



Greetings!

Summer is officially here and JCAST Chicago is working hard to bring you amazing programs and information you can share with your communities. The more people who we can make aware that modern-day slavery happens everywhere, even in our own communities, the more advocates we will have to pressure our elected officials into passing and enforcing laws to protect victims and punish perpetrators.

JCAST Chicago Blog

Selah Freedom to Open Doors in Chicago

Many people are surprised to learn that over 3000,000 American children are sold in the sex trade each year. When the founders of Selah Freedom learned this they went looking for an organization to support but found none. What began as a grassroots initiative of women from across the country to be a voice for the voiceless has quickly transformed into a thriving organization. Selah Freedom actively confronts the issue of sex trafficking and is being upheld as the statewide model in Florida for how to effectively bring solutions to survivors of sex trafficking & exploitation.

[Click here for the full blog post:](#)

JCAST Chicago/NCJW are hiring a Part-Time Engagement & Program Director

The Engagement and Program Director is responsible for working with the National Council of Jewish Women Chicago North Shore Section and the Jewish Coalition Against Sex Trafficking to reach out to potential volunteers and supporters; engage current members and volunteers; plan and execute a variety of programs in Chicago and on the North Shore; staff the board and Steering Committee; and coordinate publicity. Supporting fundraising efforts will be included. The Engagement and Program Director works in a creative partnership with and reports to the Co-Presidents of NCJW CNS and the Co-Chairs of JCAST Chicago.

[Click here](#) for the full job description and details.

JCAST Chicago Upcoming Events

SAVE-THE-DATE
Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Levi Lauer



Support JCAST Chicago

[Click here](#) to donate to JCAST to help subsidize the cost of Dignity Bags or our other projects. Thank you for your support.

Steering Committee

JCAST Chicago is governed by a Steering Committee of dedicated individuals. If you would be interested in serving on the steering committee or one of our Action Teams, email info@jcastchicago.org.

Steering Committee:

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Friday, September 9, 2016

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Slice of Life, 4120 West Dempster, Skokie

Rabbi Levi Lauer, Founding Executive Director of ATZUM, will be returning to Chicago to speak to us about sex trafficking in Israel. A pioneer educator and social activist, Rabbi Lauer's concern for making social justice a priority of Jewish devotion led him to found ATZUM in 2002 to address glaring injustices and bring assistance to Israelis disadvantaged by inadequate access to public and private protection.

Rabbi Lauer is a native of Cleveland, Ohio and has lived in Jerusalem since 1976 with his wife, Chaya, two daughters and four grandchildren. He served 11 years in a reserve, combat, artillery unit of the IDF.

Registration and additional details will be available soon on the [JCAST website](#).



Dignity Bag Collection for Chicago Trafficking Victims

JCAST Chicago continues to collect toiletries and other items to help The Dreamcatcher Foundation during its outreach to youth who are trafficked and prostituted in Chicago. Each month, at least 300 bags are distributed, and they are in need of year-round supplies for street survival bags. We have established the following permanent collection sites so that you may always have the opportunity to help out with any of the following items:

Encore & More	Hadassah Resale	Hadassah Office
1107 Central Ave	405 Lake Cook Rd.	60 Revere Drive
Wilmette, Illinois	Deerfield, Illinois	Suite 800
M-S: 10am-5pm	M-F: 10am-5pm	Northbrook, Illinois
	Sunday: noon-4pm	M-F: 8:30am-4:30pm

Chicago Collection Site:

Temple Sholom of Chicago
3480 N. Lakeshore Drive (Stratford Entrance)
M-F: 9am - 6 pm; Sa-Su: 9am - 11am; Closed on Jewish holidays

Street Dignity Bag Packing List:

These items are needed in small, travel sizes. One of each item will be packed in a gallon ziploc "street survival" bag. These items may be packed in ziploc or other small bag, or donated in bulk.

Toothbrush	Hand Lotion	Gallon Ziploc Bags
Toothpaste	Granola/Power Bar	Tissues
Hand Sanitizer	\$5 McDonald's Gift Cards	

Prevention Bag Packing List:

Please include one of each regular sized product for girls living in at-risk communities. These items may be packed in a tote bag and donated in bulk.

Shampoo	Dove Soap	Lotion/Moisturizer
Liquid Body Soap	Deodorant	Perfumed Body Spray
	Gift or tote bags	



Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services (LAS)

Featured Organization

The Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services (LAS) provides free legal services and case management services to survivors of human trafficking who face legal problems stemming from their exploitation. LAS has relationships with a number of exceptional law firms in the Chicago area, who as a part of this program, have agreed to volunteer their skills, expertise and resources and co-counsel cases with LAS to represent survivors of human trafficking. As a federal grant awardee of the Rescue and Restore program, LAS also conducts free training, awareness projects and outreach in the Cook County area.

THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE

Started in 2011, the Human Trafficking Initiative is the collaboration of the Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services (LAS), volunteer law firms and community groups to provide free legal services to survivors of human trafficking who face legal problems stemming from their exploitation. LAS has relationships with a number of exceptional law firms in the Chicago area, who as a part of this program, have agreed to volunteer their skills, expertise and resources and co-counsel cases with LAS to represent survivors of human trafficking.

