

## Rabbi's Column

Just a very brief note this week on a couple of different topics.

The first session of Religious School is this next Sunday, 10 to noon. The regular programming year has begun.

When I returned to social media after the weekend, hate seemed to be everywhere. Not the seemingly hateful speech that has come to be a normal part of American politics, but hatred of the other. A member of a white supremacist group, in a place where the largest hate group rally yet was being held, using his car to disrupt the people trying to block his group's message by ramming into them. Speeches calling for the destruction of Israel and others in parades not allowing messages indicating you can be both Zionist and anti-human trafficking.

Of these items, the worst of course is the one where a fatality resulted. Strong statements of opinion do not have to lead to physical violence, yet all too often we see that individuals take these opinions as fact and attempt to physically destroy all those who have differing views, since they disagree with what the individual takes to be true.

Being incorrect is not a reason to be harmed, either physically or emotionally. Debated with, possibly, but not harmed. When the entire world has learned this, we will all be much better off.

The eclipse is coming, and a month later the High Holidays begin. Feel free to invite your friends to services - they're free and open to all.