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HIGH HOLY DAYS PROTECTION: PREPAREDNESS

A security checklist for congregations planning High Holy Days services.

1. **Site Selection:** Outdoor or indoor. Assess the perimeter and line of sight from adjacent buildings, properties, and streets. Will the location meet the needs of the congregation, including secure indoor areas to shelter in place in case of an attack?
2. **Access Control:** Entrance and egress points. Validation of attendees.
3. **Security Policies and Procedures:** A clear and understood set of procedures for (a) identifying a suspicious person, behavior, object, or vehicle; (b) a defined process for what to do when something suspicious is identified; (c) defined actions and response in the event of an attack. **CRITICAL.**
4. **Establishment of Volunteers** to act as ushers and/or a protective force, trained to respond and act within the guidelines of the policies and procedures. Remember, any threat will most likely be coming from outside the protected areas, so that is where volunteers should be focused. (Outsourcing to a trained and vetted private security company is a great option.)
5. **Coordination with Law Enforcement:** Call your local police department's non-emergency line well before the holidays. Go over the particulars of the High Holy Days: location, days, times, perceived threats, and the possibility of a police officer with a car stationed outside the location. However, with the current political and social unrest, it might be best to have a patrol car pass by at different intervals.
6. **Communication:** In the event of an attack or emergency, pre-selected volunteers call **911**.
7. **Emergency Supplies:** Water bottles, first aid kits, snacks.
8. **Operational Security (OPSEC):** Limit promotion of services to within the community, omitting specific details until after attendees have registered.
9. **Intelligence Sources:** Stay updated about the latest threats directed toward the Jewish community or incidents that affect your local area. Use the free sources in Who to Contact below.
10. **Crisis Flow Chart:** Create a visible flow chart of actions of what to do when a crisis happens: armed intruder, explosive, fire.

WHO TO CONTACT

Fill in your local numbers and keep this page with your volunteer team. Click a link or phone number, or type the address into your browser.

Organization	Website	Phone
Emergency: police, fire, medical		911
Your local police department (non-emergency line)		Write it here: _____
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI): report a threat	tips.fbi.gov	1-800-CALL-FBI (225-5324)
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA): Protecting Houses of Worship	www.cisa.gov/topics/physical-security/protecting-houses-worship	
Secure Community Network (SCN)	www.securecommunitynetwork.org	
Battle Tested Solutions: security assessment and volunteer training	battletestedsolutions.com	650-235-5459

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Want help preparing for the High Holy Days? Greg Schneider, CPP, assesses houses of worship, trains volunteer safety teams and writes the vulnerability assessment the Nonprofit Security Grant requires.

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