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CHDHU and SAJES Inaugurate Calendar on Bias Reduction Activities

The Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity & Human Understanding (CHDHU), and the SAJES Council for Prejudice Reduction (CPR) have partnered to develop and maintain a unified comprehensive calendar of all events on Long Island related to promoting diversity and tolerance. Interested organizations can now submit their events for posting to this publicly available electronic calendar. The calendar can be viewed through a link found on www.chdhu.org and www.cprny.org. CHDHU and CPR share a common mission of building a community free of bias and hate.

In making the announcement, CHDHU Executive Director Steven Schrier quoted the findings of both sociologist David Rusk, who in his analysis of segregation patterns found that “for black residents Long Island is the most segregated suburb in America...,” and a University of Minnesota Institute on Race and Poverty survey that found that “half of Long Island’s black and Hispanic students are concentrated in just 13 of its 127 school districts.” Mr. Schrier said that “while some may take issue with these findings, racism, anti-Semitism, hate, bigotry and intolerance are clearly significant problems on Long Island.” Schrier said, “We all share a challenging task and every resource needs to be tapped in fostering tolerance and understanding. The calendar is a critical step in unifying and supporting the extensive effort of the many organizations based on Long Island addressing this problem.”

Roberta Richin, Coordinator of SAJES CPR, welcomed the calendar project. “There are so many of us working in the field on this challenging endeavor, each from a unique perspective and community. This unified calendar gives us an instant picture of programs and projects, so we can promote, attend, share and support each other’s programs and activities. This kind of communication is simply priceless.” Richin went on to say that “the unified calendar is more than we could have hoped for. It will help us build on our strengths and overcome obstacles that have been endemic to communication efforts.”

Schrier and Richin expressed appreciation to Suffolk County Community College for hosting the calendar and to the technical staff of the SCCC Computer Center for their development of the software application. Organizations seeking to list their events should contact CHDHU at (631) 451-4700 or chdhu@sunysuffolk.edu.