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The Temple Beth Israel Preservation Society (TBI PS) is a CT nonprofit which owns and maintains the historic state and nationally recognized Temple Beth Israel located in Representative Anne Dauphinais' district in Danielson, CT. We are daughters, sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of WW II era soldiers, Holocaust survivors, partisan resistance fighters, and American patriots. We are their legacy.

Following WW II, Killingly and nearby towns welcomed Jewish Holocaust survivors who settled in and around Killingly and Plainfield. Neighboring churches, residents and business owners of all faiths supported the building of Temple Beth Israel which thrived for decades.

Today, TBIPS is committed to honoring the spirit of community partnership which promotes tolerance and respect among neighbors. At the core of our mission is preserving and honoring the memories of the six million Jews and five million other innocents who perished in the Holocaust. We also honor the sacrifices of US men and women who served in the armed forces during WW II fighting the Nazi regime.

Recently, our representative likened Connecticut's governor to Hitler. We believe this is misguided and insensitive at best. We expect more from our leaders. This attempt at moral equivalency is a gross distortion of history and elevates Adolph

Hitler to the status of just another politician whose “views/policies” may have been offensive. More to the point, we fear that careless use of language minimizes the horror of genocide.

We have become accustomed to coarse and angry political language, but careless historical comparisons are an insult to all who died, suffered or who sacrificed to defend our way of life. We urge all our leaders to be more sensitive and thoughtful as they work to serve and protect their constituents.