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COMMUNICATIONS CONDITION: COMCON 4 - WATCH

Not independently re-verified this cycle. See current-cycle DTR Full CYB-001 for status.

SEASONAL: HIGH HOLY DAYS CONVERGE WITH THE 9/11 25TH ANNIVERSARY - 7 DAYS OUT

Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown Friday 11-SEP-2026 and ends at nightfall Sunday 13-SEP. That eve is the 25th anniversary of the 11 September 2001 attacks. Yom Kippur runs sundown Sunday 20-SEP to nightfall Monday 21-SEP; Sukkot follows 25-SEP to 02-OCT. The Al-Saadi status conference is 09-SEP, 5 days out, two days before Rosh Hashanah eve. New this cycle: the UN General Assembly's High-Level Week (22-28 SEP) now overlaps Yom Kippur, adding a second major mass-gathering footprint to NYPD's security posture in Manhattan across the same window. This remains the densest convergence of symbolic date, mass congregation, adversary calendar tripwire and competing-priority law-enforcement demand in the STSB tracking horizon, and it is one week out.

ISSUE PARAMETERS

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NTAS Status	NO CURRENT ADVISORY, re-verified 04-SEP. The most recent bulletin remains expired.

STANDING POSTURE - HOUSES OF WORSHIP / JEWISH INSTITUTIONS

The following mitigations remain in force from prior cycles regardless of whether a specific credible threat is identified this week:

- Vehicle standoff at all entrances - bollards, planters, or law-enforcement presence at drop-off points. A vehicle is the lowest-skill, highest-lethality tool available to a solo attacker.
- Child-area and youth-program access control - sign-in procedures, adult escort requirements, and staff-to-child ratios enforced at all times. The Al-Saadi indictment language included Jewish "schools" as a target category.
- HVAC intake audit - air intake locations mapped and access controlled. UK institutional hardening toward chemical-exposure kits signals UK CT assessment treats this vector as plausible.
- Mail and package intake protocol - all incoming packages screened before entering the interior. Train staff to identify IED precursor characteristics.
- Interior response drilling - the 14-AUG Central Synagogue incident was contained in under 60 seconds because clergy, staff and volunteer security had drilled the response; unscreened interior breach is now a demonstrated, not theoretical, scenario. Drill the response, not just the perimeter.
- FBI JTTF liaison - if your synagogue or JCC does not have an established FBI field office liaison, establish it now.
- Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) - 148 members of Congress requested \$1B in NSGP funding for FY2027, the highest request since the program's creation. Apply if you have not already done so; funding approved now will not install hardware before 11-SEP, so the practical near-term value is in guard hours and training.

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT

Three things define your security calculus this cycle:

The September convergence is now inside seven days, not four weeks: the Al-Saadi status conference (09-SEP) precedes Rosh Hashanah eve (11-SEP), which falls on the 9/11 25th anniversary. See STSB-003.

A new incident breached the interior of a Manhattan synagogue during active Shabbat services on 14-AUG - the first in this tracked window to get past the perimeter rather than strike it. See STSB-003.

A Utah judge ruled 01-SEP that the Charlie Kirk assassination case will proceed to trial, one year and one day before the 9/11 anniversary. The tactical profile - an unscreened, elevated standoff position at an open-air public event - is directly relevant to any 9/11 commemoration this week. See STSB-004 (NEW).

CURRENT ACTIVE THREATS - 04 SEP 2026

STSB-001 | KH-HAYI US network: NSTR on the case; 09-SEP status conference now 5 days out.

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WHY THIS CYCLE

The 09-SEP status conference is now 5 days out. No case movement was identified in this 21-day window (14-AUG through 04-SEP), re-verified via fresh search this cycle.

SUMMARY

One named senior Kata'ib Hizballah commander (Al-Saadi) remains in SDNY custody on an 8-count indictment covering a disrupted plot against a Manhattan synagogue plus Jewish centers in LA and Scottsdale, and roughly 20 attacks across Europe/Canada. Case status, custody posture, and the 09-SEP status conference are all unchanged from Issue 11 (14-AUG); no docket activity, hearing, filing, or custody change was identified in open source this cycle.

