



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Groome pastor promotes love, not hate

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“A National Day of Hate” was recently called for by disgruntled and dissatisfied segments of the population – one could say the usual suspects – to protest against synagogues and even against a Broadway play with a lead Jewish character. We would suggest instead embracing the words of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who endured and withstood a lifetime of hate and the violence it promulgated: “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

The rhetoric of hate – in all its forms – must be addressed and repudiated wherever and whenever it appears. Now, as always, it is a time for communities of good faith to come together, and more importantly work together hand in hand to checkmate the vitriol of hate. To this end, locally LRAC, the Lewes Rehoboth Association of Congregations (formerly Churches) has taken an appropriate, allied and laudable step forward by voting Seaside Jewish Community into the association as full members: a small but important step of a long journey.

As we move into spring – the season of rebirth and renewal – and the lovely coinciding observances of Easter by Christians and Passover by Jews, we are comforted and our faith is reaffirmed, again by Dr. King, when he proffered “...the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.”

Indeed, we pray that it continues to do so.

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