

Rabbi Gary Moskowitz Interview Talking Points

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*Houses of Worship especially synagogues are very much “Gun Free” Zones
Very inviting for any one bent on hate, terrorism or who is emotionally disturbed.*

Zero Response is needed – a small group has to be there already to engage terrorist

Police Officers will **NEVER** be able to respond on time to stop any carnage

Police Officer are just 2nd responders as back ups

Police Officer respond time can be anywhere from 3 minutes to ten minutes

Pittsburgh: by the time police arrived minutes later 11 were dead already

Time Line: 9:50 AM shooting started

Police Arrival: Between 2 and 5 minutes

Police enters Building at 10:30 AM 35 minutes elapse until police entered synagogue

4 Police Officers were wounded against one shooter

The shooter was hit with gunfire and still continued until finally giving up

Shooter is alive and well enough to have been brought to court

Police Officers are not prepared to counter terror in House of Worship-they train on gun ranges
Police Officers often are not physical Fit enough to respond to high stress and energy situations
Police Officer often train on stationary targets- In combat everyone is moving
Police Officers training are not updated as needed as many are perishable skills
Police Officers usually will not enter until backup or Emergency Service SWAT team arrives
Police Officers do not have access or are trained to read architectural blueprints of synagogue
Police Officer do not have the requisite hand to hand training to fend off knife wielding attackers

Rhetorical questions

When the killing starts should people take the time to call 911 or try to flee or fight?

Unarmed guards – laughable Basically they are ignorant people or bent on suicide

Armed Guards

Armed Guards do not know/recognized the congregation they are protecting
Armed Guards if not working with others in synagogues will be ineffective
Armed Guards will often be the first one shot like what happened in Wash DC Museum
Armed Guards often have no bullet proof vest, no radio communication device with police/others
Armed Guards are less trained than most police
Armed retired or off duty police officers are often not fit to respond
Armed Guards will often not respond and run away – paid little and banking on no trouble

Legal Liabilities if there no armed response if attacks occur

Those who object:

Government Officials who claim armed congregants aren't necessary

Motivated by political and fiscal concerns

The mayor and police commissioner and many others have armed body guards

Corporations, banks, Real estate people have armed guards – they don't rely on police

Why don't they just rely on calling 911 like the rest of us and use our police to protect them then
Homeland security grants are ineffective

Often are obtained upon political or religious affiliation and is often a waste of money

Government arguing that arming people will endanger society - Israel Example

Religious Objections: Claiming sanctity of synagogue and religious value

Dead People can't pray

Biblical Talmudic Quotes:

Lo Ta-amod al Dam Raiacha Do not stand idly by when your brother blood is being spilled

V'nishmartem M'od l'nafshotaichem – We are command to guard yourselves

Habah l'hargecha hashkem l'hargo -- "If someone is coming to kill you, rise against him and kill him first.

Plans:

Set up a permanent training and intelligence gathering command center 20,000 sq. feet

Use proposal of Hotel Police Security plan

Attempt to obtain college credit of for courses and begin a major in Security Tactics

Legislative action to classify "Protected minority status" as eligible to carry gun with training

Legislative action to have government fund the cost of legal action and preparation costs

Encourage Jewish congregants to apply for gun permits and when denied file appeals

Commence Class Action with that group

Government needs to pay for training of volunteer congregants

Constitutional basis

Government is in violation of the first, second and fourteenth amendment of the US Constitution

First Amendment

The First Amendment (Amendment I) to the United States Constitution prevents Congress from making any law respecting an establishment of religion, prohibiting the free exercise of religion, or abridging the freedom of speech, the freedom of the press, the right to peaceably assemble, or to petition for a governmental redress of grievances.

The Second Amendment was adopted on December 15, 1791. It reads:
"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

The Fourteenth Amendment Equal protection under the law Section 1.

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; **nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property**, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

Currently the only type of person who is eligible to carry a gun in NYC and some other jurisdictions as well are the following:

If you are in law enforcement

If you can prove you carry a lot of cash or equivalent like diamonds daily

If you transport narcotics in the medical field

If you have political connections

Bribery

If you are a criminal

AJSC Tactical Team:

Team of 3-5 armed congregants who train together with and without guns

When there is one shooter the police don't send just one cop

Team must wear bullet proof vest and designated suit w/ symbol known to police displayed

Team must be known to local police

Team should have joint training sessions with police

EMT Team ready

Bullet proofing much of synagogue – Mechitzot – Partition Glass Tables clipboards

Bullet proof Shields

Medical supplies on hand

Safe Room – communication, medical weapons

3-5 lb weight dumbbell Tomahawk Double Bladed Ax

1 lb dart with one inch tip Bow/arrow

High power Flash Flare guns

Combat Shooting/Apprehension Training—Fees for training 5,000 men/ women

Office/Training Space Utilities-G&E

Phones Insurance Advertising

Equipment for practice

Moving Targets

Targets that fire back

Pop up simulations - demonstrating protecting innocent bystanders

Practice Guns: Automatic Pea Shooters, Dart, Paint, bean, Flash, Cap Guns, Real Guns

