Why American Jews Loathe Firearms

by Dr. Julius Decker

Renowned U.S. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. once wrote, “The life of the law has not been logic. It has been experience.” Likewise, the law of life—and especially Jewish life—has not been logic, but experience.

Logically, American Jews should be the foremost advocates of firearms possession to protect themselves, their families and the entire Jewish community. The Second Amendment guarantees every law-abiding citizen, including Jews, an individual right to keep and bear arms. The American people can be fully self-reliant and need not depend upon the benevolence of government and its police forces for protection. Why, then, have most American Jews failed to take this great opportunity and instead have actually railed against it?

In Jewish history there is a pernicious streak of learned helplessness. In Exodus 16:3, after enduring 400 years of abject slavery in Egypt, many Israelites bitterly complained to Moses for bringing them to the desert to starve, and nostalgically yearned for the “pots of meat” and full stomachs of bread they supposedly enjoyed in Egypt. Moses had to appease them with unearned manna from the sky and quail meat. Would their descendants today rather build pyramids for Pharaoh, their broad participation in the national economy buy them the protection of the military and police. Like their forefathers in The Book of Exodus, they view their own defense as collecting government manna and they do not have or need to accept certain individual responsibility for their own lives and liberties.

As in The Book of Samuel, the majority of American Jews expect government to provide for their protection, and instead of placing their trust in G-d and in themselves, they are happy to pay the heavy price exacted by their sovereign. Like the Biblical kings before them, America’s politicians send young men and women to wars of conquest, conscript the citizenry to support their wars, and heavily tax and regulate their people to build public works—a 21st century version of the pyramids.

Firearms in the hands of individual citizens appear to most American Jews as usurping the special privileges and prerogatives of their sovereign, a threat to the government’s claimed monopoly on the use of force (and government concurs, the very reason the Founders put the Second Amendment in place). These people will bear arms in service to their sovereign and to their country as drafted soldiers, but not in service of themselves or their families as individuals.

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They feel uncomfortable bearing arms without an express directive from the government. They crave an official government certificate or license, a government-issued stamp of approval that proclaims they act on behalf of their officials and not on behalf of themselves. Their historic obedience to all governments is incompatible with the individualistic, natural right to self-preservation decreed by G-d and recognized in the right to arms guaranteed to Americans by our Founding Fathers.

To overcome American Jews’ inbred hatred of firearms and self reliance, they must understand their ancestral history as lowly supplicants to indifferent governments, confront their fears of individual power and personal responsibility and discard any counterproductive belief systems that extol Jewish victimhood, all of which jeopardize their safety in modern America.
Trump Psychosis vs. Trump Sleep

Now is NOT the Time for Gunowners to RELAX!

It’s now got a name: Trump Sleep, the opposite of what President Trump’s election has done to former political liberals: Trump Psychosis. The left is literally sawing holes in reality, inventing collusions where they don’t exist, setting things on fire, displaying an inability to let go of past events…too many are literally losing their grip on reality, and acting out.

On the right we are seeing almost the opposite. Instead of forging ahead with all deliberate speed, and accomplishing what’s possible, with such a tantalizing array of low-hanging fruit, former conservatives are withstanding outrageous assaults and refusing to fight back, file charges, sue, damn the torpedoes, forge ahead and enact legislation. It’s a deadly combination for survival of the nation, let alone preservation of firearms ownership.

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A funny thing happened after the election…the Left started buying guns. When Trump—perhaps the most vocally pro-Second Amendment president in a lifetime—won the election, the Left got concerned. Apparently, the racist, sexist, homophobic deplorables were taking over. Most major media outlets reported a surge in anti-Semitic incidents and all the major media reports assumed this resurgence of anti-Semitism came from Trump supporters on the Right whom he had somehow “enabled” or “empowered.”

Or they were emboldened simply by the election results. (Of course, those same talking heads ignored the fact that most of these “incidents” were bomb threats made by telephone, no bombs were ever found, and the perpetrator turned out to be a mentally disturbed Jewish teenager living in Israel. But I digress.)

But the threat of violence—as imaginary as it was—awoke in many on the Left a feeling they had never experienced: a sense of responsibility to protect and defend themselves and their families. Gun owners know this responsibility well, and we know that we live with that responsibility always. But for many on the Left it was new.

