

WHAT IS CYBERSECURITY?

Cybersecurity is no longer just a technical concern - it is a communal responsibility. Jewish institutions and individuals have increasingly found themselves targets of cyber threats ranging from phishing scams to more coordinated attacks.

These risks are not meant to alarm. They remind us of the importance of awareness, preparedness, and collective vigilance. Here are some important strategies you can implement today to maintain your cyber security:



STRENGTHEN YOUR ACCOUNTS

- Use complex, unique passwords for each account and store them in a reputable online password manager, rather than writing them down.
- Enable multi-factor authentication for online accounts, especially for banking and email accounts.



SPOT AND AVOID SCAMS

- Be wary of suspicious emails. **Do not open attachments or links** from unknown senders.
- Be cautious of anyone asking for you to pay for anything with gift cards, Zelle, CashApp, or bulk cash.



VERIFY BEFORE YOU TRUST

- If you receive what appears to be a legitimate but unexpected request for personal information, contact the person or business through a verified customer service number to confirm.
- If someone claims to represent a government agency, contact the agency directly through a verified number.
- Create a family password to confirm the identity of trusted relatives.



PRACTICE SAFE BROWSING

- Check website URLs - "Https" indicates a secure website, while "http" may not be secure.
- Avoid sharing sensitive information on unfamiliar or unsecured websites.



SLOW DOWN AND THINK

- Scammers rely on fear and urgency to manipulate you - **do not allow yourself to be rushed.**
- Before clicking a link, giving away money, or giving away information, ask yourself, "**Does this make sense?**"

By staying informed and adopting simple safeguards, we can strengthen not only our personal security but the resilience of our entire community.

Together, through awareness and shared responsibility, we can ensure that our digital spaces remain safe, trusted, and connected.

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