



New Resource for Quick Reporting of Threats Against Jews in New Jersey

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The Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey announced Thursday that it has partnered with more than 40 other Jewish Federations and the Secure Community Network (SCN), a safety and security organization for the Jewish community in North America, to launch a new, standardized online form for the public to report threats, incidents, and suspicious activity related to Jewish organizations, facilities, or community members. The form is available on the Jewish Federation in the Heart of NJ website at jewishheartnj.org/report.

Information reported through the new incident reporting form is sent immediately to Federation security professionals and the 24-hour Duty Desk in SCN's National Jewish Security Operations Command Center, where SCN's intelligence analysts work with local Federation Security Initiatives using intelligence and information-sharing best practices to determine what people or facilities may be at risk, as well as what next steps to take. Credible threats are referred to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and Jewish facility leaders as needed.

"This is the first nationally standardized incident reporting effort that ties together local Federation Security Initiatives and SCN as a national partner, ensuring that wherever someone is, there can be timely, consistent, and accurate reporting of threats, incidents, and suspicious activity," said SCN National Director and CEO Michael Masters.

The new form can be used to report in-person assaults or threats; suspicious persons or activity; property damage or vandalism; threatening or suspicious phone calls, text messages, or social media; suspicious packages or letters; spam and phishing emails; antisemitic or threatening flyers; or other similar incidents of concern to the Jewish community. Reports may be made anonymously.

The effort will also allow Federation and partners to better aggregate and collect information, providing more comprehensive and reliable data to partners in the Jewish community and in law enforcement. This is especially important given findings that 1 in 3 law enforcement agencies in the United States – representing up to half of the Jewish community – did not report hate crimes data to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for 2021.