

**Engaging Jewish Communities in Ending Human  
Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation:  
Supplemental Information**



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## Resources from Rabbis for Human Rights—North America

Founded in 2002, Rabbis for Human Rights—North America (RHR-NA) is an organization of rabbis from all streams of Judaism that acts on the Jewish imperative to respect and protect the human rights of all people. Grounded in the Torah and the Jewish historical experience and guided by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, they advocate for human rights in Israel and North America. They partner with [Rabbis for Human Rights—Israel](#) in efforts to protect the human rights of Jews, Palestinians, and all others living in Israel and the Palestinian Territories. In their North American work, they partner with a range of Jewish, interfaith, and secular organizations that share a commitment to viewing human trafficking as a human rights violation.

**On Power, Hope, and Change:** For a sermon for Rosh Hashanah, 5772, by Rabbi Barbara, go to <http://www.rhrna.org/issuescampaigns/slavery-a-human-trafficking/resources/203-power-hope-change-rh-5772.html>.

**Learning about Slavery and Human Rights:** By Lori Shaller, this resource incorporates both traditional text study and improvisational acting; go to <http://www.rhrna.org/documents/Slavery-Teaching.pdf>.

**Human Rights Shabbat 2009, Sermon on Slavery:** By Rabbi Rachel Kahn Troster, this resource examines human rights themes for Divrei Torah—*Slavery and Parshat Vayeshev, Genesis 31:140:23 (December 1112)*; go to <http://www.rhrna.org/documents/Slavery-sermon-points.pdf>.

**Yom Kippur Sermon on Human Trafficking:** To view this resource by Rabbi Aaron Fine, go to <http://www.rhrna.org/issuescampaigns/slavery-a-human-trafficking/resources/126-yomkippursermononsextrafficking5771.html>.

**More Resources:** To find more resources, please visit <http://www.rhrna.org/issuescampaigns/slavery-a-human-trafficking/resources.html>.

## **International Faith-Based Organizations**

### **Project Keshet**

Project Keshet is an advocacy and human rights organization in the countries of the former Soviet Union, with a grassroots movement of 160 Jewish women's groups and more than 88 multi-ethnic, multi-faith coalitions of women. Their programs give CIS Jews the opportunity to reclaim their heritage and to discover the power of community activism. Their social activist programming addresses domestic violence, human trafficking, women's health issues, anti-Semitism, and other forms of religious and ethnic intolerance. For more information, go to <http://www.projectkeshet.org/>.

### **ATZUM/Justice Works**

ATZUM/Justice Works is dedicated to assisting severely disadvantaged populations by empowering social-justice projects. Resources on their website include information about trafficking in Israel, Aggadic text analysis relating to prostitution, and resources on connecting the issue to Passover. For more information, go to <http://www.atzum.org/>.

### **The Hotline for Migrant Workers (HMW)**

HMW is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting the rights of undocumented migrant workers and refugees and eliminating trafficking in persons in Israel. They aim to build a more just, equitable, and democratic society where the human rights of all people are paramount civic and political values. For more information, go to <http://www.hotline.org.il>.

### **Jewish Coalition to End Human Trafficking**

The Jewish Coalition to End Human Trafficking (JCEHT) is an international service coalition that provides support, advocacy, and education to agencies that service survivors of human trafficking. Member organizations are currently concentrated in California, with the exception of the New Israel Fund. For additional information, go to <http://www.ncjwsf.org/work/coalition-to-end-human-trafficking/>

### **Task Force on Human Trafficking**

The Task Force on Human Trafficking is a joint project of ATZUM/Justice Works and the Kabiri-Nevo-Keidar law firm. Their mission is to help Israel put an end to human trafficking within its borders through encouraging stronger government measures to stop traffickers, securing better rights and services for victims, and promoting public awareness about trafficking in Israel. For more information, go to <http://www.tfht.org>.

### **Temple Committee Against Human Trafficking**

The Temple Committee Against Human Trafficking (TCAHT) is a committee founded by the Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom in Montreal, Canada. If you choose to add the issue of human trafficking to your congregation's social-justice agenda, please request a Social Action Guide from TCAHT. The committee is available for consultation, resources, and any additional help your congregation may need. For more information, contact [human@templemontreal.ca](mailto:human@templemontreal.ca) or go <http://www.templemontreal.ca/>.