And some, in response, did the unthinkable. They went and bought guns. I know, because a friend at work—a Hillary supporter who thinks Trump signals the downfall of America—asked me how to buy a gun.

I know, because my friends who own ranges told me they saw an uptick in traffic among affluent white urbanites and suburbanites—exactly the demographic that makes New York and New Jersey “locked-in” states for democrats.

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I don’t know where this will lead us. But I do know that many of these first-time buyers are in for a surprise when they learn that the Second Amendment community is welcoming, open, and tolerant. That we’re happy to greet new shooters of any political or social background. But more than any of this, I hope they learn the Second Amendment is a right, not a privilege.

Those who have had, or are in the middle of, this change of heart are encountering the meaning and value of the right to keep and the right to bear arms for the first time. Some of them, no doubt, are going to be angry when they learn it takes weeks or months to get a permit for purchase in these Blue States. Some will be enraged to learn that even as law-abiding citizens they need a government permission slip to carry, a permission slip that is all but impossible to obtain from their capricious “officials,” with statutes requiring “justifiable need” for exercising fundamental rights.

As long-time, experienced gun owners, we who have long lived with the obligations that come with exercising the right to keep and bear arms have an opportunity to guide them. Let them learn how misguided so-called “gun control” laws are. Let them draw their own conclusions about a regulatory environment out of control. Help them understand the Second Amendment is not about Left and Right or democrat and republican but rather about right and wrong.

Encourage them to bring friends to the range—friends who no doubt have lived in the same Leftist bubble of deceptive “gun control” rhetoric, who will be equally surprised to learn of their wholesome brotherhood in arms.

This is a golden opportunity to expand the community of defenders of the Second Amendment. Let us use it well—before it is too late.
Lesson From London
Jihadi Attacks
“When seconds count, the Bobbies are just eight minutes away.”

Selective Disservice?
The most pro-Second Amendment president in at least a century is being relentlessly attacked by “anonymous sources,” and with leaks from the supposedly intelligent community (sic), on everything but...gun rights. Pure coincidence? Or is it a sleeping dog they dare not kick?

New Safety Ammo
In addition to the oft-mentioned anti-jihadi shotgun shells, loaded with a mixture of buckshot and bacon bits, is an experimental new round now undergoing tests, challah-point ammo.

JPFO Breaks Ground
How many people must tell us JPFO needs a YouTube Channel before we start one?

Yes, JPFO is looking to start a YouTube Channel, or at least shoot its first YouTube video. What should it look like and include? What are the goals? That, my friends, is a blank slate. What do you think? Tell us. Do you have skills to contribute to the effort? We'll need concepts, scripts, on-screen talent, pre- and post-production skills and support, the works.

Sure, we can shoot it on a Smartphone, create something to make Spanky and Our Gang proud. Or we can shoot for a slightly more masterful approach, sponsorship even. Contact Sentinel editor Alan Korwin for initial coordination, and let’s see how high JPFO can fly. alan@gunlaws.com

“Government” Does Nothing
Remember, it’s never “the government.” Government, like soylent green, is people. When the media falsely tells you government is trying to do something, or not doing something. Whether elected, appointed, hired or volunteers, government is people. They may be wearing invisible robes or carrying shiny badges, but they’re just people. Don’t be fooled.

JPFO Redux
Bloomberg, Feinstein, Boxer, Schumer, Emmanuel and the rest are the Anti-JPFO, who have abandoned the lessons of history: they’re Jews for the Prevention of Firearms Ownership.

NRA Gets Shafted
As much as JPFO may disagree with some of our brethren at the NRA, corrupt media treatment is corrupt media treatment, and it’s unacceptable regardless of the victim. On the day after the president of the United States chose to meet with this vast and immane group, more than 80,000 of whom met at the largest conference hall in Atlanta, Georgia, the flagship “news” paper for the Gannett media group said “thousands of NRA members gathered in a concrete convention hall.”

It was Atlanta’s biggest event of the year, with the leader of the free world present, in a magnificent hall—second largest in America (headquarters of CNN by the way) —but characterized by USA Today as a modest number of folks meeting in a bunker. The only thing concrete is the bunker mentality of the people generating this garbage. Godspeed gunowners.

