



TOLERANCE EDUCATION CENTER

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COVID 19 Status Update

To All of our Supporters and Friends--

It has been several weeks since our last bulletin, and what a few weeks it has been.

Although the doors to the Tolerance Education Center have been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic in order to comply with government mandate, we are still here and looking forward to resuming our mission of fighting racism, and intolerance through education and outreach. Because most of our programming involves group gatherings such as school field trips, film screenings, gallery openings, music events and lectures, we must make sure that it is safe to resume before doing so.

With the events of the past ten days, it has become even more apparent how vitally necessary is our cause. We have had to endure the painstaking images of George Floyd killed with impunity by police officers, and not only have Americans risen in protest, but the world has as well. With the rise of unemployment, and the stress of a global pandemic, we are also witnessing the rise of other hate crimes and racism in which synagogues are being vandalized, and Chinese Americans are being harassed. It is so important to let our communal voice be heard that this will not be allowed to stand. We are at a critical global juncture that we hope and pray will lead us through this chaotic and challenging time into a more just and peaceful world.

Since the founding of the Tolerance Education Center over a decade ago, we have focused not just on the Nazi Holocaust, but on all matters of genocide, racism, and intolerance. We have attempted to shine a light on the struggles, both historical and current, of Jews, African Americans, Latinos, LGBTQIA, Native Americans, Asians, women – people of all race, religion, color, and gender. The death of Mr Floyd is but a symptom of an underlying racism that unfortunately still exists in our country and around the globe. It is a reminder that we still have a way to go and need to double down on our efforts. Please continue to support our cause, and above all stay healthy and calm, and know that these difficult times will pass, and we will emerge as a better community. As things progress over the next few weeks, we will provide further updates on our situation at TEC.

Sincerely,

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