

Combating Hate

# Heroes Against Hate

## NOMINATIONS

**Who belongs on this year's list?** At the Jewish Federation’s annual Community of Caring celebration in December, we will be honoring local “Heroes Against Hate”. We are seeking your help in identifying and nominating possible Heroes to recognize.

Ideal candidates would be individuals who or organizations that have had a concrete impact in our area:

- Countering hate or bigotry through individual action or initiating programs or activities to encourage standing up to hate
- Educating the community (especially younger audiences) about tolerance, diversity, and respect for differences
- Stepping up to respond to a crisis dealing with hate, bigotry, or bias
- Working to build bridges between different groups in our community, especially those where there may be differences or lack of understanding

When it comes to hate, bigotry, and discrimination no one community stands alone. Intolerance and attacks may be targeted to one particular group, but they seldom stop there; hate metastasizes and can spread easily. It takes people of faith and principle to step up, be upstanders, and to say: enough. That is the aim of honoring these Heroes Against Hate...to encourage more in our community to stand up, to speak out, and to make a difference. Please help us by identifying some of these local Heroes.

ONLINE FORM - [www.jewishoceancounty.org/communitycaring/nominations](http://www.jewishoceancounty.org/communitycaring/nominations)

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### 2024 HONOREES

Avi Kotler  
St. Junipero Serra Parish  
Chief Gregory Meyer  
Reisa Sweet  
Dr. Henry Jackson  
Ariel Ifrah

### 2023 HONOREES

Prosecutor Bradley Billhimer  
Caroline Winn  
Jasmine and Mateo Guarin  
Toms River Jewish Community Council

### 2022 HONOREES

Trevor Kalb  
Ian Rosenzweig  
Chief James Riccio  
Sgt. Jim Kelly  
Exit 82 Theatre

### 2021 HONOREES

Randy Bergmann  
Sophie Braun  
Tova Herskovitz  
Chief Mitch Little  
Toms River NAACP