SALUTE

SIZE: One named senior KH commander (Al-Saadi) in federal custody, SDNY. Plot scope: simultaneous attacks on a Manhattan synagogue plus Jewish centers in Los Angeles and Scottsdale AZ. Network scope: 20-plus attacks across Europe and Canada. Parent FTO Kata'ib Hizballah: 7,000-10,000 members.

ACTIVITY: NSTR. No hearing, filing, superseding indictment or custody change is visible in open source across the 21-day window. The operative record stands at: 02-JUN arraignment, NOT GUILTY plea, 8-count indictment superseding the original 6-count complaint, defense mounting a political-prisoner and prisoner-of-war framing, prosecutors warning the case may widen.

LOCATION: Manhattan federal court (SDNY). Metropolitan Detention Center, Brooklyn -- defendant held without bail. Collateral at-large cells: Amsterdam, Paris, London, Skopje.

TIME: Next status conference 09-SEP-2026, 5 days out. Rosh Hashanah eve falls 11-SEP, two days later.

EQUIPMENT: No change. Prior-cycle detail (crypto down payment, seized electronic devices) stands as the operative record; not independently re-verified this cycle.

UNIT: FBI New York JTTF; SDNY prosecutors (Jay Clayton); NYPD; DOJ National Security Division. Defense: Andrew Dalack.

Analyst Assessment

NO CHANGE on the case across 21 days. The 09-SEP status conference is now inside the operational window practitioners should plan around: it lands two days before Rosh Hashanah eve and inside the same week as the 9/11 25th anniversary.

LIKELIHOOD: A further KH/HAYI-linked attempt against a US Jewish or pro-Israel soft target over the next 60 days: **ROUGHLY EVEN CHANCE. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE.**

Unchanged from prior cycle. The network demonstrated intent, funding and sustained European tempo, and the disrupted US cell does not by itself indicate the broader network has stood down. The status conference date is a plausible focal point for a response, and it sits immediately before the highest-attendance days in the Jewish calendar.

CHANGE FROM PRIOR: PRIOR (Issue 11, 14-AUG): 26 days out, no case movement. CURRENT (Issue 12, 04-SEP): 5 days out; still no case movement across the full 21-day window, re-verified via fresh search this cycle. Likelihood unchanged.

TRIPWIRES: (1) Any new HAYI claim or KH-attributed attack; (2) identification of a second US-based cell; (3) a change in Al-Saadi custody posture or a continuance of the 09-SEP date; (4) an Iranian state statement endorsing the network's US targeting.

COLLECTION GAPS: Identity and location of any US-based cells beyond Al-Saadi; whether Al-Saadi's defense has filed any motion tied to the 09-SEP date; current SDNY docket detail beyond public reporting.

ALT HYP

ALT A: The network attempts another US or Western soft-target attack within the next 60 days, independent of the Al-Saadi case outcome. [roughly even chance]

	<i>INDETERMINATE -- no new US attempt confirmed this cycle; the disrupted cell remains the only documented US-directed plot.</i> ✓ Supporting Evidence: Documented 20-plus attack European/Canada campaign; demonstrated intent to target US Jewish institutions by name; network resourcing survived the 13-JUL UK designations. ✗ Ruling-Out Evidence: Most advanced known US cell disrupted pre-attack and remains in custody; no specific credible threat identified by DHS or the FBI; no new HAYI claim against a North American target has ever been lodged.
SOURCES	DOJ/SDNY press release: justice.gov/usao-sdny Wikipedia (case docket summary): en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mohammad Baqer Saad Dawood al-Saadi NewsNation (arraignment coverage): newsnationnow.com Time: time.com - re-verified this cycle, no new reporting found.

