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Jewish Federation hosts FBI expert

The Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey conducted training sessions in Monmouth and Middlesex counties on Nov. 29 for Jewish and interfaith community leaders to learn next-level approaches to active shooter/attacker scenarios. Subject matter expert, Jin Kim, who retired in 2018 after 23 years with the FBI, presented ways to build beyond the Run–Hide–Fight approach to further empower individuals and institutions — ways that have saved lives in recent violent attacks. Among his top points for individuals were to make a personal commitment to do everything in your power, including learning how to survive and understanding how highly stressful conditions affect the mind and body, and creating a personal action loop comprised of strategies you can do rather than hope you can rise to accomplish. He also went over ways to secure doors without locks, obscuring oneself from view, avoiding direct line of sight with attacker and concealing in unexpected places. Kim also discussed managing a response — being resilient and adjusting to the situation and circumstances, not just being reactive with defaults. Among his top points for institutions included ways to establish, communicate, train on and invest in operational procedures, invest in the integrity of security systems with proper levels of human resources when considering implementation of new technology or services, invest in the resiliency of your people with awareness, knowledge, and training and making security a priority and putting it into a budget. According to Amy Keller, Federation's lead for security initiatives, the Federation began responding to increases in anti-Semitism and acts of violence several years ago, with the establishment of a Security Task Force, which to date has performed or facilitated community-wide vulnerability assessments, conducted dozens of trainings, and helped some 50 institutions secure more than \$3 million in government and Federation security grants. In the wake of the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting, the Federation is redoubling efforts to do more – including launching a dedicated campaign to fund efforts countering anti-Semitism and strengthening community security. To give, go to jewishheartnj.org/stophate. To learn more about the Jewish Federation's initiatives to stem anti-Semitism and step-up security, go to jewishheartnj.org/crisis.