



Pesach Sameach

from everyone at CST



Pesach is a profound annual reminder of family, of tradition and how every Jewish household connects with others, not just in Britain but all over the world. The Haggadah story we tell at our dinner tables is one of persecution and liberation, darkness and light. This year it all feels especially emotional, given what we and our fellow Jews have faced in Britain, Australia, Israel and many other places.

The troubles that we have faced since the mass murder attack in Israel on 7 October 2023 have caused deep fear and uncertainty. Here in Britain, terrorism struck a synagogue on Yom Kippur. In Australia, it was a beach at Chanukah. And now, at the next festival, at Pesach, we honour the memories of those who should have been enjoying another seder night with their families but whose absences will instead be felt in the deepest and most cruel way.

Despite all of the pain, Jewish life in Britain and many other countries, is not just continuing, but in many ways flourishing, with a determination to stand firm to our values and heritage. At CST, this

makes us even more proud of our work and our mission. We are stronger than ever before, with many hundreds of men and women having passed our rigorous training and joining CST. Our strength reflects the courage of our community, because that is where each and every member of CST comes from.

CST's drive is rooted in Community, in Security and in Trust, but it is only ever made possible by the support and participation of British Jews and our communities throughout the UK. We rely on you, your vigilance, reporting, volunteering and financial support. There are many ways you can support CST. You can contribute by becoming a volunteer, reporting antisemitism and suspicious behaviour or by donating to us.

From all of us at CST, we wish you and your families a **Chag Pesach Sameach**; and we hope that when we gather again next year, it is with a better outlook ahead.

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