

The Niles Township Jewish Congregation

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February 28, 1978

Dear Members:

In line with our commitment to keep our membership advised as events unfold, we wish to inform you that at a regular meeting of the Synagogue Council of The Northwest Suburbs, (of which NTJC is a constituent member), held on Thursday, February 23, 1978, the following resolutions were adopted:

"WE, THE SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF THE NORTHWEST SUBURBS, EXPRESS SOLIDARITY AS A JEWISH COMMUNITY TO STAND UNITED AGAINST NAZISM. WE PLEDGE TO OPPOSE IN WORD AND DEED THE EVIL PROPAGATED BY NAZISM. WE SHALL BE SEEN, HEARD AND STAND FIRM IN OUR RESPONSE! WE URGE ALL CITIZENS TO RALLY IN AFFIRMATION OF AMERICA AND TO JOIN IN ITS REJECTION OF NAZISM, WHICH OUR COUNTRY SO HEROICALLY OPPOSED IN A WORLD WAR,

BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE:

I. THAT THE SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL LEAD THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN A PEACEFUL RESPONSE TO THE INTENDED NAZI DEMONSTRATION IN SKOKIE IN A MANNER TO REFLECT JEWISH DIGNITY AND AMERICAN VALUES.

II. THAT TO IMPLEMENT OUR OPPOSITION TO AN INTENDED NAZI DEMONSTRATION WE SHALL CALL TOGETHER THE LEADERS OF THE ORGANIZED JEWISH COMMUNITY. WE SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY THE PROCESS OF MAKING PLANS IN DETAIL. WE SHALL JOIN THE OTHER FORCES IN THE COMMUNITY, SUCH AS THE CHURCHES, BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS, VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS, ETC. IN COORDINATING ALL ACTIVITIES IN A UNITED EFFORT. WE SHALL INVITE THE LEADERSHIP OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SKOKIE TO LEND ITS SUPPORT TO THESE COORDINATED ACTIONS.

III. THAT THE SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL CALLS UPON ALL JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS NOT TO PROVIDE A PLATFORM FOR GROUPS ADVOCATING THE USE OF VIOLENCE IN CONFRONTING THE NAZIS."

We shall keep you advised as further, important information is received.

Sincerely,

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MERTON B. BRODY, President

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