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To our community,

You may be aware of unfounded speculation regarding the JCCSF and our Arts & Ideas program. The JCCSF recently made a decision to delay an Arts & Ideas program on immigration issues. To be clear, this event was in the early development and discussion phase internally at the JCCSF. Additional preparation time was required to meet our high standards for participant learning and engagement, as well as security. Given the events of the last several weeks in particular, with threats against JCfs nationwide, this is a responsibility that we take very seriously when considering events that would take place in our building. Any suggestions or implications that we delayed this event for anything other than this reason are categorically false.

The JCCSF has a deeply held and demonstrated commitment to cultivating civil discourse that recognizes the dignity of all peoples. We regularly present engagement and learning opportunities on a wide variety of social justice topics. Please take a look at our upcoming programming for the numerous small and large-scale events on just these issues. We have many more in development which will address intolerant policy proposals and the current state of affairs.

Jewish culture demands that we engage creatively with continuous improvement of ourselves and our society. It also celebrates vigorous debate and discussion. On this issue and others, please turn to me with your questions and your concerns at ExecutiveOffices@jccsf.org.

B’Shalom,

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