The Human Trafficking Initiative's legal services are client-centered. As a result, the legal services the Human Trafficking Initiative provides vary from client to client. After attorneys review the available facts, they explain the various legal services they believe would benefit the client. Ultimately, however, the client makes an informed choice as to the

*Bulk items, hotel toiletries and gift cards to McDonalds (\$5), Target, Dollar Store, CVS or Walgreens (any amount) are always welcome

JCAST Chicago on the Move

JCAST Chicago has been busy giving presentations across the Chicago Metropolitan area, for Jewish and secular groups. Please help JCAST secure speaking "gigs" at Jewish organizations. Contact Donna at info@jcastchicago.org with names and contacts at synagogues, chavurot, and other Jewish organizations.

Sex Trafficking in the News

More and more our news feeds are filled with stories about sex trafficking - some positive and some negative. Here are a few article links that may be of interest.

- [How Porn Is Changing a Generation of Girls](#)
 - [NY Lawmakers Pass Bill to Help Trafficking Victims](#)
 - [U.S. State Laws Addressing Human Trafficking: Education of and Mandatory Reporting by Health Care Providers and Other Professionals](#)
 - [Jewbalations Podcast: Christine Eyal - Trafficking and Safe Harbor laws in Minnesota](#)
 - [DuQuoin Woman, groups calling attention to human trafficking](#)
 - [Vatican summit of judges pledges aid to fight trafficking](#)
 - [Modern Slavery Estimated to Trap 45 Million People Worldwide](#)
 - [To curb prostitution, punish those who buy sex rather than those who sell it](#)
 - [Amnesty International Creates the Human Right to Pimp and Purchase Sexual Acts](#)
 - [Man gets 22 years for bringing girls to Chicago for prostitution](#)
 - [Man to serve 15 years in prison for attempted sex trafficking of a child](#)
 - [Sexual exploitation of children reaches unprecedented levels: Report](#)
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Resources

legal remedies they would like to pursue and the services they would like to receive.

For more information, visit www.metrofamily.org.



Take Action!

Here are some things you can do today to take action against Sex Trafficking:

* [Like our Facebook Page](#)

* [Follow us on Twitter](#)

* Sign up for Action Alerts [Visit our website](#) to keep up-to-date with the issues most relevant to you. [Sign up](#) for JCAST Chicago, NCJW or Sex Trafficking Action Alerts today!

* Send a Letter

Send a letter calling on local leaders and law enforcement to enforce laws and end demand. [Visit our website](#) to print out constructions and a sample letter.

* Hang a Flyer

Victims may visit bus stations, grocery stores, currency exchanges, and gas stations. Hang a poster featuring the hotline for the National Human Trafficking Resource Center. and help them escape to safety! [Visit our website](#) for more information and to print flyers.

* Write a Letter to the Editor

Write a letter to the editor when you learn publicly about arrests of perpetrators of sex trafficking. Commending the media, the police departments involved, and local authorities keeps sex trafficking in the news and encourages more enforcement. [Visit our website](#) for a sample letter to the editor.

Healthcare Workers Guide to ID'ing Trafficking Victims

- The [Polaris Project](#) has many resources, including the [National Human Trafficking Resource Center](#) hotline and text service.

Handbooks for health care workers

- International Organization for Migration has a free PDF handbook for health care providers called "[Caring for Trafficked Persons](#)."
- Massachusetts Medical Society also has a [guide](#) on identifying and treating trafficking victims.
- The [Department of Health and Human Services](#) also has reference materials and a toolkit for health care workers.

Other resources

- The National Human Trafficking Resource Center has a [webinar](#) for health workers.
- Heal Trafficking has a compendium of [medical literature](#) and [educational programs](#).

Marketplace's three-part series on human trafficking and health care:

- * [Health care takes on the fight against trafficking](#)
- * [This is what happened when a trafficking victim finally got a chance to run](#)
- * [Identifying trafficking victims is just the start of health care's challenge](#)

How to Talk to Your Son About Rape: A Guide for Dads and Hockey Fans Caleb Probst, Educator, CAASE, imagines a conversation between a father and son, making the assumption that the son would be an avid hockey fan with Patrick Kane as a favorite players. [Click here](#) for the blog post.

URI North America (*United Religions Initiative*) has some wonderful resources on sex trafficking available. [Click here](#) to visit their website.

8 Facts About the U.S. Sex Economy, a study published by the URBAN Institute discusses the underground economies of sex, drugs, and guns in eight cities: Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, Kansas City, San Diego, Seattle, and Washington, D.C. [Click here](#) for the study, and [click here](#) for an article about the study in the Atlantic magazine.

IN PLAIN SIGHT Podcast to End Human Trafficking Each week, the IN PLAIN SIGHT Podcast features a an inspiring speaker who may educate you in your work to end human trafficking around the globe. [Click here](#) for a link to the website.

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