Body Protection: Eye Goggles, full body soft guards, eye and ear

Holster Gun Clips Ammunition

Bullet Proof Vest Bullet Proof Clipboard

Large Bullet Proof Shield

Communications: Alert Transmitter 2 way-Radio Cell phone

Distracters: Cue or Golf Balls

Flash balls/noisemakers High Powered Lighting

Silent side Arms: Knife-K-Bar, Darts,
Apprehension: Handcuffs/Plastic Ties

Intelligence gathering

JCIA government can't do it alone

Drop the ball with Pittsburgh Bower Case

Instructor Training

Train instructors and train congregants for both non-combative and the first responder

Need to have EMT members of the Congregation

Legal team – class action

Police Medical Command – to triage at the scene to save lives

The knife wielding attacker

November 15th 2018 Israel – one terrorist jumped over a fence and invaded a police station and stabbed six police officers before they finally were able to shoot him and still not kill him.

2015 NYC Jamaica Queens – an ax wielding man attacked four police officers slicing in the head of one officer and the arm of another before they others were able to fire their gun and stop him.

In Israel in the 1980s the weapon of choice was a knife as guns were not available.

Often several people at a time were slashed many critically and fatally before someone was able to stop it with hand to hand combat or a gun.

Once a knife attack is in motion within 15' of the victim most counter weapons including guns are obsolete. Most victims or police won't be able to draw their weapons in time and even if they shoot and hit attacker it won't stop the attack that is in motion already.

All first responders that attempt to engage a knife or club attack must be trained in unarmed combat of Ju-Jitsu to minimally deflect initial attack until they can move and shoot or use one of several counter measures of strikes, joint locking, throws, strangulations, neck breaks.

Grief Counselling

Rabbi Gary Moskowitz - Brief Bio:

Former NYPD Police Officer/Investigator/Trainer

Member – American Association of Law Enforcement Trainers

NRA certified in Special Weapons and Tactics

Chief Instructor in CSA - Combat Shooting and Apprehension

Counter Terror Operations Trainer

7th Degree Black Belt in both Karate and Ju-Jitsu

Licensed private investigator

Criminal Justice Trainer and Eligible to sit for the NYS Bar

Guest Instructor/Trainer for Israeli Anti-Terror Unit of the Border Police-YOMAM

TV Show Producer/Host - Town Hall on Terrorism

Authoring Book: Fighting Terror: Keeping the World Safe

Media Consultant- Issues of Homeland Security/Terrorism, Criminal Justice, Israel



CHOSEN GUNS

Don't mess with rabbis' God squad!

We give the bad guys the bad idea: rabbis and their police allies have formed up against an Israeli gang that traffics their weapons and explosives. Now in response, the city's rabbis have formed the "Chosen Guns" force. **SEE PAGE 9**



CBS TV Interview 11/1/18

Not all that far away, in New York City, another rabbi with plenty of experience in security is taking a different tone. Rabbi Gary Moskowitz [told the local CBS outlet](#) that having armed security in this day and age is almost a requirement.

The tragedy in Pittsburgh has many people talking about whether armed guards should be used to protect congregants in houses of worship.

Rabbi Gary Moskowitz says there is no question about it.

“Yes. For sure. We must,” the security consultant told CBS2’s Scott Rapoport.

Rabbi Moskowitz is president of American Security Council. He’s also a martial arts expert and a former New York City police officer.

Moskowitz specializes in offering safe firearms training to synagogues. He describes how he instructs students, “*how to draw the weapon. How to shoot while you’re in motion. How to shoot while they’re in motion. How to make sure you don’t hit bystanders.*” It’s pretty much the standard fare for any firearms safety training program with an eye toward security, but being both a former police officer and martial arts expert, in addition to being a rabbi, gives him a unique perspective to address these issues with congregations in synagogues.

For those still bucking the issue in Pittsburgh, the decision is obviously up to them in the end. But Moskowitz does pose one pertinent question: “*I hope they never have to use it, but if you don’t have a gun, how are you going to fight back against someone shooting at you?*”

That’s what it comes down to in the end. The world has changed in recent decades and crazy people with access to the internet occasionally go out and do terrible things. That includes shootings in what should rightly be the most peaceful and secure settings in our communities... our churches and temples. And if somebody comes in with a gun and there are no police or armed security personnel around, your options are limited. Sometimes fatally so.

[TV CBS NBC WPIX Israeli TV NEWSMAX NY Post did stories this week.](#)



American Jewish Security Council

Seeking Men and Women to Serve and Protect our Community!

Some ways to serve and protect:

Complete a 100 hour “Active Shooter” response course and attend annual training.

Complete a 100 hour “Active Stabber/Slasher course and attend annual training.

Complete a 25 hour criminal investigative and intelligence gathering course.

Complete a 25 hour legal/legislative course to challenge gun licensing in NY.

Complete a 10 hour public relations/communications course to educate our people.

Complete a 25 hour Jewish Cadet Leader’s Course-JYPD (Jewish Youth Police Dept.)

Seeking lobbyists to enable fit congregants to file for gun licenses under a new category of “Protected Minority Status”.

Seeking attorneys to file appeals when denied and commence a “**Class Action**” against the City of New York on behalf of Jewish people who are refused a gun license needed to save their lives and those of the congregation.

HS Community Service Credit and College credit available for student internships

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