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## **Thousands gather in Jerusalem for funeral of four Jewish men killed in**

Israeli leaders gathered Tuesday with the grief-stricken families of the four Jewish men killed by Islamist gunmen at a kosher supermarket in Paris last week in an emotional and solemn joint funeral in Jerusalem. The killings of Yohan Cohen, Yoav Hattab, Francois-Michel Saada and Philippe Brahahm last Friday at the Hyper Cacher supermarket in Paris by Islamist gunmen stunned France's half-million-strong Jewish community, the largest in Europe. The four men were killed in a tense hostage stand-off at the kosher supermarket on Paris' eastern edge during a three-day wave of attacks carried out by gunmen claiming allegiance to al-Qaeda and the Islamic State extremist groups. They were among 17 people who died in back-to-back attacks by the Islamic militants, who first killed 12 at the satirical newspaper, Charlie Hebdo. Rather than be buried in France, the families of the four men, who were not Israeli citizens, asked that they be buried in Israel, in one of Israel's largest cemeteries a mile from the Israeli parliament. It is not unusual for Jews who have lived outside of Israel for their entire lives to ask to be buried there.

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