EDUCATION WILL BE KEY TO GUN RIGHTS GOING FORWARD
With Congress Split, Massive Anti-Rights Acts Unlikely

The American public dodged a bullet in the midterm elections. Had both houses of Congress remained in republican hands, the fury and behaviors we’ve witnessed from the left might likely have intensified. Trump derangement syndrome could have reached even higher levels. Left-wing acting out on intensely perceived fears would have helped nobody.

“The education establishment is hopelessly anti-rights on guns, it’s up to the public and free markets to do the educating.”

In contrast, had the left and democrats taken both houses, the right to arms could have faced assaults so dire the public’s muzzles might have been called into play. As JPFO members are aware, unlike many misinformed citizens, America is armed to protect itself, deter tyranny, and to prevent confiscation of its arms, an evil goal the left no longer sugar coats.

To improve future election results, insure domestic tranquility, and help guarantee the saving grace and rights-ensuring freedom of individual arms ownership and possession, a massive campaign to bring newcomers to the range needs to start without delay. Religious worshippers in all faiths are now much more keenly aware of the dangers of ignorance, lack of defensive arms, unprotected spaces, and the propensity for crazies and haters to act out lethally without morals or remorse. You remain the first responder.

A Day at the Range—After Services

The conclusion of services on the Sabbath (Saturday for Jews, Sunday for Christians) is a perfect time to open discussions on biblical and secular principles about use of force for righteous purposes. Honest examinations of the subject end up recognizing that you can’t morally be compelled to arm yourself, or even defend yourself and your family. But forcibly denying those abilities and tools to others are acts of violence, enforced by police at the point of a gun. Demanding servility and defenselessness is evil. Being active or passive, these are choices free individuals make.

Religious leaders must begin encouraging their congregants to get training. Our politicians and religious leaders must begin encouraging their congregants to get training. Our politicians and certainly our public schools will not do it. Ask your religious leader to conduct a roundtable on self-defense. Defenseless Jews lead to the horrors we all know. It is no different for journalists, gays in nightclubs, employees in workplaces, recruiters in armed-forces offices and especially, students in schools with hapless unarm ed teachers. (When and how did teachers lose their Second Amendment rights anyway?) The public needs to be brought up to speed on these issues. Mass media is doing the opposite, keeping people either in the dark or misinformed. Educate. You’re the teacher.

Heroic Student Wins David and Goliath Award

Kyle Kashuv Rises Above Dark-Money Propaganda Campaign Seducing Other Parkland High School Students

Kyle Kashuv, a student thrust into the national spotlight after mass murders at the Parkland, Fla., high school he attends, has received The David and Goliath Award for courageously speaking out in defense of liberty. Mr. Kashuv disagrees with controversial fellow classmates who have been receiving substantial dark-money funding, and saturation media coverage in support of familiar “gun-control” measures following the massacre.

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1. The NRA does exceptional work in many areas, including representing gun owners in Congress and state legislatures. JPFO stands alone though as the only national organization willing to call out any group when they compromise on principle, and play good-guy-bad-guy with BATFE and other bureaucracies promoting “gun control” and bad gun laws. Do you support JPFO in maintaining that voice?
☐ YES  ☐ NO  ☐ DON’T KNOW  ☐ DON’T CARE

2. A recent national survey indicated Millennials and even adults have lost sight of the Nazi Holocaust, and the role “gun control” and gun registration played in enabling the mass wartime slaughter of millions of people in Russia, Europe, North Africa and of course Jews in concentration camps. JPFO keeps this unholy government agenda front and center in the minds of Americans. Do you consider this important work?
☐ YES  ☐ NO  ☐ DON’T KNOW  ☐ DON’T CARE

3. JPFO is willing to go up against the most powerful voices in the so-called “news” media with editorials, news releases, eblasts, our website, broadcast interviews and the Bill of Rights Sentinel newsletter, to contradict the constant flow of lies and misinformation journalists, who are little more than propagandists, flood over the public. Is this something JPFO should continue to do?
☐ YES  ☐ NO  ☐ DON’T KNOW  ☐ DON’T CARE

4. If the AR-15 sport-utility rifle is too dangerous for the public to own, then it is too dangerous for:
☐ Police  ☐ Sheriffs  ☐ CIA  ☐ FBI
☐ TSA  ☐ FBI  ☐ Anybody  ☐ Nobody
☐ Criminals  ☐ Terrorists.
Bonus question: Why can a person with a shiny badge, or a hardened criminal, have what you can’t have?

