



Communal Security Initiative

Who we are

Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP) is a philanthropic organization committed to raising and investing money and nurturing partnerships to build a vital, inclusive, and thriving Jewish community.

As part of this work, CJP created the Communal Security Initiative (CSI) to provide professional security advice and support to help meet the needs of the community. Our expert CSI Team is led by:



Jeremy Yamin, Vice President, Security and Operations, joined CJP in 2016 after a 20-year career with the U.S. State Department's Diplomatic Security Service (DSS) and was the Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) for New England. Jeremy is also the Chair of the U.S. State Department's Overseas Security Advisory Council, Faith-Based Sector Committee; is a Senior Advisor to the Secure Community Network (SCN); and is a member of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) New England Law Enforcement Committee.



Daniel Levenson, Director, Communal Security Initiative, joined CJP in 2018 with an extensive background in nonprofit management and safety and security. Daniel is a member of the FBI Boston Mass Bay Threat Assessment Team, FBI Boston Community Engagement Council, and the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP). He previously served as Associate Regional Director at the Anti-Defamation League (ADL).

What we do



To meet the needs of our partners in a dynamic security environment, CSI offers trainings, assessments, and consultations free of charge. Security grants are available annually to qualifying Jewish organizations in the Greater Boston area.



Where we do it



CSI works with over 250 Jewish organizations in the Greater Boston area and now provides support to over 75 partners in the Expanded Services Area of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. This expansion was made possible by the work of CJP's Center for Combating Antisemitism and, in part, a grant from LiveSecure with additional support from Jewish Federations of North America and the Secure Community Network LiveSecure program.

-  CJP Greater Boston Catchment Area
-  New England Expanded Services Area

How we do it

CSI developed the PACT strategy to empower partners through:

P — Physical security infrastructure guidance

- Conduct physical security assessments
- Support government nonprofit security grant applications
- Award CJP grants to qualified partner organizations in the Greater Boston region

A — Access to ongoing support

- Deliver proactive security consultations with lay leadership, clergy, and professional staff
- Develop standard operating procedures and crisis management plans
- Provide crisis management support for life safety incidents
- Improve emergency communications

C — Cybersecurity support

- Provide cybersecurity guidelines, policies, and support
- Offer free online self-paced cybersecurity training for staff and congregants
- Support cybersecurity incident response
- Provide limited cybersecurity assessments to organizations in the Greater Boston region

T — Training

CSI provides in-person and online life safety training, including:

- BeAware — Situational Awareness
- Board Leadership Security Considerations
- Countering Active Threat Training
- De-Escalation Training
- Interfaith Safety and Security Considerations
- Law Enforcement Awareness and Threat Management
- Medical Training and Certificates

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