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**Jewish Federation of Delaware Joins
Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey's JFed Security, LLC Initiative
Security Program to Support NJ & DE Federations**

(March 27, 2022, Wilmington, DE) - The Jewish Federation of Delaware today announced it has partnered with the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey (JFSNJ) in the establishment of its newest entity, **JFed Security, LLC**, a community security initiative designed to ensure the safety of local Jewish communities. JFed Security, LLC will support security needs of Jewish institutions throughout Delaware, as well as eleven counties in the state of New Jersey.

As a participating community, Federation and Jewish institutions throughout Delaware will receive training, emergency operations planning (EOP), Completion of Threat and Vulnerability Risk Assessments (TVRA), the ability to use equipment and assign guards from the security force at local synagogues and agencies, access to all intelligence bulletins and products distributed by the intel analyst assigned to the security force, and more.

Jfed Security, LLC's regionalization concept will partner Federations in North, Central and Southern New Jersey with the one Federation in Delaware, creating a contiguous network of partnered Federations under the direction of one community security program. The regionalized community security program will share costs based upon size and need. Each partner maintains their individualized identities and will operate jointly under the umbrella of JFed Security, LLC.

"JFed Security, LLC was created and chartered with the purpose of providing and enhancing a community-wide security initiative to ensure that Jews can live and practice their religion safely, especially given the unfortunate rise in antisemitic incidents," said William "Bud" Monaghan, Executive Director, JFed Security, LLC and former Cherry Hill Police Department's Chief of Police.

Jewish Federation of Delaware Board Chair, Russ Silberglied stated, "With Antisemitism generally and threats or incidents involving Antisemitism rising throughout the country including Delaware, this initiative is crucial to provide all Delaware synagogues and other Jewish organizations with a high level of expertise, intelligence, and resources on a consistent basis. Through this program, our community will remain vigilant with ongoing training and preparedness."

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Seth J. Katzen, President & CEO of Jewish Federation of Delaware concurred. “Although Jews make up 2.4% of the American population, they are the victims of 55% of religious based hate crimes. Acts of Antisemitism and hate crimes have increased in Delaware and this effort addresses this statistic head on. Our beneficiary agencies and synagogues will all benefit from this enhanced expertise.”

Synagogues of all denominations in Delaware are utilizing services of JFed Security, LLC and share similar positive sentiments: “Our state-wide synagogues will all benefit from this important initiative,” stated Rabbi Michael Beals, President of the Delaware Rabbis and Cantors Association (DERECH) and Senior Rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom of Wilmington. “Through on-site risk assessments, enhanced training and grant writing assistance, our community will be better served through JFed Security, LLC.”

JFed Security, LLC has launched thanks to a LiveSecure grant issued by the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), a \$130 million campaign that was launched by JFNA in 2021 with the goal of securing every Jewish community across North America and to save lives. It is the largest initiative in history to secure Jewish communities across North America.



About the Jewish Federation of Delaware

Every day, Jewish Federation of Delaware supports programs that **feed, clothe, shelter, counsel, and rescue** thousands of people here in Delaware and the Brandywine Valley, in Israel and around the world. We provide opportunities that **educate, inspire, and celebrate** a vibrant Jewish life. It's our responsibility. It's our privilege. It's who we are. For more information, please visit ShalomDelaware.org.

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