

# Survivors recall deadly attack on Jews at synagogue

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PITTSBURGH — The man accused in the Pittsburgh synagogue massacre was released from a hospital and turned over to federal authorities for a court appearance today on charges he killed 11 people in what is believed to be the deadliest attack on Jews in U.S. history.

Federal prosecutors set in motion plans to seek the death penalty against Robert Gregory Bowers, 46, who was shot and wounded in a gun battle with police. Authorities say he expressed hatred of Jews during the rampage and later told police that "I just want to kill Jews" and that "all these Jews need to die."

The first funeral — for Cecil Rosenthal and his younger brother, David — was set for Tuesday.

Survivors, meanwhile, began offering harrowing accounts of the mass shooting Saturday inside Tree of Life Synagogue.

Barry Werber said he found himself hiding in a dark storage closet as the gunman tore through the building and opened fire.

"I don't know why he thinks the Jews are responsible for all the ills in the world, but he's not the first and he won't be the last," Werber, 76, said Sunday. "Unfortunately, that's our burden to bear. It breaks my heart."

The weekend massacre — which took place 10 days before the midterm elections — heightened tensions around the country, coming just a day after the arrest of the Flor-



A person pauses in front of David with the names of those killed in a deadly shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh.

ida man accused of sending a wave of pipe bombs to critics of President Donald Trump.

The mail bomb attacks and the bloodshed in Pittsburgh set off debate over whether the corrosive political rhetoric in Washington and beyond contributed to the violence.

The attack spurred a number of fundraising efforts. A crowdfunding campaign called Muslims Unite for Pittsburgh Synagogue raised more than \$90,000 for survivors and families, while a fundraiser led by a graduate student in Washington had taken in nearly \$545,000 as of Monday morning, with funds to go to the congregation.

Bowers killed eight men and three women before a tactical police team tracked him down and shot him, authorities said. Six other people were wounded, including four

officers.

He apparently posted an anti-Semitic message on a social media account linked to him just a few minutes before the rampage. The Anti-Defamation League called it the deadliest U.S. attack on Jews.

Three congregations were conducting Sabbath services in the synagogue when the attack began just before 10 a.m. in the tree-lined residential neighborhood of Squirrel Hill, about 10 minutes from downtown Pittsburgh and the hub of the city's Jewish community.

Speaking at a vigil in Pittsburgh on Sunday night, Tree of Life Rabbi Jeffrey Myers

said about a dozen people had gathered in the main sanctuary when Bowers walked in and began shooting. Seven of his congregants were killed, he said.

"My holy place has been defiled," he said.

In the basement, four members of New Light congregation were just starting to pray — with two others in the kitchen — when they heard crashing coming from upstairs, looked out the door and saw a body on the staircase, Werber recalled in an interview.

Rabbi Jonathan Perlman closed the door and pushed them into a large supply



Robert Bowers

closet, he said. As gunshots echoed upstairs, Werber called 911 but was afraid to say anything, for fear of making any noise.

When the shots subsided, he said, another congregant, Melvin Wax, opened the door, only to be shot.

"There were three shots, and he falls back into the room where we were," Werber said. "The gunman walks in."

Apparently unable to see Werber and the other congregants in the darkness, Bowers walked back out.

Werber called the gunman "a maniac" and "a person who has no control of his baser instincts."

The youngest of the 11 dead was 54, the oldest 97. The toll included a husband and wife, professors, dentists and physicians.

Bowers shot his victims

with an AR-15, used in many of the nation's mass shootings, and three handguns, all of which he owned legally and had a license to carry, according to a law enforcement official who wasn't authorized to discuss the investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Bowers was a long-haul trucker who worked for himself, U.S. Attorney Scott Brady said. Little else was known about the suspect, who had no apparent criminal record.

Bowers was charged with 11 state counts of criminal homicide, six counts of aggravated assault and 13 counts of ethnic intimidation. He was also charged in a 29-count federal criminal complaint that included counts of obstructing the exercise of religious beliefs resulting in death — a federal hate crime — and using a firearm to commit murder.

