

# Helping the Jewish community gather safely.

Helping secure our community is imperative. Alarmed by skyrocketing antisemitism, JUF launched an ambitious initiative to expand our security umbrella to all 300+ Chicago-area Jewish groups. These services, provided for free, reassure every community member that they can participate safely in Jewish life.

# We built an enhanced professional security department.

Jewish organizations, schools and programs in the Chicago area enjoy 24/7 access to JUF's security team.

**Deployed** our security experts on 318 occasions in 2025 to:

- Day schools
- JCCs
- Hillels
- Senior residences
- Chabads
- Synagogues
- Summer camps
- Community events

## JUF Security Department:

- Led by three former senior law enforcement leaders with a combined 90 years of police service, including prior experience as detectives, special operations officers, district and training commander, and police chief.



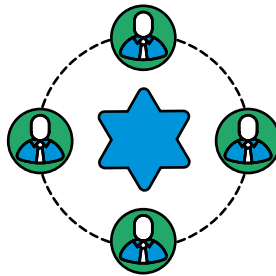
- An Assistant Deputy Director is embedded within the highly-concentrated West Rogers Park Jewish community.
- Further strengthened by JUF's intelligence analyst embedded with our partner, the Secure Community Network (SCN), the Jewish community's central hub for nationwide threat monitoring.

# We facilitate greater coordination.

Security is enhanced by increasing communication and deepening cooperation. Utilizing JUF survey data, we assess — and act upon — community needs, maximizing available resources.

## Partners include:

- SCN
- FBI
- Department of Homeland Security
- Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF)
- Illinois State Police
- County and local police departments
- Magen Chicago



Convenes a Council of Professional Security Directors for Jewish organizations.

Hosts community security seminars and scenario trainings for organizational leaders.

# We help organizations prepare.

JUF audits the strengths and vulnerabilities of facilities and events, reviews organizations' strategies and training programs, and offers detailed recommendations to help institutions adopt new and strengthen existing security plans.

Conducted **400+** security audits of local Jewish institutions and events.

Provided guidance to help organizations create, refresh and implement **more than 80 institutional security plans.**

## Conducts:

- lockdown drills
- episodic community-wide security alerts
- tabletop readiness exercises

**Assesses and recommends** security guard provider options.

**Advises groups** on how to communicate to multiple audiences before, during, and after a security incident.

## Trains groups

on active shooter scenarios, stop the bleed techniques and situational awareness.

**Carries out tests of the latest technologies, such as:**

- handheld scanners
- license plate readers
- mobile AI-infused high-resolution cameras

**Vets security vendors'** costs and capabilities.



# We detect potential threats and respond accordingly.

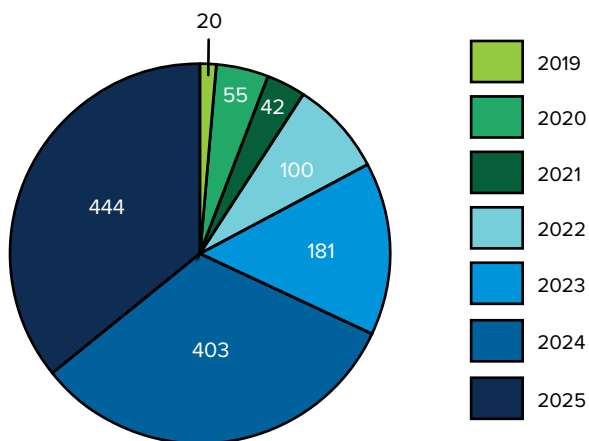
JUF's highly-trained security professionals perform a broad range of activities that are outside the expertise of most organizational staff members' responsibilities, enabling groups to both enhance their security and focus on their core mission-driven work.

**Maintain an active roster of potential problem registrants** and compare to groups' event RSVPs.

**Actively monitor groups** looking to disrupt, protest, or threaten our community; and we respond, inform and support organizations that are targeted.

Continually respond to requests from organizations to **monitor chatter** on social media and the dark web and implement plans accordingly.

## Total security requests to JUF's analyst embedded at SCN



As community needs have intensified, embedding a JUF-dedicated analyst within SCN has **strengthened** our ability to safeguard the community through timely threat assessment and response.

Since this position was established, requests for threat monitoring have increased by 65.6%, reflecting both how vital this new capability has become and how widely it is being accessed.

# We help organizations maximize limited resources.

JUF works to optimize organizations' security dollars—first and foremost, by providing our services free of charge.

JUF has **assisted more than 80 Jewish groups** applying for federal and state non-profit security grants.

In partnership with Jewish organizations, JUF **secured \$47 million in federal and state security grants** over the last four years.

Prior to the doubling of the federal grant program and the launch of the state program, JUF provided its own security-matching grants that leveraged nearly \$4 million to 88 Chicagoland Jewish groups.

In Washington and Springfield, JUF has advocated for the Non-Profit Security Grant Program, which now covers not only capital equipment but also guard services.

# JUF security impact by the numbers



**24/7**

access to security initiatives for Jewish organizations, schools and programs in Chicagoland



**300+**

deployments in 2025 to Jewish sites and events around the Chicago area



**90**

years of combined experience in law enforcement



**400+**

security audits conducted at local Jewish institutions and events



**80+**

institutional security plans and consultations



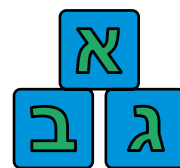
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**35**

emergency security grants to local preschools



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