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“Let me thank all the staff and volunteers who work so hard together with the Police and the wider community to protect the Jewish people and to make this charity as successful as it is today.”

Prime Minister David Cameron MP

“The CST is an incredible organisation, which every day is out there protecting Jewish communities and their institutions across Britain...I along with my party, will continue to give our wholehearted support to CST.”

Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg MP

“CST plays an incredibly important role countering antisemitism, drawing attention to antisemitic attacks, providing security to those who feel at risk, and advice and training about how to deal with antisemitism.”

Leader of the Opposition Ed Miliband MP



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INTRODUCTION

CST is Community Security Trust, a charity that protects British Jews from antisemitism and related threats. CST received charitable status in 1994 and is recognised by the Police and Government as a unique model of best practice. CST has over 60 full and part-time staff based in offices in London, Manchester and Leeds.

CST provides security advice and training for Jewish communal organisations, schools and synagogues. CST secures over 600 Jewish communal buildings and approximately 1,000 communal events every year.

VOLUNTEERS CST has trained over 5,000 security volunteers throughout the UK. They are the foundation of CST's work. Volunteers come from every part of the community, regardless of age, gender, religious observance or political belief.

FUNDING CST provides its services free of charge. Nearly all of CST's budget comes from charitable donations.

ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS CST staff have specialist training in giving support and assistance to victims of antisemitic hate crime. CST's annual *Antisemitic Incidents Report* is recognised as the most authoritative study of antisemitic hate incidents in Britain.

SHARING EXPERTISE CST provides expert advice on every aspect of contemporary antisemitism to the Police,

Government, politicians and the media. CST provides training and advice to others, including Christian, Muslim, Sikh and Hindu communities, to help them secure their communities against hate crime.

SECURITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Since 2008, CST has committed and spent over £5 million on enhancing physical security measures at Jewish buildings throughout the UK in order to better protect them from the threat of terrorist attacks. This includes fitting anti-shatter window film to prevent flying glass, and installing fencing, gates, bollards, lighting, CCTV systems, intruder alarms and fire alarms.

YOUTH AND STUDENTS Streetwise is CST's joint project with Maccabi GB. It teaches personal safety to Jewish teenagers.

CST helps to protect Jewish students on campuses across the UK, in partnership with the Union of Jewish Students. CST's booklet, *#keepingitkosher – A Student's Guide to Antisemitism*, contains practical advice for students who encounter antisemitism on campus.

INTERNATIONAL WORK CST assists overseas communities in combating antisemitism and hate crime. CST provides expert advice to the European Union (EU), the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and other international bodies.



CST'S MISSION

- **TO WORK** at all times **FOR THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION** and defence of British Jews.
- **TO REPRESENT BRITISH JEWS** on issues of racism, antisemitism, extremism, policing and security.
- **TO PROMOTE GOOD RELATIONS** between British Jews and the rest of British society by working towards the elimination of racism, and antisemitism in particular.
- **TO FACILITATE JEWISH LIFE** by protecting Jews from the dangers of antisemitism, and antisemitic terrorism in particular.
- **TO HELP** those who are **VICTIMS** of antisemitic hatred, harassment or bias.
- **TO PROMOTE RESEARCH** into racism, antisemitism and extremism; and to use this research for the benefit of both the Jewish community and society in general.
- **TO SPEAK RESPONSIBLY** at all times, without exaggeration or political favour, on antisemitism and associated issues.

“Our community is indebted to CST for the comprehensive protection the organisation provides, which sadly is so very necessary at this time.”

Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis



"JOIN US IN FIGHTING ANTISEMITISM"

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I have been fighting racism and antisemitism since the 1960s, as have many of CST's supporters. In those days, we faced Nazis and fascists who made no secret of their hatred of Jews. We stood up to them and drove them off the streets.

Today, we still face antisemitism, as shown by the experiences that our community reports on a daily basis. It is, however, the extreme physical danger of jihadist terrorism that dominates our work. In a sense, these people are also fascists. They threaten our British values, spread hatred and division, and try to intimidate Jews and many others in our society.