Of the six survivors, four remained in the hospital Sunday night, and two — including a 40-year-old officer — were in critical condition.

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Evening listings MONDAY

MONDAY EVENING												OCTOBER 29	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	Dancing With the Stars "Halloween Night" (N)				The Good Doctor "Carrots" (N)		News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Dancing With the Stars "Halloween Night" (N)				The Good Doctor "Carrots" (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	The Voice "The Knockouts Premiere" (N)				A Wicked Halloween (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(2) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	Neighborhood (N)   H.Together (N)	Magnum "Death Is Only Temporary" (N)			Bull "Fool Me Twice" (N)		News (N)	(3:5) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	Neighborhood (N)   H.Together (N)	Magnum "Death Is Only Temporary" (N)			Bull "Fool Me Twice" (N)		KIRO 7 News (N)	(3:5) Colbert
8	KGW	(3) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	The Voice "The Knockouts Premiere" (N)				A Wicked Halloween (N)		News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Arrow "Crossing Lines" (N)	Legends of Tomorrow "Witch Hunt" (N)			News (N)   Friends		Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB	(10) This Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Antiques Rd. "Kooky to Spooky" (N)	An Oregon Experience "Vanport"			Frontline "The Facebook Dilemma" (N)		Independent Lens	Wildland (N)
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	The Resident "Nightmares" (N)	9-1-1 "Haunted" (N)			10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV
13	KPDX	(2) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Prime News (N)	Prime News (N)			Big Bang Theory   Family Guy		American Dad!	The Game
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Resident "Nightmares" (N)	9-1-1 "Haunted" (N)			Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Conan	
22	KZJQ	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
29	ESPN	(29) (5:15) NFL Football New England Patriots at Buffalo Bills (L)				(15) SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)	NFL PrimeTime			SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt	SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt	NFL PrimeTime	
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:15) NFL Fútbol Americano New England Patriots at Buffalo Bills (L)				(15) C. Football (45) College Football Final	SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt			Boxing Classics	Boxing Classics	SportsCenter	
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	iCarly	Dude Perfect	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
32	DISN	(32) Movie	++ Halloweentown 2: Kalabar's Revenge Debbie Reynolds.	Andi Mack (N)	Dude Perfect	Coop & Cami	Raven's Home	Stuck in Middle	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Andi Mack	Raven's Home
34	FAM	(34) (4:30) The Goonies '85, Adv Sean Astin.	(10) +++ Big Hero 6 (14, Ani) Voices of Scott Adsit, Genesis Rodriguez, Ryan Potter.	(20) +++ The Nightmare Before Christmas '93 Chris Sarandon.								The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) (5:50) +++ Evil Dead (2013, Horror) Shiloh Fernandez, Jane Levy.	(35) FXM Presents	Poltergeist (2015, Horror) Rosemarie DeWitt, Sam Rockwell.	(55) FXM Presents					++ Mama (13, Horror) Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Jessica Chastain.	(55) FXM Presents		
36	LIFE	(36) The First 48	The First 48 "River's Edge"	Live PD: Women	Live PD: Women	PD Women (N)	PD Women (N)	PD Women (N)	PD Women (N)	(05) 24 to Life "Born Behind Bars" (N)	(05) PD Women	(35) PD Women	
39	ROOT	(39) MLS Soccer Portland Timbers at Vancouver Whitecaps		WCC All-Access	In Depth	Press Pass (N)	NCAA Football						
39	FS1	(39) Walk-off Stars "Improbably Gibson"	UFC Unleashed "Ultimate Underdogs"	Speak for Yourself		TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.					NHRA NHRA in 30	