**Rabbis for Human Rights—North America**

The Rabbis for Human Rights—North America (RHR-NA) is a collection of rabbis, communities, and individuals dedicated to the human rights of all and is a part of K'vod Habriot. The name K'vod Habriot comes from the rabbinic concept of respect for the dignity of all people. It is through K'vod Habriot that RHR-NA plans to mobilize communities and activists around key human rights concerns including the Campaign Against Slavery. Their website includes great resources regarding modern-day slavery and human rights. For more information, go to <http://www.rhr-na.org/info/resources>.

**Stop the Traffik**

Stop the Traffik is a global coalition of organizations working together to fight human trafficking, with a special focus on advocacy and education. There are currently more than 300 member organizations, including businesses, faith groups, community groups, and charities. For additional information, go to <http://www.stophetraffik.org>.

## **Advocacy Organizations Working on Sexual Exploitation Issues in Chicago**

**Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation** envisions a community free from all forms of sexual exploitation, including sexual assault and the commercial sex trade. CAASE addresses the culture, institutions, and individuals that perpetrate, profit from, or support sexual exploitation. Their work includes prevention, policy reform, community engagement, and legal services. As the lead agency for the End Demand Illinois campaign, CAASE seeks to refocus law enforcement's attention on pimps, johns, and traffickers, while proposing a network of support and services for survivors of the sex trade. For more information, go to <http://www.caase.org> and <http://www.enddemandillinois.org> or call (773) 244-2230.

**Salvation Army's Partnership to Rescue Our Minors from Sexual Exploitation (PROMISE)** is a Chicago faith-based organization working against the sexual exploitation of minors. Its mission is to address, in a holistic manner, the commercial sexual exploitation of youth under 18 in the Chicago area by focusing on prevention, intervention, outreach, and service provision. For more information, go to <http://www.sapromise.org> or call (312) 286-2011.

**Prostitution Alternatives Round Table** is a network of governmental and private nonprofit organizations and survivors of prostitution dedicated to addressing the many issues surrounding prostitution and homelessness in Chicago. PART is a project of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless and is led by an active Steering Committee and Committee of Survivors of Prostitution. For more information, go to <http://www.chicagohomeless.org> or call (312) 435-4548.

**Soroptimist** is an international volunteer organization composed of professional women working to improve the lives of women throughout the world through raising public awareness, fundraising, programming, and membership. For more information, go to <http://www.soroptimist.org/>.

**Traffick Free** is dedicated to raising awareness about human trafficking by conducting presentations for churches, schools, and groups. They also serve as a liaison with the community, linking community members with trafficking service providers for training, education, and volunteer opportunities. For more information, go to <http://www.traffickfree.org>.

## **Outreach and Direct Services for Survivors of the Sex Trade in Chicago**

**Anne's House—Salvation Army's Partnership to Rescue Our Minors from Sexual Exploitation** is Illinois's only long-term, trauma-informed, residential program for young women and girls who have been affected by sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. The program offers comprehensive services including individual and group therapy, life-skills training, support with academic and vocational goals, social and recreational activities, and spiritual guidance. For more information, go to <http://www.sapromise.org/anne.htm> or call (312) 291-7916.

**Center on Halsted** has a legal clinic that provides free and confidential information and referrals to local volunteer attorneys and legal organizations. The center has an education and victim advocacy team that works to reduce bias and violence in the lives of LGBT, queer and questioning, and HIV-affected people. The center also has an anti-violence project that offers a 24-hour crisis hotline, counseling, incident reporting assistance, court accompaniment, and victim advocacy to LGBTQ survivors of abuse and violence. For more information, go to <http://www.centeronhalsted.org/EVA.html> or call (773) 472-6469.

**Dreamcatcher Foundation** is an agency run by survivors of the sex trade. It provides health services, counseling, referrals to transitional housing and addiction treatment facilities, employment placement, and educational support for young women between the ages of 12 and 25 who have survived the sex trade. For more information, go to <http://www.dianetye.com/dreamcatcherfoundation/index1.html> or call (773) 936-9898.

**Footprints** offers hope and rehabilitative services to girls and women traumatized in the sex trade. It also facilitates prevention for substance abuse and HIV for women arrested for prostitution in Cook County. For more information, go to <http://www.cchc-online.org> or call (773) 533-5600.

**Heartland Alliance's Families Building Communities (FBC)** program provides supportive services for women and their families, including those affected by prostitution, in their transition from shelters to permanent housing. FBC uses a strengths-based family-case-management model, providing intensive, home-based case-management services, a rental subsidy for 12 months, and 12 months of follow-up case management. The program also includes additional mentorship and trauma-recovery resources for women who have been charged with prostitution. For more information, go to <http://www.heartlandalliance.org> or call (773) 624-8148 ext. 1955.