Neither I nor CST have ever hidden from any such challenges, whatever form they may take. Please, read this report to understand the situation that we are all facing, and to see how CST is confronting it, every day and every year. Finally, I urge you to support CST in our work by giving us the resources and partnerships that the situation demands.

Thank you.

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Gerald M. Ronson CBE Hon. DCL, Hon. PhD



"THANK YOU SINCERELY FOR YOUR SUPPORT"

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

2014: A CHALLENGING YEAR

This was one of the most challenging years we have ever faced. The conflict in Israel and Gaza during July and August saw an unprecedented number of antisemitic hate incidents reported to CST. During and after this, many British Jews said that they had never felt under such pressure. The demands increased on CST staff and volunteers across the UK. It is right that our Jewish community should turn to us in such situations, as that is exactly why we are here.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

CST's mission is to ensure that Jewish communal life can keep flourishing, despite the threats of antisemitism and extremism. We provide security and information, but also reassurance that there is someone who cares and is taking every possible practical action to defend our Jewish community.

Last summer, CST worked across the Jewish community to reassure people that they could continue leading their Jewish lives. We provided security for every communal demonstration and event that required it. We gave security advice to Jewish communal organisations across the UK, sent reassurance emails via synagogues to their congregants and to parents of children via Jewish schools. At all times, CST reported the situation in a calm, reliable and responsible manner. We gave

the facts exactly as they were, without scaremongering or undue speculation.

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

The first weeks of 2015 have already shown us that the twin threats of antisemitism and terrorism will not end any time soon. Terrorists have attacked Jewish communities in Paris and Copenhagen, alongside other targets in those cities. The loss of Dan Uzan z"l while he was guarding a bat mitzvah party at the main synagogue in Copenhagen was particularly painful for CST staff and volunteers. I attended Dan's funeral to show our solidarity with his family and with all those who volunteer to protect Jewish communities around the world.

YOUR HELP IS VITAL

CST is a registered charity that draws its strength from thousands of highly trained volunteers throughout our UK Jewish community. It can only do its work with charitable donations and widespread voluntary participation.

I want to thank all of those who make this work possible, from our hard-working volunteers and their families, to our generous financial donors. Each and every contribution is vital for our work and I thank you sincerely for your support.

David S Delew MBA



Antisemitic placard on pro-Palestinian demonstration, London, July 2014

CASE STUDY: CST and antisemitism during the Israel– Hamas conflict

WAVE OF ANTISEMITISM

Summer 2014 saw a sharp rise in antisemitism in Britain due to antisemitic reactions to the conflict in Israel and Gaza that took place in July and August. This was an intense period of work for CST, with significantly increased demands for security and a record number of antisemitic incidents being reported to CST offices.

In total, 314 antisemitic incidents were reported in July and 228 in August. July was the highest monthly total on record. Taken together, there were more antisemitic incidents recorded in July and August 2014 than in the whole of 2013.

Less than one in ten of the summer incidents were violent and approximately 25 per cent came via social media. This shows how modern antisemitism is transmitted, received and reported. Perpetrators came from all parts of society, but where a perpetrator's description was given, around half appear to have been from sections of Muslim communities around the country.

THE ROLE OF CST

CST performs its work, trains its volunteers and provides its security, precisely for periods like summer 2014. This is the time when the Jewish community turns to CST for guidance, facts, safety and reassurance. CST staff and volunteers worked tirelessly throughout July and August, delivering exactly what the community needed: from receiving the

details of hundreds of antisemitic incidents, to securing whatever public demonstrations occurred throughout the country.

The demonstrations outside the Israeli Kedem store in Manchester were the most intense anti-Israel protests anywhere in Britain. For weeks, CST staff and volunteers provided security for counter-demonstrators and liaised constantly with the Police. At least nine arrests occurred in and around the demonstrations. Many other demonstrations and counter-demonstrations were held, especially in London, and again CST worked closely with the Police. CST provided information and interviews to dozens of local, national and international media outlets, and to Government and the Police, on the increase in antisemitism.