5. Extra Credit Essay Questions:
   a) Why will criminals obey new laws when they didn’t obey the old ones? (12 words or less, worth 12,000 points).
   b) Would you support gun bans for gun-ban advocates? If yes (in other words make gun bans voluntary), would this do: “As a gun-ban advocate, I hereby relinquish any right I have to keep and bear arms, forever, under penalty of felony arrest. Sign here.” Must be notarized.

6. Children commit mass murder because:
   a) They believe it will make them famous
   b) They get the idea from mass media
   c) They see it promoted on social media
   d) Movies and TV glorify killing and crime
   e) Video games train them and encourage murder
   f) They enjoy reading the manifestos of their dead friends
   g) They think getting shot won’t hurt
   h) They are on psychotropic drugs and can’t think straight
   i) They got off psychotropic drugs and can’t think straight
   j) They have no sense of morality or religion
   k) They are angry and don’t know how to deal with it
   l) Schools teach gun safety and proper gun use
   m) Guns are evil and make them do it
   n) All of the above except (l) and (m)

**Amnesty International Facilitates Abuse?**

AI has lamented the humanitarian crises in Syria, The Philippines, China, North Korea, El Salvador, Central African Republic, Egypt, Turkey, Myanmar, Zimbabwe, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Saudi Arabia. The reason these countries have such murderously oppressed people has a common thread—because the people can’t defend themselves—only authorities have guns. Though it’s a common theme, this altruistic outfit and its supporters never get near the idea of empowerment, they simply complain about the aggressors. Riddle us this: If the people in any of these despotic regimes were armed, instead of facing absolute government monopoly on power, could the innocent be tortured, executed and exterminated with such ease?

**Women Victims of Sexual Assault Should Get Armed.**

With evidence that could not be more clear, and literally countless numbers of women coming forward about me-too prior assaults, harassment, rape and even torture, JPFO reiterates its position that Americans should exercise their freedom to be armed for personal safety and self defense. Without an edge (generally speaking) in strength and size, women are clearly in more need of firearms than they currently realize. Fortunately, women gun owners and firearms safety classes for women are trending upwards, a positive development JPFO applauds.

For perspective, however, you should realize that for many men, entrance into marriage is the beginning of a long, arduous slog through life. So-called helpless women henpeck, complain, badger, make life miserable and boss their men around without mercy, leading to all the marriage jokes that float around. Both sexes do each other wrong, don’t let dominant media messages twist your thinking. Suffering is bad regardless of type or source. Marriage isn’t a word, it’s a sentence. A man’s not complete until he’s married. Then he’s finished.

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Lifelong Ban on Gun Rights Weakens

One of the great inequities in the operation of the Second Amendment is this idea of a lifelong ban on the right to arms. While such a ban might make sense for truly evil, dangerous and incorrigible villains, who by definition should be removed from society altogether, a lifelong ban on rights for other people is, also by definition, a questionable concept.

Currently, a felony conviction for anything, including nonviolent offenses, attaches a lifelong ban, and even some misdemeanors can have the same odious effect.

Cracking this legal wall, Chief Judge Christopher Conner of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania ruled that Ray mond Holloway’s second misdemeanor DUI conviction in 2005 did not merit a lifetime loss of one of his constitutional rights. The judge applied the landmark standard from Barden v. U.S. Attorney General, where the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals found conviction of certain nonviolent offenses cannot be a bar to owning firearms for the rest of your life. This good news must spread.

CONFISCATION CLOCK

With the midterm election splitting Congress, the chances of significant gun-related legislation moving quickly forward at the federal level seem remote.

Anti-gun-rights democrats now hold the House, and marginally pro-gun-rights republicans strengthened their hold on the Senate, creating at least the appearance of an impasse. State-level changes vary by state, some good, some bad from a rights perspective. Only time will tell how states move respecting the Second Amendment rights of their residents. The Confiscation Clock’s hands remain unchanged, almost a surprise.