STSB-002 HAYI/Europe: third consecutive window without a new claimed attack; UK threat level confirmed SEVERE.		WATCH UPDATED 61
WHY THIS CYCLE	No new claimed HAYI attack was identified for a third consecutive window. The UK national threat level is confirmed SEVERE, unchanged since 01-MAY; CST recorded a 21% year-on-year rise in UK antisemitic incidents for H1 2026.	
SUMMARY	A fresh search this cycle found no new HAYI-claimed attack in the 21-day window (14-AUG through 04-SEP), extending the quiet period to three consecutive reporting windows. The Community Security Trust (CST), the UK Jewish community's monitoring body, recorded 1,926 anti-Jewish hate incidents between January and June 2026, up from 1,598 in the same period of 2025 - a 21% rise and the second-highest first-half total on record. MI5's threat-level page confirms the UK national terrorism threat level remains SEVERE, the level JTAC set on 01-MAY following the Golders Green stabbings; no change is documented since. This resolves last cycle's collection gap on UK threat level status.	
SALUTE	SIZE: Three bodies designated 13-JUL: IRGC, IMCR/HAYI, GRU Volunteer Corps. Roughly 37 arrests across the HAYI investigation to date (not re-verified this cycle). CST recorded 1,926 anti-Jewish incidents in the UK for H1 2026, up 21% year-on-year. UK national threat level: SEVERE, confirmed current via MI5's threat-level page. ACTIVITY: NSTR on a new claimed HAYI attack for a third consecutive window. No new dated incident attributed to the network was identified in open source across 14-AUG through 04-SEP. LOCATION: European nodes unchanged: Amsterdam, Paris, Rotterdam, Skopje, Belgium, Germany, Greater London. TIME: Arson-and-arrest cycle running since late March 2026. No new dated incident this window. Three consecutive quiet windows now stand since the 04-JUL Tottenham and Sydney incidents. EQUIPMENT: No change from prior cycle: accelerant arson, edged weapons, vehicles remain the documented method set; not independently re-verified this cycle. UNIT: UK Home Office (Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood). Counter Terrorism Policing London. Metropolitan Police. Community Security Trust (CST) - UK incident monitoring.	
Analyst Assessment	HELD: a third consecutive quiet window on claimed attacks, against a UK incident count that is rising sharply in aggregate (CST +21% H1 2026). The two data points are not contradictory: HAYI's claim signature can go quiet while the broader UK antisemitic incident count, dominated by unaffiliated low-skill acts, keeps climbing. LIKELIHOOD: Continued HAYI/KH-linked soft-target activity in Europe over the next 30 days: LIKELY. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE. <i>Held at LIKELY across a third quiet window rather than downgraded further. Three windows without a claimed attack is a real signal, and the designations raise the cost of participation sharply for local criminal proxies. But CST's H1 2026 data shows the underlying antisemitic-incident environment intensifying, not cooling, and a campaign that stops claiming credit is not the same as a campaign that stops.</i> LIKELIHOOD: An equivalent network-linked executed attack on US soil within the next 30 days: UNLIKELY. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE. <i>Unchanged from prior cycle.</i> CHANGE FROM PRIOR: PRIOR (Issue 11, 14-AUG): two quiet windows; UK threat level not confirmed for that issue. CURRENT (Issue 12, 04-SEP): three quiet windows; UK threat level confirmed SEVERE via MI5's current threat-level page; CST H1 2026 data added (+21% YoY). No new claimed attack identified; likelihood judgment unchanged.	

	TRIPWIRES: (1) A chemical or mass-casualty escalation; (2) a new HAYI claim or KH-linked attack on US soil; (3) identification of a US-based cell beyond Al-Saadi; (4) a further UK threat-level change; (5) a first HAYI claim against a North American target; (6) any CST or Home Office release naming a specific High Holy Days threat stream. COLLECTION GAPS: Current total UK arrest and charge count post-13-JUL; whether any HAYI claim was lodged and went unreported; CST's full H1 2026 report methodology and institution-directed subtotal (only the topline YoY figure was available this cycle).
ALT HYP	ALT A: The pause in claimed attacks reflects a genuine reduction in directed campaign tempo. [likely] <i>PARTIALLY OBSERVED -- three consecutive windows without a claimed attack, now against a legal regime that materially raises the cost of proxy recruitment.</i> ✓ Supporting Evidence: No claimed attack across three consecutive windows after a near-continuous cadence since March; roughly 37 arrests; the 13-JUL designations criminalise the support relationship the campaign runs on. ✗ Ruling-Out Evidence: CST's H1 2026 data shows UK antisemitic incidents up 21% year-on-year; a campaign shedding its claim signature while the underlying incident rate climbs is consistent with dispersal, not standdown; unclaimed incidents surface late.
SOURCES	MI5 threat-level page: mi5.gov.uk/threats-and-advice/terrorism-threat-levels Community Security Trust H1 2026 data via Times of Israel: timesofisrael.com Wikipedia (HAYI profile): en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harakat_Ashab_al-Yamin_al-Islamia - re-verified this cycle.