Media Hides Jihad Shootings
In its ongoing effort to hide the ongoing muslim jihad from the American public, the Associated Press incorrectly reported several recent jihadi attacks as “terrorism.” The latest as we go to press was in Fresno, Calif., where a jihadi singled out Caucasian people at random, shooting them at point-blank range.

The spree killer named Muhammed something, heard on recordings screaming “Allah” before murdering innocent civilians, was reported as shouting “G-d” by the propagandist Associated Press. News media, which publishes standards requiring an obligation to be specific, clear and accurate, frequently makes these adjustments, which critics say are deliberate, to hide the islamist nature of the attacks. The AP promotes the idea this is a religion of peace, despite all evidence to the contrary, and lack of outrage or any protest from that community after the constant bloodbath.

Police immediately recognized it as jihad, not bland amorphous “terrorism,” as did every American who heard about it, instantly. Talking head “punts” spent time debating what had occurred, officially awaiting official word from officials, who were not authorized by officials to speak officially. Fake news is not a strong enough label.

“Any politicians who suggest gun rights for themselves but not the rest of us should be removed.”

Boot the BATFE
This outrageous band of bandits is supposed to be a tax-collection agency, not an armed gang of thugs. Law enforcement is supposed to be up to law-enforcement agencies, not green-eye-shade accountants and low-level bureaucrats. Within the bureaucracy these functionaries used to be looked upon as the bookkeepers they were, until bit by bit they asserted themselves as heavily armed shock troops and armored enforcers, now highly visible on the scene of any social mishap. That, of course, is the FBI’s role.

The problem with disbanding the BATFE is the same as with disbanding any other overbloated federal bureau. The people there end up elsewhere (and get raises half the time), and in this case, likely go to the FBI, where they would do more harm than good. BATFE needs to be reduced bit by bit to simple paper-pushing apparatchiks, and eventually phased out. A total elimination plan, as desirable as it might seem, is, unfortunately, probably unlikely – so incremental defunding and reassignment may better accomplish the task of booting this perpetually rogue agency.

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Muzzle Tov!

by Noah Tallman

Ready, Willing, and Almost Able: My First Time Exercising the Right to Keep and Bear Arms in Public

Here I go. I’m getting closer and closer. It’s starting to feel just about right, as I reflect upon the past, experience the present, and imagine the future. Once I realized I’m going for it...remarkable for me—where no one in my family’s gone before. Soon, in this wonderfully free Constitutional Carry state of Arizona, I’ll carry in public for the first time.

I’ve researched all around a lot. I’ve always paid especially close attention to being as safe as possible, always, in all ways. Talked with this one and that, attended classes and seminars, been to ranges, gun shows, fired ten different sidearms including my own, my first, a classic Colt revolver. Always under professional and expert supervision.

I selected my Colt on the Internet. In all this, one of the most interesting, informative, and insightful resources for me was reading Your First Gun, by Alan Korwin. Pensive hours later, I felt I was all the more ready, willing, and able. That’s when I closed the deal on My First Gun. I picked up my revolver at a family-owned gun shop nearby, Bear Arms in Scottsdale.

Now, on the horizon, it’s time for me to make what will be for me a great breakthrough, taking a great leap of faith: exercising my G-d-given right to go out in public—carefully armed—committed to my own self-preservation, “My First Responsibility.” Talk about getting a grip. As a strong believer in the just-in-case philosophy, I’m prepared to get a grip on my gun, if, G-d forbid, anything ever happens requiring me to act with righteous, legal, use of force.

My training and reflection make it clear this hasn’t been needed at any time in my life so far, and remains a very distant likelihood going forward. And, given the world we live in today and basic moral precepts, righteous is in the eyes of both “the big G” and “the little g”—G-d and government. Here I am, still getting closer and closer to sufficient training and confidence, and opening my door to the outside world one day, and taking one small step for an armed man, one giant leap for the preservation of mankind. Going about town carefully armed is no small step.

You Don’t Have Rights, You Have Demands

If the 2nd Amendment matters, if rights are inalienable: how come Hawaii has issued no carry permit under its permit law for more than 16 years? Do you have the right to bear arms in that state or not?

If FOPA (the Firearm Owner’s Protection Act, 1986) says making lists of gun owners is illegal, how can a court weasel around the edges and decide four border states can make lists when the conditions are right?

