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Jewish students honor comrade's death

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Twenty members of MSU's Jewish community marched to the Administration Building on Tuesday afternoon to honor a fellow college student killed by terrorists last week in Israel.

Alisa M. Flatow, a 20-year-old Brandeis University student from West Orange, N.J., died of wounds after an April 9 suicide bombing.

She had been on a bus traveling to a vacation resort near the Gaza Strip. Seven Israeli soldiers also were killed and 34 people were wounded by the blast.

Flatow was in Israel studying at a Yeshiva, an orthodox Jewish rabbinical seminary or college, and was on her way to celebrate Passover in the Jewish settlement resort when she was killed.

Jason Miller, an MSU interna-

tional relations freshman, knew Flatow through a friend and spoke about her death at the rally.

"Every time any Jewish soul is lost, we should be angry! Every time any American soul is lost, we should be angry!" Miller said on the steps of the Administration Building. "Whether we know the person or not, we, too, should grieve."

Flatow's death marked the first American casualty because of terrorists since Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat signed a peace agreement in September 1994. Since then, 64 people have died at the hands of terrorists in the Jewish homeland.

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The marchers, organized by the Hillel Student Events Center and SpartiPAC, MSU's chapter of the American Israeli Political Action Committee, started at the Union and walked to the Administration Building.

Matthew Levine, an international relations junior, said Alisa's death affected him personally.

"This really hit home because I'll be there studying next year," he said.

"She was an American who

went for the same reason as me and had nothing to do with the whole conflict."

Miller said Flatow's death should make college students more aware of the situation in Israel.

"College students feel like there's a whole life ahead of them and that tragedies like this just don't happen," he said. "People should take note of what happens in Israel. No matter what your personal views on the peace process may be, you cannot consciously agree with these horrific acts of terrorism that have taken place since (the peace agreement.)"