None of the above would have been possible without long-term investment in CST's recruitment, training and capacity, all of which are ultimately reliant on CST's close working partnerships with Britain's Jewish communities and of course the cooperation of the Police and Government in supporting our work.

ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS IN 2014

CST recorded a record number of antisemitic incidents in 2014, largely due to the increase in antisemitism during the conflict in Israel and Gaza in July and August. A total of 1,168 incidents were recorded, more than double the 535 incidents recorded in 2013. The previous record total was 931 incidents recorded in 2009, also during a period of conflict in Israel and Gaza.

However, in the first six months of 2014 – i.e., before the conflict began in Israel and Gaza – CST had already recorded a 38 per cent increase in incidents compared to the same period in 2013. This means that even without the influence of events overseas, the total for 2014 would probably have still shown a significant increase.

This record high followed three years of declining incident rates. It shows how easily attitudes that are below the surface can re-emerge to fuel a rise in antisemitic hate incidents. Eighty-one of the 1,168 incidents in 2014 were violent, of which only one was categorised as Extreme Violence (meaning that it involved grievous bodily harm or a threat to life).

There were 233 antisemitic incidents that involved the use of social media, around 20% of the overall total. Most of these involved online threats and antisemitic abuse. CST will only record incidents involving social media if either the victim or the offender is based in the UK. This is a growing area where

Jewish people encounter antisemitism, and CST is working with the Police, the Crown Prosecution Service and the main social media companies to ensure that hate online is addressed in the same way that antisemitic abuse on the street would be.

CST's *Antisemitic Incidents Report 2014* was widely reported in the media when it was published and was also discussed on BBC's *Question Time*. It received support from leading politicians in the Government and the Opposition and from senior Police officers, showing the value that CST's partners place on our credible and authoritative antisemitic incident data.

In addition to the 1,168 antisemitic incidents recorded in 2014, CST received reports of a further 498 potential incidents that, on investigation, did not show sufficient evidence of antisemitism and so were not included in the final statistics. Most of these potential incidents involved criminal activity, suspicious behaviour at Jewish buildings or anti-Israel activity that was not antisemitic.

This means that, in total, in 2014 there were 1,666 potential incidents that required a response from CST staff and volunteers.



May 2014. The Jewish Museum, Brussels, following the terrorist attack that killed four people.

ANTI-JEWISH TERRORISM

CST's mission is to protect British Jews from antisemitism and terrorism.

In Britain, terrorism threatens all of our society. In August 2014, the national threat level was raised to "Severe", the second highest level, meaning an attack is "highly likely". This is similar to CST's assessment of the situation facing Jews, and explains why we have worked so hard with our community, the Police and Government for many years now.

We are all at equal risk when in public places such as airports, shopping centres or famous buildings; but British Jews face an additional threat, as many terrorists regard Jews as amongst their priority targets.

In May 2014, the Jewish Museum in Brussels was targeted by a gunman. Three people were killed and a fourth later died of injuries. A French jihadist who had fought in Syria faces trial for the attack. This shows the international nature of modern anti-Jewish terrorism and how Jews can be prioritised for attack above other potential targets.

In January and February 2015, there were fatal terrorist attacks at a kosher store in Paris and a synagogue in Copenhagen. Five people were murdered in these shootings, both of which followed earlier terrorist attacks against other targets in the same cities that left 14 other people dead. This shows how terrorists include Jews in their range of targets.

Jews have suffered from such terrorism since the late 1960s, when Jewish communities around the world first came under sustained threat and attack. At first, these attacks came mainly from Palestinian and pro-Palestinian sources, including Arab nationalist and extreme leftist groups. Today, the threat is primarily jihadist, either directed or loosely inspired by groups such as Hizbollah, Al-Qaeda and Islamic State. Small neo-Nazi groups also pose a terrorist threat to Jews.

A successful terror attack against any target is, of course, devastating for its victims and traumatic for all of society. Nevertheless, when terrorists single out one minority from amongst the rest of society, it can have serious long-term impacts upon that group's sense of safety and belonging.

