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State Senator Terrence Murphy comments on the defacing of Mt. Kisco Synagogue

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MT. KISCO, NY - Over the weekend staff discovered two swastikas on an exterior wall of Bet Torah synagogue. The wall where the discovery was made houses the synagogue's nursery school and is adjacent to the playground on the premises.

New York State Senator Terrence Murphy, who represents the Mt. Kisco community, took great exception to the hateful acts perpetrated against the Bet Torah synagogue and its

congregation:

"The recent defacing of the Bet Torah synagogue in Mount Kisco is a contemptable and cowardly act. To vandalize a playground with swastikas where innocent children play is particularly cruel and heartless.

"We live in contentious times, and an act of this nature only further serves to fan the flames of hatred. We must have zero tolerance for hatred and bigotry and elevate, rather than denigrate one another. I hope the perpetrators are caught and held accountable for their heinous actions."