

Chag Pesach Sameach from everyone at CST



This year marks the 30th anniversary of CST becoming a charity. We deeply regret that the need for our work has never been more obvious. Since October, the demands upon CST have been constant, but our volunteers, staff and trustees have met the challenge.

If there is a positive, it is perhaps that so many Jews are determined to lead their Jewish way of life. British Jewish life has not merely continued: it has intensified and grown. At CST, we will keep doing everything we can to ensure this remains the case.

In the first days and weeks of the war, many British Jews expressed grave concerns. They asked if it was safe for children to go to school, for families to go to synagogue, or to visit Jewish shops.

CST calmed fears by explaining that our community's CST-funded security infrastructure was built exactly for a crisis such as this. CST dispelled fake rumours about supposed Hamas plans to attack British Jews and advised our communities to continue leading their Jewish lives.

As the war continued, British Jews felt a growing desire to express their identity. Synagogue attendance increased, as did other communal activities, including public demonstrations. All of this needed security and CST delivered it.

CST's 2,000 security volunteers are essential to communal security. They embody CST's partnership

with communities and deliver the security, supported by staff from CST's London, Manchester or Leeds offices. Antisemitic incidents are immediately shared with police and this results in arrests and convictions, far more than most people would ever realise.

Since October, unprecedented responsibility has fallen upon CST's security volunteers, especially at shuls. Congregations have turned to their local security representatives for leadership, assurance and protection. This had always been the purpose of CST's shul security teams and they do everything within their power to deliver it.

Thousands of hours of additional security have been provided by CST's security teams, and also by guards from commercial companies. These guards are funded via a government grant from the Home Office which subsidises security costs at shuls, schools and community centres and is managed by CST.

CST's security teams are only as strong as the communities they serve. Where shul members volunteer to do security, we assist and train them, building them into effective local security teams. Every single one of those volunteers should be warmly thanked by their communities, but they should also be helped in their work.

Please, support your local CST security team.

Thank them for everything they do and ask them how you can help.

Report suspicious activity and antisemitism to CST at cst.org.uk/report

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