

# CST wishes our community Chag Pesach Sameach

As Pesach comes around once again and we gather at the seder table with family and friends, we find joy and comfort in celebrating with our community. Community is truly at the heart of this special festival, and it is at the heart of CST's mission: everything we do, we do with our community in mind. We are here to facilitate Jewish life and give it the platform to thrive as fully as possible. Every Jewish person in the UK should be able to lead the Jewish life they choose for themselves, free from concern about their safety in doing so.

This is why our commitment to security is unwavering. While Jewish people in this country should be confident in expressing their identity, we must stay vigilant to the reality that confronts us: antisemitism, extremism and terrorism pose a constant threat. At times of economic uncertainty, anti-Jewish hate rises to the surface of society as it searches for a scapegoat. Antisemitic incidents and terrorist attacks over the last few years have demonstrated that those who hold this prejudice not only look to attack the biggest, most established communities, but also those that are relatively small or of lower profile. Every Jewish community needs security, and we are dedicated to protecting it in its entirety.

This protection can only happen together. You can trust CST to be there, working tirelessly to guarantee the safety of our community to the best of our ability, as we have been for decades. This trust works

both ways, and we trust that our community will support our efforts too; in fact, we rely on it.

Our volunteers are at the core of our operation, the feet on the ground in our protection of the community. They are trained in the theoretical, technical and physical aspects of modern-day security. Our free-of-charge training courses are always open to new recruits who wish to develop themselves and ensure the safety of their synagogue and fellow congregants from the dangers that face us.

We also trust that our community will report antisemitism and suspicious activity to us when it happens. Every report provides us with a deeper understanding of how, why, and where anti-Jewish hate manifests in the UK. Every report enables us to better and more accurately represent our community to police, government and other partners committed to tackling this prejudice.

In order to fulfil our mission, we depend on the generosity of our community. Only through donations can we maintain our work nationwide and continue to safeguard Jewish schools, synagogues, communal organisations and events and – in turn – the flourishing of Jewish life in all its vibrancy.

However you choose to give it, your help goes a long way in service of our community. From everyone at CST, we wish you a Chag Pesach Sameach.



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