The biggest factor looming on the horizon may be so-called “red-flag laws,” which despite desperately flawed principles have been enacted in several states. The democrats are pushing for a national declare-your-neighbor-unfit bill, and its superficial appeal might sway some republicans to get on board. That deserves watching and fierce resistance—it would eradicate due process, the 2nd, 4th and 10th Amendments (at least), and swing the Clock violently toward midnight. Remember:

People truly unfit to bear their own arms are unfit to be out in public. Press for good laws, move the hands back some.
The Moyel’s Tips

Democrats “Medicare For All” Gun Plan Exposed:
Everyone knows it’s unaffordable, but democrats understand, regardless, it’s a winning ballot-box issue. How do you argue with free medicine for all? You need to see the scope of this attack on your gun rights. If democrats gain power to enact anything pretending to be free medicine, it will include every anti-gun scheme they’ve proposed for decades:
Doctor questioning of patients about guns in the home, online medical records for NICS access, mental tests, doctor approvals required for purchasing, use-of-medication gun bans, red-flag guilt without trials, disenfranchisement for using an accountant, prior military experience bans, it could not be worse—unless you seek to disarm the populace.

“Would it be better for a thousand Jews to be saved by a righteous gentile as in Schindler’s List, or for millions of Jews not to need saving because they had fought against the Nazis like ancient Israelites?”
—J. Neil Schulman

Roe v. Wade Was a Red Herring
NPR confirmed: The left wasn’t really concerned about Roe v Wade with the Kavanaugh nomination. That was just a convenient talking point. They were fighting against gun rights, without saying so very publicly. Though common knowledge, “news” media hid the fact, and stirred up animosity over women’s bodies (in more ways than one).

Big Brother Is In Your Home
Only four years after Amazon launched the Echo home listening device, published reports indicate 24% of U.S. homes have a “smart speaker,” and many have more than one. It wasn’t enough when the state (police) started wearing cameras (big brother watches you, not them), people now invite snoop machines home and pay to have them. If you talk guns at home, do so quietly, with music on loud. Your cellphone too. Though idle, it hears if it’s got power.

Finding Common Ground
How to disarm furious pointless gun debates with hoplophobes, socialists and similar. Seek common ground. Simply ask: “We probably at least agree completely on taking guns from criminals, right? OK, so we both want that.” Pause. “And you don’t want police to give up their guns, right again? OK, so we have some agreement.” Then change the subject. You’ve established confiscation, and possession, on rational grounds. One bite at a time. Let them cogitate.

Child Gun Banners Misinformed
Kids marching for freedom from school massacres don’t seem to realize that reporters who act like they love them, flood them with interviews, spend and promote and organize for them—they want to take away guns even if the kids don’t. Or think they don’t, or say they don’t. That’s why media heap attention on you youngsters, and why no one believes you when you say you don’t want to take away guns. You either don’t get it at all (making you foolish), or you do get it, making you worse. And when you say you only want to ban “assault weapons,” you haven’t read the bill. It ban’s almost everything, you didn’t know that, did you. Have to go with ignorant.

Left Wing Getting Wordy Again
The usual anti-gun-rights suspects, whose names you know, funded from familiar dark-money sources, have invented “velocity ammo,” a new boogie man they seek to ban. They have left it unde-defined, very clever, making it easy to include virtually anything. Near as we can tell, it includes any bullet that moves. Bill of Rights bigots are getting real uptight.

“Jews cannot disarm themselves in synagogues or anywhere else for pacifist or utopian reasons because enemies will always seek to exterminate them. Even one armed Jewish man or woman in the Pittsburgh Tree of Life synagogue could have made a positive difference,” said Dov Marboffer, a Holocaust concentration camp survivor and Advisory Board member of JPFO. He advocates for an armed and trained community for safety. “Jews have no choice except to assume personal responsibility for having and using firearms to protect their own lives, their families, and their communities.”
What Dov says is true for all people, regardless of faith.

Child Marchers Reveal “We studied the NRA”
The Parkland students got caught up in a media whirlwind. With pride, one student brags studied the NRA, gun control and school shootings for weeks, so now they’re really aware. This one appears totally unaware that typical school education includes little depth or accuracy. Did they study crime control (gun control’s smart cousin), or why we’re so heavily armed, the inventors of the world’s best firearms, government genocide and its precursors, even why deplorables cling so mightily? We know they didn’t study the gun-ban bills they think they favor. With all the guns, why is America the linchpin of freedom so many foreigners seek to emigrate to?

