

Message to KHN Community

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Dear KHN community,

Like all of us, I am feeling grief, outrage, disillusioned and not at all shocked by the massacres in El Paso and Dayton over the weekend. 29 human beings murdered, hundreds of lives torn apart. A nation in turmoil.

How long must this go on? How long before we use our minds and laws and wills to find a solution to this carnage? We grieve for the innocent victims of these latest murders, and for our country which continues to experience violence by guns and hate-filled persons.

We need to do whatever we can to change our culture and laws, and to make it more difficult for people filled with hate to have access to weapons, even over time turn the hearts of our children at a younger age away from hate toward empathy. We need to confront white nationalism, stand up to our elected officials and let them know what is important.

There may be a vigil later this week and I will keep you updated. We will say kaddish for the victims this Friday evening.

May we find comfort at this devastating time and may we find the courage and solidarity to change the course of our country. As we are in the month of Av, may we work to transform *sinat chinam*, groundless hatred into what Rav Kook calls *ahavat chinam*, groundless love.

Rabbi Diana

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Below are two links that may be of help in times like these:

[Restoring a Sense of Safety in the Aftermath of a Mass Shooting](#)

[Tips for Talking With and Helping Children and Youth Cope After a Disaster or Traumatic Event](#)