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As our celebration of Shavuot and the reminders of Jewish wisdom, teachings and Torah comes to an end, we are watching our nation respond with sorrow and anger over the murder of George Floyd. We join others both inside and outside the Jewish community in expressing our grief and demanding justice for this horrific crime.

Judaism teaches us that all human beings are created in the image of G-d, and our own history is directly tied to the ongoing battle against oppression and injustice. As such, it is our duty to stand side-by-side with those fighting to tear down the structures of systemic racism and build a truly just world.

Today we once again see that this fight is not over, and we re-affirm our commitment to uphold the Jewish tradition of *Tikkun olam* and continue working to create a world where justice is truly for all.