“When former president Hussein-Obama says, ‘We didn’t have a scandal that embarrassed us,’ he’s not lying. They really aren’t embarrassed!”
—A JPFO member

GUNS ARE ABOUT SAFETY
You just don’t see that in the news, do you. At the same time the left is getting louder about how you don’t need a gun, the “news” is getting softer about how, since May 2018, 18,368 convicted criminal aliens including fugitives and 509 MS-13 gang members were caught at our border. Reporters don’t bring it up, but, no one knows how many slipped in. They have to go somewhere. Total illegal entries is in the hundreds of thousands, “down significantly.” Sleep tight.

Concealed Carry Will Stop Working
A physical attachment and customizable app for smart phones, now in development and with 8,000 pre-orders, will allow anyone who has it to scan you for concealed weapons from up to 40 feet away. Royal Holdings Technology Corp. has invented SWORD, a 3D mobile imaging scanner, works with high-end Google and Apple phones, and is expected to be deployed in 2019.
The company, based in Los Angeles, makes remarkable claims for the device without revealing much in the way of operational details, but expects it to end privacy for anyone carrying knives, sidearms, explosives or other property of interest to authorities. It isn’t enough that your cell phone is always on, listening to you, aware of your location and knows how fast you are moving, but you knew that, right?

2A TAKES A BIG HIT
Anti-gun-rights ballot initiative I-1639 in Washington State, enacted at the polls, is nulam prohibi-tum, making things bad by law, not bad because they’re wrong. It makes criminals of people exercising their rights, while leaving criminals unattended. It’s a bellwether of no good. The bill, which reduces or voids rights people already possess, is headed for the courts.

Moyel, n. the person who performs a circumcision.
It's widely known that saturation coverage of mass murderers by "news" media encourages copycat crimes. The murderers continually tell us this. They seek the publicity and notoriety. Reporters, editors and producers continue to feature and idolize killers, serving several purposes, all evil.

Every publicized killer adds political capital to the take-everyone’s-gun-away movement. The left never misses an opportunity to capitalize on this. "Never let a crisis go to waste," the media cooperates, and they all know it reduces America’s position as a bastion of freedom.

Glorying evil is what reporters' Hollywood friends basically prefer, so they go along to get along, just watch how many films have criminals as the protagonists. Imagine if Tinseltown didn’t operate from within such a favorable climate.

The media knows it can attract eyeballs by ignoring real news, keeping the public safely uninformed, and unethically featuring sensationalism instead, to help boost their deteriorating circulation. It not only doesn’t work, it debases our culture. Do the honorable thing. Stop glorifying murderers. "Refrain from gratuitous or repetitious portrayal of mass murderers’ names and images."

Jesus Knew the Value of Strength

by Gregory Hopkins

(Editors’ Note: You don’t have to be Jewish to support JPFO, you simply must love liberty. Here we share a self-defense view from across the aisle.)

Some Christians say Jesus was a pacifist. They are either biblically ignorant, misinformed by their church, politically motivated or they are simply wrong—and some may truly be evil. Jesus said he came to fulfill the Law and Prophets, not to abolish them (Matt. 5:17). Therefore, everything G-d says about self-defense in the Bible applies for Christians. G-d blessed Abram for killing the raiders who kidnapped Lot (Gen. 14). The Law allows us to kill the nighttime burglar (Exodus 2:2-3). We are to defend the lives of others (Lev. 19:16; Prov. 24:10-12). David tells us that criminals can only be safely subdued by armed men (2 Sam. 23:2, 6-7). And G-d Himself has given us the technology to make weapons to defend ourselves (Is. 54:15-17). Pacifism has its place, but it is not carved in stone and other places exist.

When Jesus said in Matthew 5:39 "...whoever slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also,” in the context of Matthew 5:21-48, he was addressing creating and repairing relationships. He is not talking about armed robbers or worse. He’s talking about people in our lives with whom it is difficult to get along.

Jesus uses the Greek word for slap which is ῥαιπαζέωτι, meaning a sharp slap to correct an insolent servant or child. It’s not an attempt to cause physical injury but rather to insult a person. Jesus tells us turn the other cheek because healing and creating relationships are more important than our pride. He was not speaking of real attacks, when you are supposed to defend yourself. How many robberies, rapes, or kidnappings must be met with slaps? Not defending yourself from actual harm would contradict the Hebrew Scriptures, which Jesus said moments before was not his intent. “Turn the other cheek” does not apply to criminal violence or warfare.

“When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own homestead, his possessions are undisturbed.”


