

RJC Board Report

RJC Committee: Security

Date: 3/3/26

Date of Meeting: 2/4/26

Present: John Cohen, Lee Desantis, Larry Gold, Kathy Felder, Rabbi Woll, Tom Cohen, Mark Atlee

Mark Atlee Presentation – Mark Atlee is from the Combined Jewish Philanthropies Organization. CJP is a Jewish Federation of Greater Boston. Mark manages the security initiatives in VT, NH, and ME.

1. Mark described the three main security networks that are available to us as resources:
 - a. CJP
 - b. SCN – Secure Community Network
 - c. CYBER Security – Homeland Security – CISA
2. PACT
 - a. **Physical Security**
 - b. **Access to Grants & Support**
 - c. **Cyber Security – Awareness**
 - d. **Training – CJP**
3. Panic Buttons – Calls Local Police Directly
4. Homeland Security – **Gabe Palazzi** – CISA
5. Recommends a procedure for visitors
6. Steps in case of emergency:
 - a. Call 911
 - b. Call Vt Fusion Center
 - c. Call FBI – Recommends maintaining a monthly communication
7. Most Likely Events:
 - a. Medical Emergency

- b. Criminal Activity
 - c. Someone coming to do physical harm
- 8. Building Access Control
 - a. Gabe Palazzi coming up on Wednesday, March 4th
- 9. Cyber Security
 - a. Do not use personal e-mails
 - b. Training staff and volunteers
- 10. Self-Assessment
- 11. Training
 - a. No charge
 - b. Be Aware Training
 - c. Situational Awareness
 - d. CAT (Counter Active Threat)
 - e. De-escalation training
 - f. Leadership training
 - g. Medical training
- 12. Bangor plan – Mark sent us the plan for a synagogue in Bangor. Let me know if I should send it out to the board.

MARK ATLEE AND GABE PALAZZI ARE VISITING THE SYNAGOGUE ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4.

\$1,200 Grant money – We have purchased a computer for the upper level to monitor the cameras in the building.

CJP Safety Grant - \$5,000 - We have been awarded another \$5,000 grant from the CJP. We will discuss what to do with the money.

Church Mutual Security Assessment – On Monday, January 12th, the Security Committee met to fill out the Church Mutual Security Assessment. Suffice to say we did not score well. Our score came out to the following comment: “Your organization’s security program needs improvement. Action is needed to meet basic requirements.