STSB-003 September convergence: High Holy Days, the 9/11 25th anniversary, the 09-SEP status conference and UNGA High-Level Week - now 7 days out.		FLASH UPDATED 70
WHY THIS CYCLE	The convergence is now inside seven days, not four weeks. A new incident breached the interior of a Manhattan synagogue during Shabbat services on 14-AUG, and UNGA's High-Level Week (22-28 SEP) now overlaps Yom Kippur, stacking a second major NYC mass-gathering footprint onto the same window.	
SUMMARY	Four dates now converge inside a single 10-day span. Al-Saadi's status conference is 09-SEP, 5 days out. Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown Friday 11-SEP and ends nightfall Sunday 13-SEP, so the eve falls on the 25th anniversary of the 11 September 2001 attacks. Yom Kippur runs sundown Sunday 20-SEP to nightfall Monday 21-SEP, and it now overlaps the UN General Assembly's High-Level Week (22-28 SEP, with restricted zones and rolling motorcade closures around UN Headquarters beginning 19-SEP) - the densest annual NYPD security commitment in Manhattan, running concurrently with the highest-attendance days in the Jewish calendar. Sukkot follows 25-SEP to 02-OCT. One new dated incident fell inside this window: on 14-AUG, a man forced his way into Central Synagogue in Manhattan during Friday night Shabbat services (approximately 375 present), struck ceremonial candlesticks and punched a congregant before security removed him in under 60 seconds; he now faces federal hate crime charges. It is the first incident in this tracked series to breach a sanctuary interior during active services rather than strike an exterior or perimeter target. Newly released FBI 2025 hate crime data confirms the baseline: 1,528 antisemitic incidents accounted for 63% of all religiously motivated hate crimes nationally in 2025 - the third-highest year on record, though down from 1,938 in 2024. In Manchester, UK, more than 800 people gathered 31-AUG to mark the one-year anniversary of the Yom Kippur terror attack that killed two people at Heaton Park Synagogue - a reminder that this specific holiday has already produced a mass-casualty attack once in the current threat cycle.	
SALUTE	SIZE: One new dated incident this window (Central Synagogue, Manhattan, 14-AUG) against a prior-window baseline of four (Sydney, Tottenham, Sarasota, Atlanta prosecutions - not restated in full here; see Issue 11). Four convergent dates inside a 10-day span: 09-SEP, 11-13-SEP, 20-21-SEP, 22-28-SEP. Congregation size on High Holy Days routinely runs several times normal Shabbat attendance; UNGA High-Level Week adds a second concurrent mass-gathering/security-resource demand on NYPD in the same borough. ACTIVITY: 14-AUG, MANHATTAN: Larry Montes, 46, allegedly forced his way into Central Synagogue during Friday evening Shabbat services, struck two ceremonial candlesticks and punched a female congregant, then headbutted and spat on a security guard while directing a slur at him; synagogue security removed him from the sanctuary in under 60 seconds. He was charged at the state level and, on	

