



CST wishes our community a peaceful, healthy & safe New Year

This Rosh Hashanah, we look forward to being able to join together and celebrate as fully as we have been able to for some time. Throughout the pandemic, CST has been here, working to continue to protect our community, navigating the many challenges that the last two-and-a-half years have provided.

Reports of anti-Jewish hate in the UK reached an all-time high in 2021 when Israel was at war; events in Buffalo, New York and Colleyville, Texas have shown that extremists from across the ideological spectrum often hold antisemitic beliefs at the core of their worldview, and are prepared to carry out terrorism at any time, anywhere. We know from bitter experience that hatred festers in times of economic uncertainty and that, unfortunately, the Jewish community suffers the sharp edge of society's need to find a scapegoat. We must be alive to the dangers that confront us.

In light of these realities, and as the world returns to something approaching what we knew before, CST's commitment to guaranteeing the safety of our community to the best of our ability is unwavering. This is a duty we always approach with a great sense of responsibility, humility and pride. After a period when all activity has been somewhat limited, we

emerge strong, focused and ready to play our part in facilitating the thriving of Jewish life in the New Year.

To fulfil this purpose, we rely on the work and dedication of our fantastic volunteers. They are the people without whom our entire mission would fall apart.

Our volunteers receive the most up to date training in modern-day security tactics. On our training courses you will be given the knowledge and skills needed to not only protect yourself, but the friends, family and community you are perhaps sitting among today. Our dynamic sessions, delivered by expert instructors, will not only educate you on the various threats to the Jewish community, but also how to combat them. Physical training in self defence, problem solving under pressure, teamwork, camaraderie and fun are all components of the course. All CST's training courses are free of charge.

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a CST volunteer security officer, or any other training offered by CST please contact us at recruitment@cst.org.uk.

From everyone at CST, we wish you a safe, Happy New Year and meaningful fast.



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