Last month’s heart breaking attacks in Paris and Beirut are being cited as reasons to deny entry to people who are themselves victims of terror. And in those comments, we, as Jewish leaders, see one of the darker moments of our history repeating itself.

In 1939, our country could not tell the difference between an admission that there was a political climate of deep fear, suspicion and antisemitism. We therefore urge our elected officials to support refugee access and make the same mistake.

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Welcome the stranger. Protect the refuge.