	19-AUG, with federal hate crimes and destruction of religious property resulting in bodily injury. No other new dated incident against a US Jewish institution was identified in open source across the 21-day window. LOCATION: Central Synagogue, Manhattan (14-AUG). The September convergence exposure is not geographically concentrated: it is every synagogue, JCC and Jewish day school running High Holy Day services, every site marking the 9/11 anniversary, and Manhattan specifically for the added UNGA security footprint and the 09-SEP status conference. TIME: 09-SEP: Al-Saadi status conference, 5 days out. 11-SEP sundown to 13-SEP nightfall: Rosh Hashanah; the eve is the 25th anniversary of 9/11. 19-SEP: UN-area street closures begin. 20-SEP sundown to 21-SEP nightfall: Yom Kippur, overlapping UNGA High-Level Week (22-28-SEP). 25-SEP to 02-OCT: Sukkot, which moves observance outdoors into temporary structures with no access control at all. EQUIPMENT: Documented method set this window: forced entry and physical assault inside a sanctuary during services (Central Synagogue), consistent with the low-skill, unaffiliated-actor profile documented last cycle. No firearm, explosive or accelerant attack against a Jewish institution was identified in this window. UNIT: NYPD (Commissioner Jessica Tisch); FBI SDNY (federal hate crime charges added to the Montes case, 19-AUG); DOJ. UN Secretariat and NYPD for UNGA High-Level Week security planning.				
Analyst Assessment	CHANGED: the timeline compressed from four weeks to seven days, and the incident pattern evolved from exterior/perimeter strikes to a sanctuary-interior breach during active services. ADDED: UNGA High-Level Week now confirmed to overlap Yom Kippur, doubling the concurrent mass-gathering demand on NYPD in Manhattan across the same window. LIKELIHOOD: A directed, network-linked mass-casualty attack on a US Jewish institution timed to the convergence: UNLIKELY. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE. <i>The most advanced known US cell was disrupted pre-attack and remains in custody; no specific credible threat has been identified by DHS or the FBI; no current NTAS advisory is in force. Set against that: the interior breach at Central Synagogue shows the unaffiliated-actor profile is now willing to go past the perimeter during active services, and FBI 2025 data confirms Jews remain the most frequently targeted religious group by a wide margin.</i> CHANGE FROM PRIOR: PRIOR (Issue 11, 14-AUG): 28 days out; four dated incidents in a 43-day window, all exterior/perimeter. CURRENT (Issue 12, 04-SEP): convergence inside 7 days; one new incident breached a sanctuary interior during services for the first time in this tracked series; UNGA High-Level Week confirmed overlapping Yom Kippur. Likelihood held at UNLIKELY/MODERATE - the interior-breach shift is a profile change worth flagging, not yet evidence of a directed network attack. TRIPWIRES: (1) Any further interior-breach incident during High Holy Day services; (2) any DHS or FBI joint bulletin naming High Holy Days, the 9/11 anniversary, or UNGA; (3) reinstatement of an NTAS advisory; (4) a new HAYI claim or first HAYI claim against a North American target; (5) a continuance or change of venue in the 09-SEP proceeding; (6) an attack at any large public gathering during 9/11 commemorations, especially at an unscreened peripheral gathering point. COLLECTION GAPS: Whether DHS or the FBI have issued non-public bulletins to the Jewish community for the High Holy Day period; Montes's documented ideological affiliation, if any, beyond the initial charging statements; current Secure Community Network guidance for the 2026 High Holy Days; coordination detail between NYPD's UNGA security plan and synagogue security details in the same precincts.				
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	ALT B: A directed KH/HAYI-linked attack is timed to the 09-SEP proceeding or the High Holy Days. [unlikely]
	<i>NOT OBSERVED -- no specific credible threat identified by DHS or the FBI as of this writing.</i>
	✓ Supporting Evidence: The network has demonstrated intent, funding and a documented 20-plus attack campaign; a commander's status conference is exactly the kind of focal point such networks have used; European cells remain at large.
	✗ Ruling-Out Evidence: The 13-JUL UK designations sharply raise the cost of proxy recruitment; no claimed HAYI attack across three consecutive windows; no HAYI claim has ever been lodged against a North American target; DHS and the FBI state no credible threat is being tracked.
SOURCES	ABC News / CBS New York (Central Synagogue federal charges): abcnews.com, cbsnews.com/newyork Religion News Service (synagogue security preparations): religionnews.com Axios (SCN Duty Desk data): axios.com Israel Hayom / VINnews (FBI 2025 hate crime data): israelhayom.com, vinnews.com Times of Israel (Manchester anniversary): timesofisrael.com UN.org (UNGA 81 High-Level Week calendar): un.org/en/high-level-week-2026 - all re-verified this cycle.
STSB-004 Kirk assassination case cleared for trial; the one-year mark falls one day before the 9/11 25th anniversary. FLASH NEW 55	
WHY THIS CYCLE	A Utah judge ruled 01-SEP that the case against Tyler Robinson, charged with fatally shooting Charlie Kirk at an outdoor Utah Valley University event on 10-SEP-2025, will proceed to trial. The one-year mark falls 10-SEP, one day before the 9/11 25th anniversary.
SUMMARY	This is not a Jewish-institution or KH/HAYI-network case, and it is tracked here for tactical relevance, not attribution overlap. On 01-SEP-2026, a Utah judge ruled that sufficient probable cause exists for Tyler Robinson, 23, to stand trial for the capital murder of conservative activist Charlie Kirk, who was shot and killed on 10-SEP-2025 while speaking at an outdoor Turning Point USA event at Utah Valley University in Orem, attended by roughly 3,000 people. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty and introduced new surveillance footage and a recorded roommate interview at the preliminary hearing. The attack itself - a single shot fired from an elevated rooftop position overlooking an open-air event, outside the screened stage perimeter - is a standoff-attack template directly applicable to any client running a large outdoor gathering during the September convergence, including 9/11 commemorations. The one-year mark of the killing (10-SEP) falls one day before the 9/11 25th anniversary and two days before Rosh Hashanah eve, adding a fourth symbolic date to the cluster tracked under STSB-003.
SALUTE	SIZE: One defendant, single shooter, capital murder charge; the underlying event was an outdoor, open-perimeter campus gathering of approximately 3,000 attendees with no screening beyond the immediate stage area. ACTIVITY: 01-SEP-2026: following a contested preliminary hearing, a Utah judge ruled the case will proceed to trial, citing sufficient probable cause. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty. New surveillance video and a recorded roommate interview were introduced this window; no trial date has been set as of this writing. LOCATION: Utah Valley University, Orem, Utah (site of the 10-SEP-2025 shooting); Utah state court, Provo, for pretrial proceedings, livestreamed by KUTV over defense objection. TIME: Shooting occurred 10-SEP-2025. Probable-cause ruling 01-SEP-2026. One-year mark 10-SEP-2026, one day before the 9/11 25th anniversary and two days before Rosh Hashanah eve. EQUIPMENT: Bolt-action rifle, fired from a rooftop vantage point outside the event's screened perimeter - a standoff attack against an unscreened elevated approach, not a perimeter-breach or interior attack. UNIT: Utah County Attorney's Office (Jeff Gray); Utah state court (Judge Tony Graf); FBI (initial identification and manhunt support, September 2025).
Analyst Assessment	This is a single-defendant domestic case with no identified network or copycat activity, but its tactical profile - a standoff attack on an unscreened outdoor speaking event from an elevated position - is directly applicable to any client hosting a large open-air gathering during the September convergence window, including 9/11 commemorations. LIKELIHOOD: A copycat standoff-style attack timed to the 9/11 25th anniversary or the case's one-year mark: UNLIKELY. CONFIDENCE: LOW. <i>No specific credible threat has been identified tying this case to any planned anniversary action. Single-actor political-violence cases of this kind rarely generate directed copycats within one year. But elevated, unscreened sightlines at outdoor commemorations are a generic, low-cost attack surface regardless of any specific threat stream, and this week's dense symbolic-date convergence raises the value of any attack on an open-air gathering, independent of who might carry it out.</i>

