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February 2015

## JCAST Chicago March 11 Meeting

Hadassah Chicago-North Shore Chapter  
60 Revere Drive #800, Northbrook

Wednesday, March 11th, 2015: 6:45 - 8:30 pm

- Pack street and prevention bags for victims of and those at-risk for trafficking in celebration of the Jewish holiday of Purim.
- Meet with representatives of Dreamcatcher Foundation, an organization with boots on the ground, supporting and rescuing girls forced into prostitution.
- Advocate on behalf of trafficking victims by sending letters to local law enforcement and government officials to advocate for newly enacted Illinois legislation.
- Learn more about JCAST and sex trafficking in the Chicago-land area.



Artist: Susan Fischer Weiss  
(Ma'ayan: The Jewish Women's Project)

A donation is requested to offset the cost of the street and prevention bags. Please [RSVP on our website](#) by March 10 to reserve your spot and let us know you are attending.

Purim is a holiday of sweetness and joy, a time when we reflect on the power of an individual and the victory of the Jewish nation in the face of destruction. As we celebrate our victory over oppression, may we also remember those, including millions of women, who are not yet free.

**Register Today!**

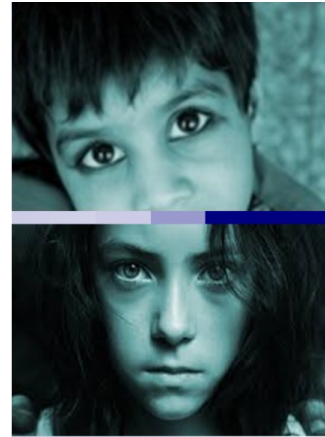
## Engaging Faith Communities: Ending Human Trafficking

HHS Region V Administration for Children and Families  
Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building  
77 West Jackson Boulevard, 3rd Floor Conference Center  
Thursday, March 5, 2015, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Keynote Speaker: Katherine Chon,

Senior Advisor on Trafficking in Persons,  
US Dept. of Health and Human Services

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) in collaboration with the Office on Women's Health (OASH), and Global Peace Foundation is planning a Human Trafficking forum to engage the faith based community. This forum will provide an overview of the federal human trafficking law and national strategy to combat human trafficking in America. The forum will consist of presentations and interactive dialogue to encourage and improve actions and strategies to combat human trafficking through partnerships with federal and state agencies and organizations, allied professionals, survivors, and concerned citizens. The event will specifically highlight the roles that faith-based organizations can play; from promoting broad-based grassroots public awareness of this modern day form of slavery, addressing safe harbor, and recognizing the health and social service needs of women, men and youth who have been trafficked. This forum is provided free of charge, but **registration is required**. Be sure to register early since space is limited.



\*Please arrive 30 minutes early. This is a federal building and a picture ID will be required to enter. All bags/purses/briefcases will be run through a security scanner. There are two restaurants in the building as well as a Starbucks.

**Sign up today.**

## Join a JCAST Chicago Committee Get Involved Today!

JCAST Committees:

**Communications** - The communications committee is responsible for all JCAST communication including printed material, email communication, and social media outreach.

**Membership** - The membership committee reaches out to the Chicagoland Jewish community to increase membership and participation in the coalition. Outreach is directed toward synagogues, Rabbinic organizations (CCAR), and other Jewish organizations. The committee will define what a coalition 'member' means, and what is required of a member.

**Advocacy** - The advocacy committee creates fact sheets, talking points and letters to the editor on behalf of JCAST Chicago. They will create a subscriber list for action alerts specific to sex trafficking. They will plan and execute an advocacy day in Springfield, IL in collaboration with other organizations.

**Programming** - This committee will plan community-wide sex trafficking educational and/or awareness-raising programs during 2015 in Chicago or its suburbs. Trafficked Teen figures will be incorporated at all events. The programming committee will also develop a Speakers' Bureau to respond to requests for presentations on sex trafficking to Jewish groups and congregations. Last, they will coordinate with Heartland Alliance, Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation and The Dreamcatcher Foundation to develop a community service/social action project for the Jewish community.

**Assessment** - This committee will "take the pulse" of the Jewish and secular community to assess the kinds of anti-sex trafficking work is being done by other organizations, task forces, and coalitions to develop some unique goals and actions for JCAST Chicago.

Email [JCASTChicago@gmail.com](mailto:JCASTChicago@gmail.com) for more information or to join a committee.



## JCAST Chicago

Jewish Coalition Against Sex Trafficking Chicago  
847.853.8889

The Jewish Coalition Against Sex Trafficking Chicago (JCAST Chicago ) works to eradicate sex trafficking in the Chicagoland area through public awareness, community engagement, and advocacy at local, state and national levels. Inspired by Jewish values, we partner with interfaith and human rights groups, non-profit organizations, government officials, and law enforcement agencies.

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