To Jesus’ audience, home defense was sanctioned by G-d and common sense. Jesus describes the prepared homeowner as not only strong, but armed and armored as well. Luke 11:21-22: “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own homestead, his possessions are undisturbed. But when someone stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away all his armor in which the man trusted and divides up the plunder.” He endorsed having guard towers and walls to protect vineyards (Mathew 12), not “come in and take whatever you please from us.” When Jesus drove the moneychangers from the Temple, he demonstrated there are certain times when you must use force.

The ultimate lesson is that peace and force are both part of life. To say Jesus was simply a pacifist is to distort the truth, and deny people’s right to protect themselves, their possessions and their families.

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By Dean Weingarten

Armed people and unarmed people see the world differently. Niccolo Machiavelli states it well in The Prince:

> Because there is nothing proportionate between the armed and the unarmed; and it is not reasonable that be who is armed should yield obedience willingly to him who is unarmed, or that the unarmed man should be secure among armed servants. Because, there being in the one disdain and in the other suspicion, it is not possible for them to work well together.

Our existence is saturated with portrayals of experiences, fictional and factual, more than any other time in history or prehistory. Individuals who have chosen to be unarmed are likely to adopt the mentality of an unarmed person. Those who have chosen to be armed are likely to adopt the role of armed people. That’s simple.

The willfully unarmed tend to place themselves in the role of victim, or deny it could happen to them. The vast majority of media personalities have chosen to be unarmed. Those who have chosen to be unarmed vainly assure themselves they will not be victimized. This denial of potential harm is important to them. It creates a sense of security. A false one, but it’s satisfying for them.

Faced with a threat, they tend to deny the reality, repeatedly telling themselves “this is not happening,” even when it is. Denials and obfuscation continue afterwards, often forever.

People familiar with arms understand the concept of self-defense. They are more likely to recognize a threat and react to it, because they have practiced reacting to such threats in role playing, training and thought.

People with military or police backgrounds tend to place themselves in the role of armed defender. People who have decided to arm themselves tend to as well, and fight to keep the right to arms.

People who have played games where they are armed, are more likely to place themselves in the role of armed defender. They have made the mental jump. Millennials support the Second Amendment in large numbers. They have played many games as armed people, especially on interactive screens.

People familiar with arms, watching movies, television or real-life video, see the action from their viewpoint as armed people. Their comments are a more informed critique of scenarios, with everything from “Why wasn’t that person armed?” to “You should not have exposed yourself there,” to “You should have shot sooner.”

People who have chosen to be unarmed create different critiques that help deny the usefulness of arms, such as “They should never have been in that situation,” and “Everyone knows to avoid that part of town,” or “They were in the bear’s backyard,” denying fault or responsibility.

The refusal of the willfully unarmed to take a role of self-reliance explains many attitudes of those who desire an unarmed population. They project their own incapacity onto others.

The attitude of the unarmed can be changed with experience. They resist, but it can be done. Take a person to the range. It broadens their mental horizons. It creates the possibility of their choosing to become armed. It dispels myths and fears that lack of knowledge and experience imbeds.

Second Amendment supporters need not argue politics, natural law or statistics. Use invitations instead. Change the mental set of unarmed people, allowing them to consider the advantages of being armed. Take them shooting. Drive, make it easy and pleasant. The experience will be more powerful than endless words. You can make this difference, and have fun doing it. Don’t wait.

Unarmed People Are Different

by Frank Lee

JPFO has been filing amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs to support challenges to anti-rights laws and bad judicial decisions.

Maryland Shall Issue, Inc. v. Hogan. This challenges the 2013 Maryland law forbidding the sale, rental, transfer, purchase, or receipt of a handgun by any person without a Handgun Qualification License (HQL) issued by state government. The HQL requirement conflicts directly with the precedents set in the U.S. Supreme Court cases D.C. v. Heller and McDonald v. Chicago, both of which held that citizens have a Second Amendment right to possess a firearm in the home. Maryland’s law forbids peaceful law-abiding citizens from possessing a handgun at home unless they first spend over a month complying with various licensing scheme requirements.

Sidearm ownership confers the power to immediately respond to an incoming threat. The lengthy HQL requirements deter ownership and certainly slow down a citizen’s response to violence when it comes knocking. People recognize this truth: “When seconds count, the police are just minutes away.”