	CHANGE FROM PRIOR: New entry this cycle - no prior-issue baseline. TRIPWIRES: (1) Any threat assessment flagging elevated or rooftop sightlines at 9/11 commemorations; (2) any DHS or FBI statement on copycat risk tied to the anniversary; (3) a change of venue or continuance in the Robinson trial; (4) any similar rooftop or standoff incident at a large outdoor event nationally in the run-up to 11-SEP. COLLECTION GAPS: Whether DHS or the FBI have produced a formal assessment of copycat risk tied to the anniversary; whether major 9/11 commemoration organizers have specifically hardened elevated sightlines and rooftop access this cycle.
ALT HYP	ALT A: The anniversary and trial proceed without any copycat incident. [likely] <i>NOT YET OBSERVABLE -- the anniversary period is 6 days out.</i> ✓ Supporting Evidence: No specific credible threat has been identified; single-actor political-violence cases historically rarely spawn directed copycats within one year; the case is proceeding through the ordinary court process rather than generating new mobilization. ✗ Ruling-Out Evidence: Outdoor commemorations nationwide will see record attendance this week, and elevated, unscreened sightlines remain a structural vulnerability regardless of any specific actor's intent. ALT B: The symbolic convergence - the Kirk anniversary, the 9/11 25th, the Al-Saadi status conference and the High Holy Days - elevates aggregate risk to open-air gatherings generally, independent of any single actor. [roughly even chance] <i>NOT OBSERVED -- no DHS or FBI bulletin has named this specific convergence.</i> ✓ Supporting Evidence: Four distinct symbolic or legal dates now fall within a 10-day window, an unusually dense convergence; prior NTAS bulletins have repeatedly flagged symbolic-date clustering as elevating risk independent of any single named plot. ✗ Ruling-Out Evidence: No current NTAS advisory is in force, and DHS/FBI have not issued a bulletin naming this convergence specifically; treating date-clustering itself as a threat indicator without a named actor or plot is a weaker form of evidence than a specific credible threat.
SOURCES	CNN (probable-cause ruling): cnn.com/2026/09/01 NPR: npr.org PBS NewsHour: pbs.org/newshour CBS News: cbsnews.com - all accessed this cycle.

