

Letter to the Editor
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Hate Crimes in Bergen County

The rash of hate crimes in Bergen County is unsettling and more.

With local, state and national law enforcement on the case, there will be a resolution, and soon, we hope.

The issue becomes what kind of society we live in, where hatred of another person or group of people for their religion, race, national origin, culture, sexual orientation, ability status or gender is so overwhelming that violent acts are committed against innocent people – including children.

At the American Conference on Diversity, we value each person and each group because of their differences – a diversity which brings richness to our society and the lives of our families, communities and civic institutions.

The community groups who have come forward to denounce the anti-Semitic violence and express community solidarity are to be commended. None of us can tolerate such acts against any group.

After all, based on the irrationality of hatred and prejudice, who knows which of us would be next?

Sincerely,

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