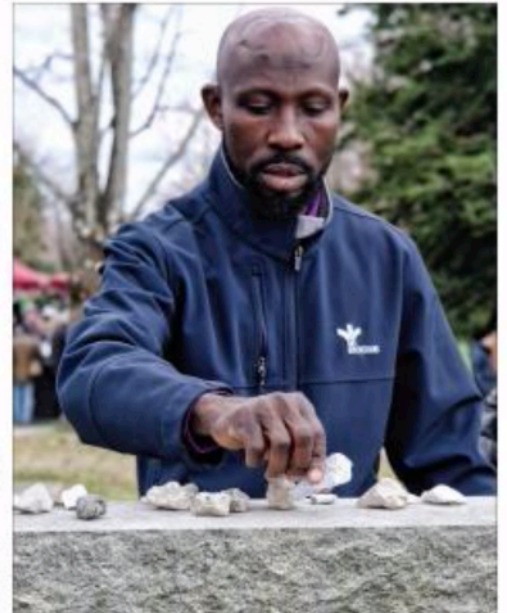# Standing together

In the wake of a rash of vandalism at Jewish cemeteries and community centers across the nation, more than 200 people attend a unity rally Sunday at Emek Sholom Holocaust Memorial Cemetery in Henrico County as a show of solidarity.

Speakers from several faith traditions participated in "Standing Together: Remember and Respond." The event at the cemetery, located within Forest Lawn Cemetery, was designed to support those who have been targeted by recent events and to stand in unity against divisive and bigoted actions and rhetoric.

Top, people line up to place stones on a monument to those who died in the Holocaust and whose remains were never found. Right, Ahmed Faried leaves stones on the site.

At left, families and individuals listen as speakers promote religious freedom, diversity and inclusive communities.

Sponsors included Bonay Kodesh, Congregation Beth Ahabah, First Unitarian Universalist Church of Richmond, Islamic Center of Virginia, Richmond Hill, Richmond Peace Education Center, Temple Beth-El, Weinstein Jewish Community Center, Jewish Community Federation of Richmond and Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities.

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