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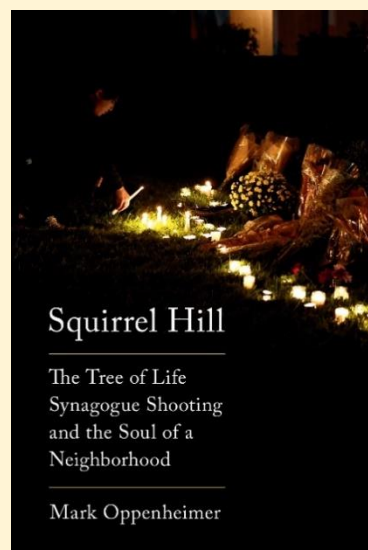
# Squirrel Hill

## *THE TREE OF LIFE SYNAGOGUE SHOOTING AND THE SOUL OF A NEIGHBORHOOD*

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**Mark Oppenheimer**  
Tuesday, November 9, 2021

On November 9, 1938, Nazis desecrated and destroyed synagogues and Jewish business throughout Germany. On October 27, 2018, a gunman killed eleven Jews who were worshipping at the Tree of Life synagogue in Squirrel Hill—the most deadly anti-Semitic attack in American history. Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, is one of the oldest Jewish neighborhoods in the country, known for its tight-knit community and the profusion of multigenerational families. Mark Oppenheimer's book is a piercing portrait of the struggles and triumphs of a singular community in the wake of unspeakable tragedy that highlights the hopes, fears, and tensions all Americans must confront on the road to healing.



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