The Orange County Jewish Bar Association (OCJBA) is deeply disturbed by the increasing attacks on members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. The recent horrendous killing rampage in Georgia, leaving eight people dead, is a brutal reminder of the evil of bigotry and hate.

Enough is enough! As F. Hertz observed in 1944, “Racialism, if not vigorously kept in bounds, fosters the growth of injustice, in humanity and fanaticism, in general.” As lawyers, Jews, as human beings, we stand in solidarity to #StopAsianHate and racialism in general before it destroys us all.

As we enter this Passover season, we pray for freedom for all races. The freedom to be who you are without fear. May we come together as a community and break the metaphorical bonds of slavery that subjugate anyone on the basis of race, sex, religion, or otherwise.