CONTEXTUAL BASELINE - ANTISEMITIC THREAT ENVIRONMENT	
FBI 2025 Hate Crime Statistics - Released August 2026	This is the current operative federal baseline, superseding reliance on the ADL's own audit alone for the headline antisemitic-incident figure. Key findings: • 1,528 antisemitic hate crime incidents recorded in 2025 - 63% of all 2,408 religiously motivated hate crimes nationally. Jews, about 2% of the US population, remained by far the most frequently targeted religious group. • Down from 1,938 incidents in 2024, but still the third-highest year on record.
ADL 2025 Audit of Antisemitic Incidents - Released 06-MAY-2026	No newer ADL audit exists as of 04-SEP-2026; it remains the current baseline for the broader (non-hate-crime-specific) incident count, which uses a wider definition than the FBI's. Key findings: • 6,274 total antisemitic incidents in 2025 - average 17 per day. 33% decrease from 2024 but the third-highest year since ADL began tracking in 1979. • 203 physical assaults - the highest assault count ADL has ever recorded. 32 assaults involved a deadly weapon, up 39% from 2024. • Three people killed in antisemitic attacks in 2025 - first antisemitic murder year since 2019. • 1,129 antisemitic incidents targeted Jewish institutions specifically in 2025.
United Kingdom - Community Security Trust, H1 2026	• 1,926 anti-Jewish hate incidents recorded January-June 2026, up from 1,598 in H1 2025 - a 21% rise and the second-highest first-half total on record. UK national threat level confirmed SEVERE, unchanged since 01-MAY-2026.

Federal Funding

- 148 members of Congress requested \$1 billion in NSGP funding for FY2027 (the highest request since the program's creation), building on the \$30M FY2026 increase ADL previously secured. Funding approved now will not install hardware before 11-SEP; the practical near-term value between now and the High Holy Days is in guard hours and training, not construction.

NTAS STATUS NOTE:

No current NTAS advisory is in force as of 04-SEP, re-verified this cycle; the most recent bulletin remains expired. Its absence should not be read as a green indicator; treat it as an unmanaged public-facing system rather than a normalized threat picture.

CALENDAR HORIZON - NEXT 60 DAYS (ALL FOUR DATES FALL INSIDE IT)

Key dates for STSB tracking:

- 09 SEP 2026: Al-Saadi status conference, SDNY. 5 days out.
- 10 SEP 2026: One-year mark of the Charlie Kirk killing at Utah Valley University. One day before the 9/11 25th anniversary. See STSB-004 (NEW).
- 11 SEP 2026: 25th anniversary of the September 11 attacks.
- 11-13 SEP 2026: Rosh Hashanah, sundown Friday to nightfall Sunday. The eve falls on the 9/11 25th anniversary.
- 19 SEP 2026: UN-area street closures begin ahead of UNGA High-Level Week.
- 20-21 SEP 2026: Yom Kippur, sundown Sunday to nightfall Monday. Kol Nidre and Neilah are the two densest gatherings of the year; this window now overlaps UNGA High-Level Week.
- 22-28 SEP 2026: UN General Assembly High-Level Week, Manhattan - the year's densest NYPD security commitment, running concurrently with Yom Kippur.
- 25 SEP - 02 OCT 2026: Sukkot. Observance moves outdoors into temporary structures with no access control, on public-facing ground.

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