JPFO’s federal appeals court amicus brief provides in-depth historical and legal analysis that adds to what the other parties’ briefs have offered. We document that when the Second Amendment was enacted, there were absolutely no HQL laws that “preconditioned firearm ownership on training.” To the contrary, many state laws “required certain persons to possess arms,” implicitly expecting people to know how to use them. JPFO unswervingly supports firearms training. But as a legal prerequisite or requirement to exercise gun rights, training is flatly unconstitutional and impermissible. It is no more reasonable than a mandate to understand politics in order to vote, or an education requirement to buy books.

JPFO has also joined Worman v. Healey, challenging a Massachusetts statute that prohibits ownership of so-called “assault weapons.” The statute defines these to include the most popular semi-automatic rifles in the country, as well as “copies or duplicates” of them.

JPFO signed on to support the amicus brief that points out how the Massachusetts law classifies the common semi-automatic firearms used by police officers as “dangerous and unusual” weapons of war. It is hard to imagine why it is good to alienate communities from their local police officers by viewing police as combat warriors instead of peace officers.

Massachusetts argues semi-automatic firearms are not “necessary” for self-defense and so could be banned outright. Our brief shows, however, that constitutional protection of firearms ownership “does not depend on the number of times people need to shoot guns in self-defense,” or on what government thinks people ought to use for self-defense. Rather, as the brief explains, the Second Amendment protects categories of guns especially when people commonly select them for self-defense and other lawful purposes. And semi-automatic rifles and sidearms are extremely commonly owned and used for lawful purposes. The Massachusetts statute should be held unconstitutional.

We continue to look for opportunities to assist in principled defense of the right to keep and bear arms through support of selected legal actions. Oliver Wendell Holmes was right about this: “If a man neglects to enforce his rights, he cannot complain if, after a while, the law follows his example.”

JPFO strives ever to protect the G-d given right to self-defense using firearms. If this is important to you, consider donating to our efforts at JPFO.org.

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“...the republicans strengthening in the senate gives them control of the senate for two years, and retains their control of the judiciary for perhaps longer. The democrat narrow win in the house can be overturned in 2020, they can and will stop any and all useful legislation until then.”

–Grover Norquist

By D ean W eingarten
by Yehuda Remer

Former President Ronald Reagan famously said, “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.” While many members of both parties claim to be defenders of the Second Amendment, we all know these so-called patriots know very little about the mechanics of firearms or of the Second Amendment. Truthfully, many of them still believe “AR” stands for Assault or Automatic Rifle when even my nine-year-old son knows that AR stands for Awesome Rifle.

As a Second Amendment advocate whose main focus is firearms education for children, I believe the future of our country begins with our youngsters. The best way to prepare them is to teach them a healthy respect for firearms, and that begins with gun safety. This is why I wrote my book Safety On: An Introduction to the World of Firearms for Children. My books were designed as a tool for parents to talk to their kids about gun safety in a fun and interesting way. They are bristling with artwork that keeps a child’s attention focused.

Teaching your kids proper gun safety is always the first step—always. Where anti-rights advocates prefer avoidance and ignorance, gun-rights supporters take the high road—education and information. Teach them to shoot properly. Teach them the mechanics of firearms. Teach them the importance of the Second Amendment in an age-appropriate way. Teach them about the Constitution, which they may not be getting in their schools. Teach them that they have a responsibility from G-d to defend themselves and their loved ones and that above all else, teach them not to take their rights to keep arms and their rights to bear arms for granted. These rights are special and important. Teach them to never give up their rights.

I have witnessed and truly believe that advancing the pro-rights message must start with our kids. They are the future. The political left and right both know and frequently say the children are our future, and they’re 100% right. Our quintessential American right to arms is an irreverent part of that, and unless we teach it and reinforce it, it may not prevail. This is a crucial role of your job as a parent.

As Founding Father and signer of the Declaration of Independence Richard Henry Lee famously said, "Whereas, to preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms, and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them." In keeping with his wisdom, and how that truth has kept America a shining beacon of freedom for centuries, I created my picture books for your youngsters—and my own.

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The award is issued periodically by JPFO to recognize heroic achievement by an individual or group, against significant adversity, in the preservation of firearms ownership and the civil liberties necessary for attaining this goal. Successful candidates have persevered through outstanding activity, setting an example for others to admire or emulate.

The JPFO David and Goliath Award trophy features a laser-engraved 3D image of the biblical hero David, with his weapon of choice, a sling, prominent inside a block of glass crystal. The statute renders David as sculpted by the Renaissance genius Gian Lorenzo Bernini in 1627, under license to JPFO.

