

We, the student leaders of Santa Barbara Hillel, are deeply saddened and horrified by the hatred and systemic racism prevalent in our country right now. In Judaism, a core philosophy is Tikkun Olam, the idea that it is our duty as human beings to heal our world. As we take this moment to grieve for George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, and the countless others who have lost their lives under unjust and racist systems, we also need to speak up and stand together against these injustices.

The Jewish community at Santa Barbara Hillel will not stand idly by. We stand in solidarity, in allyship, and extend our love and support to the Black community through and beyond these extremely challenging times. We see you, we hear you, and we stand with you.

In Solidarity,

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