Laws aren’t requirements, they’re suggestions. Like rights, you only get them by force. If you can make a demand and enforce it, you have “rights.” If not you have bupkis (Yiddish for goat poop).

Hawaii should issue permits and people there should have rights? The people with the guns (“officials”) have “rights” (in their hands it’s called power), they say no, and that’s the end of your imaginary rights. Rights, and power, belong to the people who can exercise power and demand things. They don’t teach this in school anymore. Government pays the teachers. It’s not a coincidence.

Our Supporters are Thinkers

Leftist liberal Judaism is not a religion, but rather a political position that naively believes, among other things, if you offer your adversaries support based on your own idealistic premise of fair play and tolerance, killers will transform their behavior and mirror yours with reciprocal loving kindness. Persecutors only know how to persecute. Do not underestimate your enemies or welcome them without being armed, prepared and alert. Their hatred won’t stop. Evil in the world is not neutralized by appeasing it, but only by forcefully vanquishing it. By naively embracing evil around us leftist liberal Jews endanger the world.

—Mike Reisman
The media has been incessant in its demands to license gun owners. Reporters’ support for every preposterous proposal from “officials” who believe licensing and registering innocent people will somehow affect crime is virtual proof of journalistic incompetence.

It might be time to at least ask for equal constitutional treatment: should reporters, editors and producers be licensed? And registered. And tested. What’s good for the goose is good for the gander, no? Press freedom is Amendment One. Firearms freedom is Amendment Two. Does equal treatment under the law make sense or not?

Reporters and editors have all but abandoned any semblance of ethical behavior, plainly evidenced by their output. Fake news is not just a catch phrase, it is what many of them practice daily. Guns save lives, guns stop crime, guns protect you, everyone knows that—where are those stories? It’s a 100% error-of-omission rate.

The harm done to individual citizens and the body politic by deception, grotesque omissions, misleading coverage, selective storytelling and outright lying at times borders on treason. Why shouldn’t reporters have licenses subject to revocation for malfeasance, collusion and news corruption? At least, they should pay annual taxes and fees, as they would have gun owners do. Wouldn’t that at least be fair?

No, no, we’re no more in favor of doing that to them than we are of having them do that to us—as they continually and viciously promote (“angry pacifists”). But it’s time to start demanding it. Get to watch them get all defensive, and make the same arguments against it as we do. With righteous indignation.

It would be a dangerous thing to seriously press the press for licenses, tests, wallet cards, fingerprints, photographs, centralized criminal databases, tracking, background checks for the purchase of their tools, waiting periods to ensure they are who they say they are and have no blots on their records, as identified by the alphabet soup of federal agencies, with a written mechanism for appealing false positives.

But as a mechanism for pointing out their folly in even breathing any of that garbage for gun ownership for 100 million innocent decent citizens, it might be worth a try. How dare they. And look at the harm they’ve caused already. They escape punishment and responsibility—even when caught. Many are untrained, they wield enormous power, without controls, face it—they are ripe for registration, testing, papers and government oversight. No?

Is it Time to License Reporters?

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**JPFO Gun Confiscation Clock**

JPFO’s symbolic Gun-Confiscation Alarm Clock, which tracks the overall threat to America’s right to keep and bear arms, has inched closer to midnight.

Maintained by Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership, the movement reflects risks from heavily funded state efforts to curtail the right to arms by former NY mayor Michael Bloomberg. A false sense of security gun-rights advocates feel after electing loudly pro-Second Amendment president Donald Trump increases the threat.

Two strong pro-gun-rights bills introduced immediately after Trump’s victory stalled. (The attempted mass murder of disarmed republicans playing ball may have incensed enough people to shake the national Freedom To Carry Act (HR38) loose, as we go to press.) With Trump under withering attack by democrats, compromised media, constant fake news and a distracted Congress, chances for the legislation are uncertain. The hearing-protection bill is also in limbo, requiring more scarce political capital, with national carry a priority. Presently, so-called “right-to-carry” licenses terminate at state lines.

Bloomberg’s millions have created multiple new anti-gun-rights state clubs pressing for repeal of existing civil-rights protections. New bills they’re promoting, which pro-rights proponents say infringe on the Bill of Rights, include national registration of gun owners and their gear. Misleadingly labelled loophole or background bills, these target citizens, not crime.

