



RABBIS AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

About Us

We are a national grassroots coalition of Jewish American leaders and faith activists from across the denominational spectrum mobilized to curb the current gun violence epidemic plaguing our communities.

We believe in the inherent dignity and sacredness of every human life and believe that every gun death – whether from urban violence, suicide, domestic violence, accidental shootings, or mass shootings - diminishes us. With nearly 33,000 Americans killed by guns each year – an unimaginable 91 lives a day, including 7 children and teens - we feel a fierce moral imperative to speak and to act.

We are rooted in and inspired by Jewish values, teachings, texts, history and traditions. We use our rabbinic voice to educate and advocate for positive, achievable solutions that will save lives and make our communities safer.

We know we can save lives without infringing on 2nd Amendment rights. We work in partnership with those who share our goals.

Informed by the research and advice of policy and legal experts in the field of gun violence prevention, we support a wide variety of efforts to save lives and to change the culture around gun violence, offering many points of entry for participation.

Check our website to learn about our priority issues, events and actions, resources / materials, and more.
www.rabbisagainstgunviolence.org

Join Us

We welcome people from all backgrounds as members – you don't need to be a rabbi or even Jewish. You just need to support our efforts and recognize the important role that faith leaders have in reducing gun violence.

- Visit our website at www.rabbisagainstgunviolence.org
- Become a member by clicking the "Join Us" button on the website
- Like our public FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/RabbisAgainstGunViolence/>
- Follow us on Twitter at @RabbisAgstGunV
- Contact us at rabbisagv@gmail.com

Our Leadership

Rabbi Menachem Creditor, Founder, Co-Chair
Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin, Co-Chair
Rabbi Aaron Alexander, Board Member
Rabbi Jill Jacobs, Board Member
Rabbi Michael Latz, Board Member
Eileen Soffer, Executive Director

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SOURCES FOR READINGS / PRAYERS / POETRY / SERMONS

Not By Might: Channeling The Power Of Faith To End Gun Violence

A 2016 collection of writings edited by Menachem Creditor

Foreword by Shannon Watts. Introduction by Eileen Soffer

This volume of writings was published on the heels of the deadliest mass shooting in modern American history at Pulse, a nightclub in Orlando, Florida. The more than 60 contributors to the collection Rabbis Sarah O'Donnell Adler, Aaron Alexander, Robyn Fryer Bodzin, Aryeh Cohen, Hannah Dresner, Denise L. Eger, Noah Farkas, Ben Goldtein, Lauren Holtzblatt, Michael Adam Latz, Jesse M. Olitzky, Jeffrey Salkin, and Alden Solvey. Available from Amazon: <http://tinyurl.com/gn5kuch> and Create Space: <https://wwwcreatespace.com/6353721>

Peace In Our Cities

A collection of writings edited by Menachem Creditor

Preface by Rabbi Jill Jacobs. Introduction by Pastor Michael McBride

Afterward by Teny Oded Gross. New Afterward by Dr. Erica Brown

Published shortly after the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown CT. The more than thirty contributors to this collection include Rabbis Sharon Brous, Gary S. Creditor, Amy Eilberg, Ron Fish, Steven Greenberg, Lauren Grabelle Herrmann, Sheldon Lewis, Jack Moline, Jack Riemer, and Julie Schonfeld.

Available from Amazon: <http://tinyurl.com/gwbuy3u>

Faiths United To Prevent Gun Violence Website

Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence is a coalition of more than 50 national denominations and faith-based organizations. On their website, they have resources provided by national, state, and local faith organizations to help plan a prayer, moment of reflection, call to action and more. <http://www.decembersabbath.org/Judaism/>

SOURCES FOR INFORMATION ON GUN VIOLENCE

The Trace <https://www.thetrace.org/>

The Trace is an independent, nonprofit and nonpartisan news organization dedicated to expanding public understanding of gun violence in the United States. The Trace provides daily reporting, investigations, analysis, and commentary on the policy, politics, culture, and business of guns in America.

Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence <http://smartgunlaws.org/>

Founded in the wake of the July 1, 1993, assault weapon massacre at 101 California Street in San Francisco, the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence is a resource for legal expertise and information regarding state and federal firearms laws. The Law Center operates as part of the Americans for Responsible Solutions Foundation.

The Violence Policy Center (VPC) <http://www.vpc.org/>

Founded in 1988, The Violence Policy Center (VPC) works to stop gun death and injury through research, education, advocacy, and collaboration.

The Center for American Progress <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/guns-crime/view/>

“The Center for American Progress is an independent nonpartisan policy institute that is dedicated to improving the lives of all Americans, through bold, progressive ideas, as well as strong leadership and concerted action.”

Everytown For Gun Safety <http://everytown.org/learn/>

Everytown For Gun Safety is a movement of Americans working together to end gun violence and build safer communities.

The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence <http://www.bradiycampaign.org/gun-violence>

Since the assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan more than 30 years ago, the Brady Campaign, have been on a decades-long quest to prevent gun violence.