PRESS RELEASE:
CSS SECURITY SHABBAT ACROSS THE NATION

December 21, Shabbat Chanukah, Marks a Day to Recognize the Strength and Service of CSS Volunteers

Westchester County December 9th 2019 - On Shabbat Chanukah, December 21st & December 28, 2019, Synagogues and communities across America will pay tribute to their Community Security Service (“CSS”) volunteer teams for the time and dedication each of them extends to protecting their communities. Chanukah commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple after the defeat of the Seleucid Empire. After facing a hostile government that banned the practice of Judaism under penalty of death, a small group of Jewish people trained to protect and defend Jewish life and the Jewish way of life, overcame the odds to reclaim Jewish religious freedom. The CSS teams strive to do just that - to safeguard life and advance triumph over oppression - to offer hope and ensure safety and security even in the most trying of times.

CSS Security Shabbat across the Nation is on Shabbat Chanukah and was designed for Jewish houses of worship and their congregants to pay tribute to and to recognize the volunteers who stand guard each week.

Deena Seelenfreund, CSS NJ Regional Manager said, "We want our neighbors and fellow worshipers to know that we are a presence looking out for them. CSS Security Shabbat Across the Nation helps raise awareness of the importance of volunteer security on the local and national levels, and provides a method for community members to support the volunteers protecting their synagogues. The funds raised this Shabbat will help supply some of the security blackout shades needed for our class rooms and equipment our volunteers use daily to keep us all safe."

CSS security teams are selectively trained at the highest level to act, respond and implement security protections at synagogues and at events of the Jewish community. That work requires professional equipment and clothing, from short sleeve summer tactical shirts, new radio headsets to flashlights and medical equipment. "This Shabbat Chanukah will enable CSS members protecting synagogues across America to be properly equipped," Nissan Clark, CSS trainer and a NJ CSS leader, said.

Adam Cohen, NJ CSS Leader and trainer said, “CSS helps safeguard communities in a professional manner, creating an open and comfortable environment for the practice of Judaism of every stream. Its volunteer-based model fills a critical gap in the security needs of the Jewish community and is essential in creating an effective and holistic security architecture. CSS trains volunteers from within their own communities in professional operational security procedures, including counter-surveillance, surveillance detection and situational awareness. Adam Sager, CSS Co-Founder said, “The deep knowledge of their own institutions enables CSS teams to act as a force multiplier for law enforcement and to address a situation long before it escalates into a serious incident.”

To join your synagogue CSS Security team, please contact your CSS Synagogue Team Manager.
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DECEMBER 21, 2019-DECEMBER 28, 2019

Honoring CSS Volunteers Teams and CSS Members in Communities Across America

CSS IS SUPPORTED THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS BY OUR COMMUNITY

Share in our Mission by Becoming a Sponsor Today. Sponsor your CSS Team:

- $5,000 Sponsor a full-synagogue CSS team training and lockdown equipment for sanctuary
  - $1,000 Sponsor a CSS team training
- $750 Sponsor full equipment for a protector (communications equipment, protective vest)
  - $500 Sponsor a ballistic vest for a protector
- $250 Sponsor communications equipment for a protector
  - $180 Sponsor trauma kit for the synagogue
- $52 Sponsor medical equipment for a protector
  - $36 CSS Supporter.

There are additional opportunities to sponsor CSS on national level, to help bring security to a new community or to provide a difference to the broader security of our community. Please email info@thecss.org for more information.

About CSS:
Founded in 2007, the nonprofit Community Security Service (CSS) proactively protects the people, institutions and events of the American Jewish community. CSS safeguards the community by training volunteers in professional security techniques, providing physical security and raising public awareness about safety issues. CSS has a trained membership of over 5,000 volunteers, representing the rich diversity of the American Jewish community. CSS operates on a strictly non-political, non-denominational basis.

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