**Heartland Alliance's National Immigrant Justice Center—Counter-Trafficking Project** provides comprehensive legal services and case management for children and adult survivors of human trafficking. Attorneys and paralegals guide trafficking survivors through the process of obtaining T-visas. For more information, go to <http://www.immigrantjustice.org>.

**Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA)** is a not-for-profit that oversees and convenes 33 community-based sexual-assault crisis centers working together to end sexual violence. Each center provides 24-hour crisis-intervention services and counseling and advocacy for victims of sexual assault

and their significant others; presents prevention education programs in Illinois communities; and must meet ICASA's training and service standards, including approved standards for its centers that offer services for prostituted and trafficked people. For more information, go to <http://www.icasa.org>.

**The Northern Tier Anti-Trafficking Consortium (NTAC)** is administered by Heartland Human Care Services and provides comprehensive trauma-informed, client-centered, culturally competent case management to foreign-born human trafficking survivors throughout 14 states and Puerto Rico, as well as training, technical assistance, and capacity building for organizations. For more information, call (800) 837-5345.

**National Runaway Switchboard** helps keep America's runaway and at-risk youth safe and off the streets. Their 24-hour crisis line has experienced front-line team members ready to help. Their services are anonymous, confidential, and free. For more information, go to <http://www.1800runaway.org> or call (800) RUNAWAY.

**National Immigrant Justice Center** ensures human rights protections and access to justice for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers through direct legal services, policy reform, impact litigation, and public education. For more information, go to <http://www.immigrantjustice.org>.

**The Night Ministry** connects with Chicago's vulnerable youth and adults through street outreach, youth shelter and supportive services, and their mobile health outreach bus. They provide basic resources, free healthcare, housing and supportive services for youth, and referrals to other agencies for specific resources. For more information, go to <http://www.thenightministry.org> or call (773) 784-9000.

**Pillars** provides comprehensive mental-health services, including a 24-hour hotline and crisis intervention, for victims of domestic and sexual violence. Pillars runs the Constance Morris House, a domestic-violence shelter, and offers legal advocacy and counseling for women and children experiencing domestic and sexual violence, including child sexual assault, incest, rape, and sex trafficking. For more information, go to <http://www.pillarscommunity.org/services/DomesticandSexualViolenceServices.asp> or call the 24-hour domestic violence hotline at (708) 485-5254 or the 24-hour sexual violence hotline at (708) 482-9600.

**Prologues** is an outreach team that travels throughout the city to provide HIV-prevention and support services to people involved in the commercial sex trade. For more information, call Lucretia Clay-Ward at (773) 317-8711.

**Salvation Army's STOP-IT** builds relationships with suspected trafficked persons through street outreach. It serves both children and adults who are affected by sex or labor trafficking. STOP-IT offers service referrals and ongoing support to people who are currently being victimized or who have survived trafficking. They also conduct training seminars to raise awareness about human trafficking and offer practical assistance to community service providers. Contact the 24-hour hotline at (877) 606-3158 to report a suspected case of human trafficking, including commercial sexual exploitation of children, sex trafficking, and labor trafficking. For more information, call (773) 275-6233 ext. 3029.

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**Young Women's Empowerment Project** is a community-based, youth-led project that was founded in 2001 by a radical feminist and harm-reduction-based collective of women and girls involved in the sex trade or street economy and their allies. It was created by women and girls who believe that any girl can be empowered and that all girls are priceless, creative, and smart and can be leaders in their communities. YWEP offers girls involved in the sex trade and street economy ages 12 to 24 a place for nonjudgmental support, harm-reduction information, and other resources. For more information, go to <http://www.youarepriceless.org>.

## **Must-Read Books**

### ***A Crime So Monstrous: Face-to-Face with Modern-Day Slavery***

Author: E. Benjamin Skinner (Free Press, 2008)

Journalist E. Benjamin Skinner gives several accounts of current slaves and traffickers but emphasizes slavery victims in Haiti, Sudan, Romania, and India. Their stories and conditions are recorded and analyzed.

### ***A Piece of Cake***

Author: Cupcake Brown (Crown Publishers, 2006)

Cupcake's story encompasses foster care, child abuse, rape, drug dealing and addiction, alcoholism, gang activity, prostitution, and homelessness. In this original narrative, the author describes overcoming these obstacles with the help of both friends and strangers.

### ***Bodies and Souls***

Author: Isabel Vincent (HarperCollins Publishers, 2005)

The story of Jewish women victimized into the sex trade from the late 1860s to the beginning of the Second World War is told through academic studies and biographical accounts. In South America, South Africa, India, and New York, these women, shunned by the Jewish community, formed their own Jewish order spreading love and acceptance.

