

March 21, 2018



Imam Ahmad Al-Akoum
Mr. Usman Karriem, Chairman
Islamic Community Center of Tempe
131 E 6th Street
Tempe, AZ 85281

Dear Imam Al-Akoum and Mr. Karriem:

It is with great sadness that we learned about the hateful speech and insults your congregants had to endure outside of your mosque last week.

The Jewish community of Phoenix stands with you in opposition to acts of hate and religious intolerance. Specifically, the Jewish Community Relations Council, East Valley Jewish Community Center, Greater Phoenix Board of Rabbis, Greater Phoenix Jewish Film Festival, ASU Hillel Jewish Student Center, Jewish National Fund, Greater Phoenix Vaad of Kashrut, Arizona Jewish Historical Society, Phoenix Holocaust Survivors Association, Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Phoenix, Generation After Descendants of Holocaust Survivors, National Council of Jewish Women, Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center, Geshet Disability Resources, the Jewish News and Young Israel of Phoenix.

As a fellow religious minority, we understand the fear that events like this can produce. Religious intolerance is on the rise, as are all forms of hate, and in this climate of rising fear, please know that you are not alone. The Jewish community stands united with you in the face of these hateful threats.

Our community stands with yours as you recover from this tragic event.

Sincerely,

Karolyn Bengert
Executive Director



National Council of Jewish Women
Arizona Section

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DESCENDANTS OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS
IN GREATER PHOENIX