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Mom	++ Twister (1989, Comedy) Suzy Amis, Crispin Glover, Harry Dean Stanton.					Heathers (N)		Lip Sync Battle	Twister '89, Com)
44	COM	(44) (1:15) The Office	(5:0) The Office			The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	President Show	The Office
45	HIST	(45) American Pickers		American Pickers "Superhero Heaven"		Amer. Pickers "Mighty Micro-Madness"	American Pickers "One Wheel Deal" (N)			(05) Amer. Pickers "Eyes on the Prize"	(05) American Pickers "Most Wanted"		
46	A&E	(46) Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens				(05) Ancient Aliens			
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Long Island "An Accident On Tour" (N)		Long Island Medium	(05) Lost Family "A Hole in My Soul" (N)			Dr. Pimple Popper	(05) L.I. Medium "An Accident on Tour"		
48	DISC	(48) To Be Announced		Street Outlaws: Memphis		Street Outlaws: Memphis	Memphis "Pennsylvania Mania" (N)			Race Night at Bowman Gray (P) (N)		Brake Room (N)	Brake Room (N)
49	NGEO	(49) Wicked Tuna "Luck Be a Tuna Tonight"		Drain the Oceans "Legends of Atlantis"		Drain the Sunken Pirate City	DrainOcean "Sunken War Ships" (N)			Atlantis Rising "Secrets Decoded"		Brake the Sunken Pirate City	
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) +++ The Hunger Games (12) Josh Hutcherson, Jennifer Lawrence.				++ The Conjuring 2 (2016, Horror) Patrick Wilson, Frances O'Connor, Vera Farmiga.	(05) +++ Halloweentown H2O: 20 Years Later '98) Adam Arkin, Jamie Lee Curtis.					The Alienist "Ascension"	
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) Halloween 5: The Revenge of... (N)		++ Halloween: The Curse of Michael Myers (95) Paul Rudd, Donald Pleasence.						(05) Halloween Malcolm McDowell.		(05) Modern Fam	(3:5) Modern Fam
52	USA	(52) Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Monday Night Raw							
53	FOOD	(53) Halloween Baking "Monster Mania"	Halloween Baking "Hallowedding"	Halloween Baking "Circus of Dread"		Baking "Cranium Epicurean" (N)				Halloween Wars "Outbreak!"		Haunted Gingerbread Showdown	
54	HGTV	(54) Love It or List It "Master Mistakes"	Love/List "Starter Home Stagnation"	Love It or List It "New Kid on the Block"		Love It or List It (N)				House Hunters (N)   House Hunters (N)		House Hunters	House Hunters
56	FX	(56) (5:30) +++ This Is the End (2013, Comedy) Jonah Hill, Jay Baruchel, James Franco.		+++ Ghostbusters (2016, Action) Kristen Wiig, Kate McKinnon, Melissa McCarthy.								Ghostbusters ('16) Melissa McCarthy.	
57	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360			Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night	Tucker Carlson Tonight			Hannity		The Ingraham Angle	
61	CNBC	(61) Greed "Scams on Film/ God and Gold"		Amer. Greed "The Martin Frankel Case"		Amer. Greed "Florida Rehab Gone Wild"	American Greed: Scam			Amer. Greed "The Martin Frankel Case"		Paid Program	Paid Program
63	BRV	(63) Wives "Rebuked, Reunited, Renewed"		H.Wives "Heat Waves and Hot Flashes"		The Real Housewives "Blow up"	Real Housewives "The Day After" (N)			The Real Housewives "The Day After"		Watch What (N)	Real Housewives
64	TCM	(64) (1:15) +++ Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (32) Miriam Hopkins, Fredric March.		Mad Love (1935, Horror) Colin Clive.			(15) +++ The Fly (1958, Sci-Fi) Patricia Owens, Vincent Price, Al Hedison.					(15) Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde	
65	SYFY	(65) (4:05) Harry Potter & the Deathly Hal...		Killer High (2018, Horror) Asha Broomfield, Lauren Collins, Kacey Rohl.			You Might Be the Killer (2018, Horror) Keith David.					Zero "Bizarre Love Triangle" (N)	
62	RFD	(62) American Rancher	Red Steagall (N)	Horse Master 1/2	Horse of the West	Craig Cameron	Rural Eve. News	Gaither Gospel Hour "Josh Turner"		American Rancher	Red Steagall	Product Showcase	

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