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Secure Community Network Publishes Introduction to Judaism for Law Enforcement Officers and Security Professionals

Guide Provides Overview of Jewish Concepts and Issues to Strengthen Public Safety Partnerships

The Secure Community Network (SCN), the official safety and security organization for the Jewish community in North America, today announced publication of its [*Introduction to Judaism for Law Enforcement Officers and Security Professionals*](#), a wide-ranging guide to help promote a greater understanding of the Jewish community by those who help protect it. SCN is working with law enforcement agencies and associations to distribute electronic and printed copies of the guide nationwide.

“This guide will be a valuable resource to help our officers and staff better support the Jewish community,” said Phoenix Police Chief Jeri Williams. “SCN has been an outstanding partner with law enforcement as we work together to combat antisemitism and preserve religious freedom.”

“Protecting faith-based institutions requires coordination, cooperation, and trust with law enforcement agencies and security professionals, and the Jewish community has long recognized and appreciated the value of these relationships,” said SCN National Director and CEO Michael Masters. “We hope this new guide will foster even more understanding and dialogue as we express our gratitude to all those who protect and serve our community, allowing us to practice our faith freely and ensure the preservation of religious liberty.”

The guide provides background information to help safety and security partners recognize the dynamic and diverse nature of the Jewish community in the United States; understand the historic nature of threats and attacks against the Jewish community; learn about Jewish denominations, organizations, and facilities; explore facets of Jewish ritual and culture, and much more. Understanding these aspects of Judaism is fundamental to creating a more secure environment so that everyone may live, work, play, and pray in safety.

“I look forward to sharing this important overview of Judaism with my public safety colleagues,” said Ocean County, N.J., Sheriff Michael Mastronardy. “We appreciate SCN’s leadership role in promoting trust and partnership between public safety professionals and the communities we serve.”

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The Secure Community Network (SCN), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is the official homeland 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.