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Orthodox Union and Secure Community Network Launch New Online Tool at OU.org/ReportHate to Encourage Incident Reporting by Orthodox Community

Streamlined Form Makes It Easy to Report Incidents for Investigation and Follow-Up

The [Orthodox Union](#) (OU) and the [Secure Community Network](#) (SCN) today announced the launch of a new online reporting tool at [OU.org/ReportHate](#), to make it easier than ever for members of the Orthodox Jewish community to report incidents such as assaults or threats, property damage or vandalism, suspicious packages or letters, threatening or suspicious phone calls or text messages, or concerning emails or social media posts. **If the incident is an emergency, always call 9-1-1 first.**

“Members of the Jewish community, and particularly the Orthodox Jewish community, have suffered many physical assaults and other acts of hatred in recent years - as recently as the past few days - in New York, Los Angeles and across the United States,” said Orthodox Union Executive Vice President Rabbi Moshe Hauer. “While the FBI and other entities record and report data on antisemitic incidents, there isn’t specific data about incidents targeting Orthodox Jews and it is believed that these incidents are underreported. The new OU-SCN-sponsored reporting system will assist in gathering more accurate information and thus enable the OU to work with law enforcement officials and policymakers to ensure resources are allocated to better ensure our community’s security.”

Information submitted through the reporting tool will be reviewed immediately by analysts at SCN’s [National Jewish Security Operations Command Center](#), who will refer reports to both relevant Jewish security leaders and federal, state, or local law enforcement as needed. In today’s threat environment, reporting incidents and issues is critical. Even reports that do not require further action may provide important links to other incidents or help establish patterns warranting further investigation. Reports may be made anonymously, although providing contact information allows security professionals to follow up if additional information or clarification is needed. The form is intended to be used in addition to any reports made directly to law enforcement. Reports may also be made by phone to SCN’s Duty Desk at 844.SCN.DESK (844.726.3375).

“We face the most complex and dynamic threat environment in our nation’s history, and SCN continues to develop proactive security solutions that meet the unique needs of each organization and facility in the Jewish community,” said SCN National Director and CEO Michael Masters. “We are excited to

continue our close partnership with the Orthodox Union to improve community safety, and this reporting tool is a critical next step and expansion of those efforts.”

As the official safety and security organization for the Jewish community in North America, SCN has partnered with the OU to provide the form. The two organizations also work closely together on incident notification systems, regional training opportunities for congregations and organizations, and awareness campaigns.

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*The **Secure Community Network** (SCN), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is the official safety and security organization of the Jewish community in North America. Founded in 2004 under the auspices of The Jewish Federations of North America and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, SCN serves as the central organization dedicated exclusively to the safety and security of the American Jewish community, working across 146 federations, 50 partner organizations, over 300 independent communities, and other partners in the public, private, nonprofit, and academic sectors. SCN is dedicated to ensuring that Jewish organizations, communities, life, and culture can not only exist safely and securely, but flourish. Learn more at securecommunitynetwork.org.*

*Founded in 1898, the **Orthodox Union**, (OU), or Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, serves as the voice of American Orthodox Jewry, with over 400 congregations in its synagogue network. As the umbrella organization for American Orthodox Jewry, the OU is at the forefront of advocacy work on both state and federal levels, outreach to Jewish teens and young professionals through NCSY, Israel Free Spirit Birthright, Yachad and OU Press, among many other divisions and programs. Learn more at ou.org.*