### ***Listening to Olivia***

Author: Jody Raphael (Northeastern University Press, 2004)

Jody Raphael gives voice to a former prostituted woman and stripper from Chicago, Olivia, who suffered from drug addiction, abuse, and poverty. Olivia overcame her obstacles and now works to help women escape the sex trade and leave behind a life of shame and pain.

### ***The Natashas***

Author: Victor Malarek (Arcade Press, 2004)

This book examines women forced into the Eastern European sex trade—how they get there, what happens, how they survive—as well as the impact of globalization.

### ***Not for Sale: The Return of the Global Slave Trade and How We Can Fight It***

Author: David Batstone (HarperCollins Publishers, 2007)

Journalist, professor, and editor David Batstone profiles the new generation of abolitionists who are leading the struggle to end modern-day slavery.

### ***Prostitution, Trafficking, and Traumatic Stress***

Editor: Melissa Farley (The Haworth Maltreatment & Trauma Press, 2000)

This book analyzes all aspects of the sex industry, from impoverished Mexican prostituted women to those trafficked around the world, and highlights the various forms of trauma they face.

***Sold***

Author: Patricia McCormick (Hyperion, 2006)

SOLD is the fictional story of 13-year-old Lakshmi, a Nepalese girl sold into prostitution and held against her will in an Indian brothel as a means to secure money for her family. This book is suitable for young adults.

***The Johns: Sex for Sale and the Men Who Buy It***

Author: Victor Malarek (Arcade Press, 2009)

Journalist and author of *The Natashas* writes another exposé on the sex industry, its customers, and the women who are trafficked from around the world into sexual slavery to meet the demand for paid sex.

***The Macho Paradox***

Author: Jackson Katz (Sourcebooks, Inc., 2006)

In this book, Katz speaks to all men, who, he argues, have a role to play in preventing male violence against women. His basic assertion is that rape, battering, and sexual abuse and harassment are so widespread that they must be viewed not as issues relevant only to troubled individuals but rather as a social problem rooted in our culture.

***The Passionate Torah: Sex and Judaism***

Author: Danya Rutenberg (New York University Press, 2009)

A compilation of writings by Jewish rabbis, scholars, and others, this book discusses a wide variety of sexuality issues in Jewish tradition and today's culture. Chapter 2 addresses prostitution.

## **Must-See Films**

### ***Bangkok Girl***

Nineteen-year-old Pla tells of her experience trying to avoid prostitution while working in a bar in Thailand since the age of 13. The film shows how, with time, she will inevitably be forced into the trade. (42 min)

### ***Call and Response***

CALL+RESPONSE is a first-of-its-kind feature documentary film that reveals the world's 27 million dirtiest secrets: there are more slaves today than ever before in human history. CALL+RESPONSE goes deep undercover where slavery is thriving from the child brothels of Cambodia to the slave brick kilns of rural India to reveal that in 2007 slave traders made more money than Google, Nike, and Starbucks combined. (89 min)

### ***Demand***

This documentary exposes the men who buy commercial sex, the vulnerable women and children sold as commodities, and the facilitators of the trade within the marketplace of exploitation. (45 min)

### ***Holly***

An American stolen-artifacts dealer comes across a 12-year-old Vietnamese girl sold by her family into prostitution. The film focuses on his attempt to bring the girl to safety and raise awareness about child trafficking. (114 min)

### ***Lilya 4 Ever***

At 16 in the former Soviet Union, Lilya is left by her mother and tricked into prostitution. The film tells the story of the horror Lilya's life soon becomes. (109 min)

### ***Not for Sale***

This documentary investigates the 27 million individuals ensnared in the modern-day slave trade. Undercover footage covers trafficking operations and what today's abolitionists are doing to fight the rampant terrors of human trafficking in the US and abroad. (85 min)

### ***Svetlana's Journey***

Based on a true story, this drama describes the experience of a young Bulgarian girl sold by her adopted parents to a pimp for only 10,000 Euros. (40 min)

### ***Trade***

A girl from Mexico City is abducted into modern-day slavery, and her brother goes on a quest to rescue her. (119 min)

### ***Turning a Corner***

This documentary tells the stories of those affected by the sex trade in Chicago and examines efforts to implement policy reforms necessary to end the harm experienced by those in prostitution. (60 min)

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***Very Young Girls***

This film follows 13- and 14-year-old girls in New York and addresses the mistreatment and abuse that they endure as prostituted young women. Rachel Lloyd, a survivor herself, runs GEMs, a recovery center dedicated to supporting young girls as they exit the sex trade. (84 min)