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Atlanta Interfaith Community Issues Statement on Charlottesville Violence

[Atlanta, GA] As people of faith, we are shocked and deeply saddened by the events in Charlottesville yesterday

We cherish our freedoms of speech and assembly and honor those with divergent views who gather and state those positions peaceably. However, when the goal of the gathering is to promote racism, anti-Semitism, and white supremacy, and provoke violence, then we are compelled to take a strong and public stand.

Under no circumstance should we allow hatred and bigotry to define this country. As Americans of all faiths and backgrounds, we know that our country is at its best when we stand on the side of democracy, equality and justice. Upholding these values is the the sacred responsibility of all Americans.

Together, we pray for healing for the injured, comfort for the bereaved, calmness for those in Charlottesville and peace for all of us.

This statement has been issued jointly by Interfaith Community Initiatives (ICI), The Neshama Interfaith Center (NIC), and Faith Alliance of Metro Atlanta (FAMA).

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