CST will continue working with all of our Jewish community, the Government and Opposition, the Police and the rest of society, including other minority groups, in order to reduce the threat of terrorism against us all.



WORKING WITH THE POLICE

CST's partnerships with Police forces across the UK are essential for the protection of Jewish communities. Our work with the Police includes joint patrols, training exercises, investigating antisemitic hate crimes and regular consultations on strategic issues in our work against antisemitism and terrorism. We are proud to assist the work of the Police in tackling hate crime and preventing terrorism and we are grateful for the support and encouragement we have received from Police officers of all ranks in our work.

CST and the Police hold joint patrols to ensure that Jewish communities are protected as they go to synagogue on the Sabbath and during religious holidays. These patrols provide reassurance for the local community while also giving local Safer Neighbourhood officers an opportunity to gain a better

insight into, and understanding of, the particular problems faced by observant Jews when attempting to combat and report crime. During the High Holy Days in 2014, teams of Police officers and CST volunteers carried out joint patrols in London, Manchester and other areas with large Jewish populations.

CST holds educational sessions for Metropolitan Police officers and support staff at the Jewish Museum in London. Similar programmes are held in Manchester and elsewhere in the UK. Our booklet, *A Police Officer's Guide to Judaism*, is now in its 5th edition and explains traditions and religious customs concerning practical daily issues such as the Sabbath, dietary laws and matters of death and burial. It has also been produced in Scotland as *The Firefighter's Guide to Judaism*.

“Working in partnership with the CST undoubtedly enhances our ability to reduce hate crime and helps us to work alongside the Jewish communities...”

Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe QPM,
Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police

“I am proud to continue working with CST, a truly professional organisation which has made a real difference in protecting its community and working productively with local Police.”

Sir Peter Fahy QPM, Chief Constable of
Greater Manchester Police



SECURITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

CST's Security Enhancement Project funds security facilities, such as CCTV systems, fencing, anti-shatter window film, locks and alarms, at hundreds of Jewish buildings across the country.

The project has committed and spent over £5 million to strengthen our community's buildings against attack. This money is raised entirely through voluntary donations and we thank all our donors who have contributed to this project.

The project's goal is for all Jewish communal premises to meet the recommendations of

Government counterterrorism guidance:

- Deter a would-be intruder, by providing physical and electronic security measures, coupled with good management practices.
- Detect an intrusion, by providing alarm and visual-detection systems with verification.
- Delay an intrusion for a sufficient period of time to allow a response force to attend, by putting in place the appropriate physical security measures.

SECURITY MEASURES INSTALLED

	DURING 2014	SINCE 2008
CCTV cameras	434	2173
CCTV monitors	80	472
Perimeter fencing	577 m	3,939 m
Digital video recorders	45	254
Security doors	26	96
Access control systems	24	113
Intruder alarm systems	17	85
Pedestrian gates	19	94
Vehicle gates	12	81
Anti ram bollards	4	45

“It really is a pleasure to work with CST and to be looked after and cared for by them. Wherever I go throughout Britain, in all our synagogues from north to south the impact and help given by CST is warmly valued.”

Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner, Senior Rabbi, Movement for Reform Judaism



WORKING WITH YOUTH AND STUDENTS

CST works to give young people in the Jewish community the confidence and skills to live confident and safe lives as British Jews and as members of wider society. We do this for young Jewish people of school age through Streetwise, a partnership project between CST and the Jewish sporting and youth charity Maccabi GB.

Streetwise has five full-time staff – four in London and one in Manchester. It runs national projects in primary and secondary schools, engaging thousands of young Jewish people in specially tailored programmes. These programmes include anti-bullying, internet safety, street awareness and education about antisemitism. Secondary school programmes also include sessions relating to the National Curriculum subject of Personal, Social, Health and Economic education and to Sex and Relationship Education.

Throughout the UK, Streetwise also holds personal safety and development courses and workshops in synagogues, Jewish societies and youth clubs, thereby reaching out to the 35 per cent of Jewish children who do not attend a Jewish school. Streetwise also offers a Leadership Programme with the opportunity to complete nationally accredited courses in community and sports leadership.

