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**After Pittsburgh:
What New and Existing Security Resources Are Available To Make
Our Yeshivos Safer**

Dear Principals and Administrators,

We are saddened and horrified at the recent Pittsburgh tragedy. While we recognize that Hashem is the only Shomer Yisroel, see below for new, and an overview of existing, safety and security funding and resources available to yeshivos.

New Resources

New York State: Second Round of Hate Crimes Grant - as intimated by Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul at the Agudah Yeshiva Summit last week, and formally announced today, Governor Cuomo has announced the release of \$10 million in security funds for nonpublic schools and community centers across the state at risk due to their ideology, beliefs or mission. This grant is competitive and provides up to \$50,000 for cameras, technology, door hardening, improved lighting and other security enhancements. Applications can be accessed by clicking [here](#):

- Application deadline is 5:00 P.M. on December 19, 2018.

New York City: Free active shooter and risk assessments - The Agudah has coordinated with the office of the Mayor and the NYPD to provide free active shooter and risk assessments to shuls and yeshivos. To schedule a training or assessment, contact Rabbi Yeruchim Silber, Agudah's Director of NY Government Relations, at ysilber@agudathisrael.org.

Review of Existing Resources

New York City:

- **The Nonpublic School Security Guard Reimbursement Program** - Applicable to elementary and secondary schools with at least 300 students. Please note, the next round for this grant should be released in the Spring of 2019. For more information, click [here](#).

New York State:

- **The Nonpublic School Safety Equipment Grant** - Reimbursement to all NYS yeshivos for security related expenditures, including external lighting, security cameras and other measures. In addition, **security guards, security assessments and training of staff in security measures are all eligible reimbursable items**. For more information, click [here](#).

Federal:

- **The Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)** - This is a competitive grant which is open to nonprofits, including shuls and schools. Awardees can qualify for up to \$150,000 in approved target hardening equipment. We do not yet know when this grant will be rolled out. However, we do know that when it is rolled out, there will be very little turn-around time. Any yeshiva interested in applying for this grant should get pre-qualified now in the State's Grants Gateway and should get a professional security assessment. For more information on the pre-qualification process please click [here](#). For more information on the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, click [here](#) to view our memo from the previous grant cycle.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a number of free resources, including webinars, for keeping your yeshiva and shul safe. For more information, click [here](#).

As always, please feel free to reach out to us at yeshivaservices@agudathisrael.org.

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