In accepting the award, Mr. Kashuv emphasized his activism is for preserving the right of Americans to keep and bear arms, not about getting awards or being on a popularity tour. Students from his and other schools have accepted financing and accolades to join so-called “Never Again” tours and publicity campaigns. JPFO Advisor Dov Marhoffer, a survivor of the Nazi Holocaust, has rebutted that movement in the strongest terms for attempting to redefine a unique Jewish battle cry to arms in a political effort to incrementally disarm innocent Americans.

At the podium, Kashuv said, “The solution to school safety is not the erosion of the Second Amendment.” He cautioned the firearm-rights community, “Defense isn’t enough. We must go on the offense.” He was honored with a standing ovation from the 800 people attending. More than 115,000 people watched the conference online.

The David and Goliath Award was created in 2012 by Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership. Past recipients have included the investigative reporters who broke the Fast and Furious scandal (David Codrea and Mike Vanderboegh), the Washington Times columnist who documented Washington, D.C.’s reluctance to obey its own gun laws (Emily Miller), and the author and attorney who linked Nazi gun confiscations directly to the Holocaust (Stephen P. Halbrook, Ph.D.). A review of potential new recipients is actively underway.
“Liberal Jewish politicians and spokesmen became a disturbingly large percentage of the high-profile gun prohibitionists.”

Obviously, today’s America isn’t what I grew up with. Many in Arizona’s Jewish community were ancestors of pioneers who came to the Southwest in covered wagons. In nearly every photo of the descendants in the book We Were There the pioneer Jews are armed. Many of these Jews came from Eastern Europe or Russia and were probably very grateful to finally be on the right end of a gun. Like most rural youths, I fired a .22 when I was ten or twelve. Ironically this was at a Jewish day camp in Tucson! I seriously doubt this would be happening today, because liberal Judaism has become so widespread. I bought my first guns via mail order.

KIRBY: When did you first suspect American politicians and cultural leaders were beginning to subvert the intent of the Second Amendment?

AARON: When the Gun Control Act of 1968 (GCA ’68) passed. How could such an ill-conceived, draconian collection of anti-American laws be instituted in a nation founded upon the ideal of an armed citizenry?

KIRBY: So, some 20 years later, in 1989, you decided to form Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership. Why even say “Jews”? Why not “Americans for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership”?

AARON: An unsettling transformation had taken place in the ranks of “gun control” advocates. GCA ’68 was the brainchild of Thomas Dodd, who was not Jewish. The political and emotional advocates of GCA ’68, like Lyndon Johnson, Ramsey Clark, the Kennedy family, Jesse Jackson and the Martin Luther King family, were not Jewish. But then, somewhere during the expansion of “gun control” in America, liberal Jewish politicians and spokesmen became a disturbingly large percentage of the high-profile gun prohibitionists. The myopically arrogant viewpoints of Charles Schumer and Howard Metzenbaum began to seriously alarm me.

KIRBY: In conversations over the years, when I mention JPFO by its full name, people are a bit startled, but then so many of them say: “Well, that makes sense, seeing what Jews have historically been through.”

AARON: That non-Jews seem to comprehend that in greater percentages than Jews continue to disturb and disappoint me, considering that Jews are commanded to choose self defense. The Jewish religion teaches the absolute responsibility of self defense and the defense of the helpless. I can no longer refer to Jewish gun prohibitionists as innocent, misguided, because JPFO has constantly provided them with common-sense reasoning and the lessons of history. I now understand that many of them must be latently suicidal and, in many cases, emotionally unstable. They don’t trust themselves (because of their repressed anger against humanity) to possess a firearm, and therefore don’t trust others who do own guns.

KIRBY: JPFO came on the scene quite aggressively. Your first ad read: “Not all Jews are stupid or pro criminal, but Charles Schumer is both.”

AARON: But no one has ever stepped forward to intelligently debate us. JPFO is a solution-oriented organization. We reveal the issues, often times with irrefutable historical evidence, and then we offer hard hitting “intellectual ammunition” to combat these well orchestrated and deadly incursions on our liberties.

As for someone like Charles Schumer, Dianne Feinstein, or Rahm Emanuel? There simply seems to be an evil, authoritarian essence running through their core.

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KIRBY: You don’t have to be Jewish to fight by our side. You just have to love liberty.”