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We can do better

Editor, Daily News:

As community leaders in a variety of settings, both religious and secular, we raise our voices in sadness and protest against the recent vicious acts committed against Ruth Dorfman. While we represent a broad spectrum of opinion on many issues, we are united in our condemnation of hatred and bigotry.

We call upon every segment of this community to publicly oppose any efforts to demean and diminish the dignity of our fellow human beings.

The fact that one religious group, a single political party and gay and lesbian citizens were singled out in this attack is sickening. This was an attack on everything that makes our nation and our community great.

Let this be a call to people of good will to speak out against prejudice and intolerance, hold perpetrators accountable and engage in acts which build our community and our nation versus tearing it down.

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