country is supposed to stand for, goes against what it means to have a safe and free society in which neighbors look out for each other and officers of the law obey the law and show up to protect people, not harm them.

We need accountability and we need it now.

We need an administration that values human life and we need it now.

We need peace and security on our streets and we need it now.

May the family of Renée Nicole Good find comfort in knowing that we will not let her death be in vain. We will continue to fight for the sacred value of human life.

*Oseh shalom bimromav hu yaaseh shalom aleinu v'al kol yisrael v'al kol yoshvei tevel.*

May the One who makes peace in Heaven make peace reign upon us and all the inhabitants of our world.