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Kaplen JCC to host 'Hate Has No Place' forum

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The Kaplen JCC on the Palisades in Tenafly will host "Hate Has No Place," a moderated panel discussion addressing the dramatic rise in hate rhetoric and crime both locally and nationally.

The event, organized by Bergen Indivisible for Democracy, a New Jersey-based, all volunteer grassroots organization, will take place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29.

Four community leaders from different constituencies will provide a dialogue around crimes of hate directed toward Jews, Muslims, African-Americans and other ethnic and minority groups. They will also share thoughts on what communities can do to make a difference in addressing these virulent occurrences.

The discussion will conclude with a Q&A with the audience.

The panelists include Teaneck Mayor Mohammed Hameeduddin; Jared Maples, director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness; Pastor Gil Monrose, director/founder of Faith-Based &



Hammeeduddin



Maples

Clergy Initiatives and Brooklyn borough president; and Jason Shames, CEO and executive vice president of the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey.

Evan Bernstein, New York/New Jersey regional director for the Anti-Defamation League, will serve as the panel moderator.

In order to set the stage for the evening's discussion, Bernstein will present facts and statistics regarding the global rise of hate crimes and their impact on local communities.

BID President and Founder Lori Sackler will welcome the audience and provide a brief introduction to BID and its initiatives, and Rabbi David Seth Kirshner, Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, Closter and president of the New York Board of Rabbis, will kick off the discussion with his opening remarks.

"Our goal is to work hand-in-hand with other community organizations to protect, preserve and advance our shared values around civil liberties, social justice, voter rights, and other important issues," Sackler said. "With examples of hate growing on a daily basis, we, as a group, are proud to be featuring an open and diverse forum of this kind with such highly

esteemed leaders and prominent organizations in our community."

Forum sponsors include the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey, the Anti-Defamation League, Congregation Ahavath Torah, Jewish Federation of Northern NJ, Kaplen JCC On The Palisades, Moms Demand Action, Muslim Women in Action, National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section, New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice, Pastor Monrose, The Social Responsibilities Council of the Unitarian Church of Ridgewood, Temple Emanu-El, Temple Emeth, Network for Responsible Public Policy, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Palisades, and YWCA of Northern NJ.

To register, visit www.jccotp.org. To learn more about BID and this event, visit www.bergenindivisiblefordemocracy.org.

Please note panel update: Lisa Harris Glass, Chief Planning Officer, Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey, to replace Jason Shames, due to last minute scheduling conflict.