For those young Jewish people who go to university, CST employs two full-time student security coordinators to help ensure the

physical and emotional well-being of Jewish students and student societies.

Most Jewish students do not encounter antisemitism during their time at university. Nevertheless, student politics can be volatile and heated, especially in relation to Israel, and antisemitic hate crime can sometimes also affect students when they are off campus. Consequently, CST has always regarded student safety as one of its priorities.

CST's student security coordinators travel across the UK visiting campuses to ensure that Jewish students and student societies know to approach them with any problems or concerns they have during their time at university, whether the problems occur on or off campus. They work closely with the Union of Jewish Students (UJS) and Jewish societies so that their activities, whether social, educational or political, can take place in safety.

In 2014, CST and UJS produced a booklet called *#keepingitkosher – A Student's Guide to Antisemitism*. This included practical advice for students who encounter antisemitism on campus.

Jewish students have every right to stand up for what they believe in on campus, and to oppose antisemitism and extremism when it occurs. CST works with UJS to ensure that Jewish students are not frightened or threatened when they do so.



HELPING OTHER COMMUNITIES

CST is recognised as a model for a communal security organisation, and our expertise in security and combating hate crime is often sought for other communities in the UK and abroad. While our focus will always be on our core work of protecting the UK Jewish community, we always try to assist others where possible in order to reduce bigotry and help to build a stronger, cohesive society.

In May 2014, four people were murdered by an alleged jihadi terrorist at the Jewish Museum in Brussels. A senior CST staff member joined the crisis control centre set up by the Jewish community there. We wanted to assist in any way we could, and also to learn every possible lesson.

Also in 2014, CST answered a request from the Government to help provide security advice for Bradford Council of Mosques, after some of their members' premises were entered by activists from the far right Britain First movement. This built on advice we have previously given to mosques, Hindu temples and Sikh gurdwaras in London.

Our work with the Muslim community includes ongoing advice to Tell MAMA, a Muslim organisation that supports victims of anti-Muslim hate crime. CST is also a member of the Victims' Services Alliance, a network of organisations that provide support to victims of a wide range of crimes, including hate crime.

Internationally, CST's expertise is part of the Facing Facts! project, funded by the European Commission, that trains people from Jewish and other communities across the European Union to monitor antisemitic, racist or homophobic incidents more effectively. CST's partners in Facing Facts! include Jewish and LGBT rights organisations in Holland and Belgium.

Social media is a growing arena for antisemitism and other forms of hate, and CST is part of an international effort to combat this in cooperation with social media and internet companies, working with Parliamentarians and Jewish organisations in Britain and the United States. This has led to the publication of 'Best Practices for Responding to Cyberhate', a statement of principles supported by several of the leading internet and social media companies, including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Google, Microsoft and Yahoo!

CST's Government and International Affairs Director, Mike Whine MBE, represents the UK on the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI). The commission is an agency of the Council of Europe and inspects its 48 member states to ensure that European conventions on human rights and terrorism are properly implemented. Mike Whine's appointment to ECRI was the choice of the UK Government and is a powerful endorsement of his and CST's expertise in this field.



PROTECTING
OUR JEWISH
COMMUNITY

HOW CAN YOU HELP CST?

CST relies on your active support to undertake its work.



REPORT

All reports and calls to CST will be treated with the utmost confidence.

If you are the victim of an antisemitic incident or you have information regarding an antisemitic incident that happened to somebody else, please contact CST and the Police as soon as possible.

If you see behaviour in or near a Jewish location that you believe to be suspicious, please contact CST and the Police as soon as possible.

In an emergency, always call the Police on 999.

DONATE

All of CST's work is provided entirely free of charge. Every pound you give will make a difference in enabling CST to do its work for the benefit of the Jewish community and wider society. We welcome every donation and thank you deeply for your support.



VOLUNTEER

Learn new skills, get fit, learn to defend yourself and protect the Jewish community.

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, on 020 8457 9999 (London and the south) or on 0161 792 6666 (Manchester and the north).

All CST's training courses are free of charge.

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