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Jewish tradition emphasizes the sanctity and eternal value of human life. The Talmud teaches, **"One who takes a life, it is as though they have destroyed the universe. And one who saves a life, it is as though they have saved the universe."** (Mishnah Sanhedrin 4:5)

The dehumanization of individuals and the carelessness with which human life is taken during incidents of gun violence stand in direct violation of these affirmations of our tradition. We are called upon to take action to prevent the loss of lives and end gun violence.

***The Tikkun Olam Council has decided to join the following project because it aligns with our Jewish values and Bet Ha'am's mission of reducing violence in the world.***

The Maine Gun Safety Coalition is a grassroots organization founded in 2000 to protect Maine families and communities from gun violence. They educate parents, administrators and the public about issues relating to gun safety, voice the concerns of their constituents to elected officials about gun legislation and provide free trigger locks to prevent the accidental discharge of weapons by children and unlicensed individuals.

The Maine Gun Safety Coalition is starting a project called Show Up Network (SUN). They have rightly concluded that the only way to get gun safety legislation passed in Maine is to make sure legislators hear from gun safety constituents in the same large numbers that the gun lobby is able to mobilize. Their goal is to facilitate gun safety supporters to show up, call up, email and text in large numbers too.

Sympathetic legislators have made one thing clear: Until gun safety advocates show up at the state house, email, and call in large numbers to advocate for laws that will save lives, they won't be able to rally enough votes to pass life-saving gun safety bills.

**Joining SUN makes you part of the solution. Sign up below to join the Mainers who will SHOW UP for gun safety. That could include literally showing up at the State House when important bills are being heard in committee, making a call to your legislators, or sending emails to let them know that Mainers are serious about preventing gun violence, injury and death.**

Please contact [tikkunolam@bethaam.org](mailto:tikkunolam@bethaam.org) if you have questions.

[Sign up HERE](#)

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