“When you actually read the bills Bloomberg and his paid allies propose, you find gun-owner registration schemes, regardless of what the media calls them,” says Boyd Kneeland, a spokesperson for the group. Alan Korwin, a nationally recognized expert on gun laws and consultant to JPFO concurs, noting, “The last bill, Manchin-Toomey, authorized national registration and would have made felons of anyone who handed a gun to a friend, but this went unreported in the frenzy to push it into law.” With Bloomberg’s money, a cadre of misinformed moms fearfully marching in lock step and rights advocates lulled into complacency, the threat to gun rights is greater than people recognize, Korwin says. A one-minute shift in the clock may be too modest, he believes. “Does it really take a political mass-murder attempt to pass reasonable laws restoring rights?”

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**So You Want to Perform a Mitzvah?**

by Richard Busch, DCH, JPFO Life Member

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Doing the Right Thing for the Right Reason!

“The Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (CSPOA) totally supports the Don’t Inspire Evil Initiative. All media should adopt this policy in an effort to minimize ‘copy cat’ offenders committing similar offenses to garner their own ‘15 minutes of glory.’ This simply means that reporters will police themselves voluntarily to cease the practice of repeating the name(s) of mass murderers and terrorists in their coverage of these heinous and deplorable crimes.

“Sheriffs and Police all across America agree with this policy and we ask that the media cooperate with this wise and prudent policy of keeping the perpetrators anonymous and thus eliminating their goal for ‘stardom.’

“We reiterate that this Don’t Inspire Evil Initiative is, and should remain, voluntary. We are not advocating any law or regulation to force the media into compliance. This entire project is a request for all reporters to ‘Do the Right Thing for the Right Reasons.’

From The “Wayback Machine”

JPFO Founder Aaron Zelman had written to NRA board member Ted Nugent:

“Ted, I’ll join the NRA... When the NRA honestly and accurately ‘grades’ politicians for their real position on the Second Amendment. Hillary Clinton’s and Charlie Schumer’s pet protégé Kirsten Gillibrand got an ‘A’ rating from the NRA. This is insane. Gillibrand is now on the bandwagon for a reinstated ‘assault weapons’ ban. The NRA: Sucker ed and betrayed once again.

“Ted Nugent running for office gets an ‘A+’ grade from the NRA. That’s the standard they must start with. We cannot grade on a bell curve when it comes to our freedom.

“Our politicians must not simply be pro gun; they must be fervently pro Second Amendment. It is now time for zero tolerance for any form of ‘gun control.’ Far too often, American gun owners have seen ‘A’ graded politicians waffle and cave on gun law after gun law. If the NRA has to step away from any candidate to uphold our rights, so be it.

“Millions of American gun owners will reject any candidate who betrays our G-d given right to defend our lives.

“The time for any sort of compromise is over. We must now retrieve ground that has been lost to past retreats. It is time for the NRA to really start ‘walking the walk.’ Radically downgrade every single politician who has betrayed us in any way in the past.”

Gillibrand, seven years later, remains the junior senator from New York, and retains her far left anti-rights position. Described by the New York Post as “Senator Potty-mouth” she drops f-bombs and s-bombs left and right, for describing president Trump and anything else she disagrees with, which are things gun owners would typically hold in high esteem. The Post believes Gillibrand, like other democrats, “remain as clueless as ever about what happened last November…. Gillibrand’s f-bombs are nothing but gratuitous and phony.” These are not the people we should be giving high grades. Aaron knew something.

Gillibrand’s voting record on guns appears to be a straight “F” based on her website. No on reciprocity, no on baggage carry on Amtrak, no on gun rights for D.C. after the Supreme Court Heller decision, no on National Parks carry (rights restoration), partnership with Mayors for Illegal Guns, multiple “gun violence” propaganda programs (a substitute for “crime control” programs), national gun registration...she may as well be a life member of the main so-called “gun-control” groups, she speaks their language.

In fairness, the NRA downgraded Gillibrand’s score to a well-deserved “F” after Aaron’s letter was published, but moderate, soft scoring has been a constant sore spot for many observers of the gun lobby’s system. JPFO believes tough, hard-edged, reality based scores are the only way to go.