

TLP CLEAR – DISSEMINATION UNLIMITED



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TLP-C BOLO SAR BLACK HEBREW ISRAELITES (BHI) ALBANY 9AUG26

KNOW THE TARGET – WATCH THE TARGET – LOOK DEEPER -EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

Matthew 11:12 "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."

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INOBSCURA COMMENT

This “BOLO” came to me by email from a professional colleague who is the director of security at his synagogue in New York State and has started his own consulting firm similar to In Obscura. The email was to subscribers and professional security contacts.

I received this BOLO email from him within the last 45 minutes. It is passed as intelligence indications and warning and a similar encounter locally. My assessment is now from low to medium confidence my encounter is now medium to high confidence I encountered a member of BHI.

In the last two weeks, I encountered two SUBJECTS inside the church as its Director of Security. Church services were in progress, and the lobby contained 10-15 congregants. SUBJECT 1 wore a white prayer shawl containing black Hebrew alphabet letters and began verbally proselytizing about Israel and other political topics. He did not invoke the name of Jesus Christ or utter any scripture or identify himself as a Christian.

Because of my legal presence as an armed, state commissioned security officer, I identified myself and verbally commanded leave and go outside. SUBJECT 2 a companion of SUBJECT 1 appeared in clothing and demeanor to be a homeless male. HE explained

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that they needed case for THEIR car and someone had left to get gas. I ordered them to leave the area. As I said this, that individual arrived with the gas and SUBJECTS departed.

There was no time to interview or detain, identify SUBJECTS and I was the lone officer on the property. My very first priority was distancing SUBJECTS from infiltrating the services or inflicting violence and fear. The local police were notified. With the imagery I took of SUBJECTS and the interview with that officer, the report was a Suspicious Activity Report and was with the imagery passed to Intelligence Detectives.

I then received a tip concerning the intelligence indicators of the Black Hebrew Israelites. and then collected OSINT in this group. They are exceptionally proven as exceptionally violent and provocative, well skilled and in cellular layering from intelligence to action cells.

BOLO ALERT – SITREP – 9 August 2026

Yesterday (8 August), I received notice from the Eruv J Community (the WhatsApp synagogue emergency communications network of JFNENY through the Community Security Initiative), that an incident occurred at Shomray Torah (the shteeble) in Albany regarding a female taking pictures of the facility for an extended amount of time during Shabbat morning service.

When approached by the congregation's security personnel, it was revealed that the subject was a member of the Black Hebrew Israelites – a group that is extremely (sic) antiSemitic, with very close ideologies to the Messianic Jews and Jews For Jesus groups. The BHI has in their foundational beliefs the statements "Israel United in Christ" and "We Are the Real Jews".

The subject was reported as being about 5'2" tall, dark skinned, late 40's or early 50's, wearing white pants/greenish shirt/orange hat/white scarf.

The subject was convinced to leave but only walked down the block while continuing to take pictures on her phone. She also took pictures of the Rabbi's house (which has a large menorah displayed in its front yard).

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Albany PD was called but only arrived about a half hour later. By that time the subject had disappeared.

This is the first time I have heard of the Black Hebrew Israelites operating in our area. Such lengthy and focused picture taking is extremely suspicious and concerning as it may be a precursor to a heated harassment incident or may have been a scouting mission in connection with other antiZionist/antiJew organizations in our arena.

If you notice a person or persons acting like this,

Do Not Engage.

Do Not Allow Entrance to Shul or Home.

Notify Local PD.

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Community Security Service (CSS)

Secure Community Network (SCN)

American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS)

Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE)

Counter Extremism Project (CEP)

John Hopkins University AAP - School for Security & Counter-Terrorism

Dept. of Homeland Security Subdivision Trainings by:

National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS)

Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

United States Secret Service (USSS)

Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM)

Office for Bombing Prevention (OBP)

Partner Alliance for Safer Schools (PASS)

Event Safety Alliance (ESA)

Jewish Leadership Project (JLP)

Jewish Partisan Educational Foundation (JPEF)

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Israel Defense & Security Forum (IDSF)

What happens ‘over there’ will likely happen ‘over here’. Adversarial TTP spreads fast and far.

Stay Vigilant. Stay Prepared.

“But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes someone’s life, that person’s life will be lost because of the watchman’s sin.” – Ezekiel 33:6 ///**END///**

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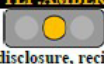
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