



## A Letter of Support to Our Friends in the Chinese American and Chinese Communities

February 25, 2020

Dear Friends,

We are writing to express our heartfelt solidarity with you during these tense and troubling times.

We are concerned about rising xenophobia aimed at Chinese people in this country and abroad over the COVID-19 “coronavirus”. We know that in such times, concern can quickly turn into hysteria, which can lead to scapegoating. We pledge to help ensure that Chinese people feel safe and supported, and to combat attacks and stereotyping on social media. We know from history, ours and yours, that such fearmongering can be devastating.

We are also aware that many Chinese-owned businesses have been affected by misinformed concerns about the COVID-19 virus. Please be assured that we will strongly encourage our own community not to give in to such fears. According to Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases, the danger for Americans is “just miniscule” and there is no need to avoid Chinese people or businesses. Indeed, several Jewish communities have sent delegations to local Chinatowns to show their unwavering support.

The Chinese and Jewish communities share much in common, including a commitment to the highest ideals and welcoming spirit of America. We in the Jewish community are more committed than ever to upholding these ideals and ensuring they are extended to you, our friends and neighbors.

Lastly, we know many of you are concerned about the health of relatives and friends in China. We offer our thoughts and prayers.

Please do not hesitate to call upon us at any time.

Very sincerely,

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JCPA Chair

David Bernstein  
JCPA President and CEO

National Agencies

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American Jewish Committee

Anti-Defamation League

B'nai B'rith International

Central Conference of American Rabbis  
Jewish Labor Committee  
Jewish Women International  
ORT America  
Rabbinical Assembly  
Rabbinical Council of America  
Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association  
Women's League for Conservative Judaism

## Jewish Community Relations Councils and Jewish Federations

Baltimore Jewish Council  
Buffalo Jewish Community Relations Council  
Buffalo Jewish Federation  
Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation  
Chicago Jewish Community Relations Council  
Community Relations Committee, Jewish Federation of Somerset Hunterdon and Warren Counties  
Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland  
Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley  
Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley  
Community Relations Council, Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh  
Community Relations Council, United Jewish Federation of Tidewater  
Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council  
JCRC of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin, Sonoma, Alameda, and Contra Costa Counties  
Jewish Community Federation of Canton  
Jewish Community Federation of Richmond  
Jewish Community Federation of the Mohawk Valley  
Jewish Community Relations Bureau|AJC (Kansas City)  
Jewish Community Relations Council/AJC (Metropolitan Detroit)  
Jewish Community Relations Council, Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey  
Jewish Community Relations Council of Atlanta  
Jewish Community Relations Council of Columbus  
Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston  
Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Charleston/Charleston Jewish Federation  
Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Phoenix  
Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington  
Jewish Community Relations Council of Jewish Federation of Northern NJ  
Jewish Community Relations Council of Louisville  
Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas  
Jewish Community Relations Council of New York  
Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis  
Jewish Community Relations Council of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation  
Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati  
Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford  
Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest, NJ  
Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven  
Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia  
Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester

Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation  
Jewish Community Relations Council, Jewish Community Board of Akron  
Jewish Community Relations Council, Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County  
Jewish Federation & Family Services of Orange County, CA  
Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee  
Jewish Federation of Broward County  
Jewish Federation of Central Massachusetts  
Jewish Federation of Dutchess County  
Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne  
Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor  
Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta  
Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton  
Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines  
Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg  
Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles  
Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County, NY  
Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix  
Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle  
Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo  
Jewish Federation of Palm Springs and Desert Area  
Jewish Federation of Raleigh-Cary  
Jewish Federation of Reading/Berks  
Jewish Federation of Rockford  
Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee  
Jewish Federation of Springfield, IL and Jewish Community Relations Council  
Jewish Federations of New Jersey  
JEWISHColorado  
JewishColumbus  
Memphis Jewish Federation  
Ohio Jewish Communities  
Portland Jewish Community Relations Council  
Savannah Jewish Federation  
St. Paul Jewish Federation  
Tampa JCC & Federation  
United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula  
Westchester Jewish Council  
Youngstown Area Jewish Federation

### Other Organizations

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav (of San Francisco)