



## Greetings!

How is it possible that we are more than half-way through August? The summer may be flying by but you can still register for this week's valuable training: *Listen. Talk. Act: Learn how to educate others and what you can do to eradicate sex trafficking*. The training is designed to give you the skills to present about sex trafficking to a Jewish or secular audience.

Visit our [website](#) to also register for Rabbi Levy Lauer's September visit to Chicago. Details on these events are listed below.

JCAST Chicago has a new mailing address: Contact us at:

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## JCAST Chicago Blog

### **Sex Trafficking and Random Acts of Brilliance**

We've collected items for trafficked kids on the streets. We've listened, we've learned, we've begun to educate and build awareness. There's no question that these are all important steps. Yet, it never seems to be enough to make a dent in the prison that is human sex trafficking. That feels depressing.

What I find inspiring is to have discovered that there are pockets of brilliance popping up all around- even in some, perhaps, surprising arenas. Just as we speak today about entrepreneurial incubators for start-up businesses, innovative people and organizations are actively incubating new concepts and practices to help banish this dehumanizing trade.

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

## JCAST Chicago Upcoming Events

### **Listen. Talk. Act: Learn how to educate others & what you can do to eradicate sex trafficking**

**August 24, 2016; am check-in at 8:30**

Congregation Solel, 1301 Clavey Road, Highland Park

The morning session, (9:00am - noon) will give you the skills to present about sex trafficking to a Jewish or secular ADULT group about sex trafficking and how audience members can become engaged in ending demand and supporting survivors. Factual and

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### 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](mailto:info@jcastchicago.org).

### Steering Committee:

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Jewish presentation will be presented. Public speaking and presentation skills will be included.

The afternoon session (1:00pm - 4:00pm) will provide training for professionals who work with youth (ages 12-18) about how to present information on sex trafficking, methods for changing attitudes about purchased sex and coercion, and why demand reduction and elimination is crucial. Teaching methods will be presented. *Please note: the afternoon session is only open to those with previous experience working with youth.*

An optional lunch from 12-1 can be purchased for \$10. Questions? Please contact Donna at 847-853-8889 or [donna@jcastchicago.org](mailto:donna@jcastchicago.org) with any questions.

[Click here](#) to RSVP.

### **Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Levi Lauer September 6, 2016, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Slice of Life, 4120 West Dempster, Skokie

A Kosher dairy lunch is included in the \$25 cost.

Join JCAST Chicago at Skokie's Slice of Life for a lunch and learn with Rabbi Levi Lauer, founder of ATZUM, an Israeli organization that strives to remedy injustices in Israeli society and encourage individuals to become social activist agents of change. Rabbi Lauer is an amazing and inspirational speaker. Don't miss this chance to meet him! In 2003, ATZUM joined forces with Kabiri-Nevo-Keidar and established the Task Force on Human Trafficking (TFHT) to help Israel eradicate human trafficking within its borders. The TFHT works tirelessly to engage and educate the public and government agencies to confront and eradicate modern slavery in Israel, and lobbies for reform in the areas of prevention, border closure, protection of escaped women, and prosecution of traffickers and pimps.

Don't miss! Reserve your spot today.

[Click here](#) to RSVP.

### **Women Hold Up Half the Sky September 25, 2016; 2:00 pm**

Women Hold Up Half the Sky

IHMEC, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, IL

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center (IHMEC) and the YWCA of Evanston North Shore presents the exhibit Women Hold Up Half the Sky from September 25 through January 22.

Women Hold Up Half the Sky identifies one of the central moral challenges of the 21st century - full equality for the world's women. It is inspired by the book Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide, by Pulitzer-prize winning authors, Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. Like the bestselling book, the exhibition features ordinary women who have accomplished extraordinary things. It challenges visitors to open their eyes, minds, hearts, and most of all, to take action to improve women and girls' lives locally and worldwide. NCJW Chicago North Shore and JCAST Chicago are community partners of the exhibit. This special opening program will feature Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan who will reflect on the challenges women face in Illinois and how those challenges can be overcome. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **North Shore Jewish Community Candidate Forum**

September 25, 2016 3:00 pm; doors open at 2:30

BJBE, 1201 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield

Sponsored by BJBE, NCJW and other Jewish temples and organizations, this important event is open to the public and will give everyone a chance to meet and listen to the candidates for contested State and Federal offices in the 9th and 10th Congressional Districts. Reservations are not required.



## **Swedish Covenant Hospital Violence Prevention Program**

### **Featured Organization**

As a health care provider, Swedish Covenant Hospital is concerned about how violence affects the health and wellness of our patients. Our Violence Prevention Program aims to increase our capacity to identify and support patients who are impacted by domestic violence, human trafficking and sexual assault.

Health care providers are in a unique position to identify and provide compassionate care to victims of violence. The physical and psychological consequences of violence often lead victims to seek care from a health care provider. In some cases, a health care provider may be the only person able to speak with the victim alone. They are also privy to sensitive information that may raise red flags about abuse.

### **Program Goals:**

- \* Implement best practices for screening and identification
- \* Train staff to recognize and respond to abuse
- \* Increase patient safety and wellness
- \* Reduce isolation, shame and fear
- \* Empower patients with information and options
- \* Connect victims with safe transportation and community services
- \* Collaborate with community partners
- \* Prevent violence through education, awareness-raising and advocacy

### **Human Trafficking**

Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud or coercion to make a person engage in prostitution, labor or other services. Minors under the age of 18 involved in commercial sex are victims of trafficking, whether or not they are forced into those acts. Human trafficking is happening

## 2016 Symposium for a Safer Lake County

October 14, 2016, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Advocate Condell Medical Center

801 South Milwaukee Avenue, Libertyville

This Symposium will educate and equip professionals who come into contact with victims of abuse regularly, with safe and appropriate ways to respond to and advise victims of violence. Resources and materials will also be provided. With speakers who are trained professionals in the fields of abuse of many kinds (elder, child, domestic violence, LGBTQ, sexual assault, and sex trafficking), the Symposium seeks to provide clergy, health professionals, attorneys, and human service providers with the tools they need to stop abuse and support survivors. Sessions are targeted at the following professional fields: Clergy, Medical, Lawyers, Social Services. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

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## Other events of interest

### Film Screening: The Hunting Ground

August 23, 2016, 6:00 pm

Harold Washington Library Center, Cindy Pritzker

Auditorium, 400 S. State Street, Chicago

The Office of the Mayor in partnership with Chicago Public Library, Chicago Says No More, CBS 2 and Alderman Matt O'Shea invite you to a free screening of The Hunting Ground, a film by Kirby Dick & Amy Ziering. This critically acclaimed documentary confronts rape culture on college campuses and profiles brave survivors. Following the film screening survivor Annie E. Clark will share her story of survival and discuss her new book, We Believe You: Survivors of Campus Sexual Assault Speak Out. Post film Q & A moderated by Irika Sargent, CBS 2 Chicago's Weekday Evening News Co-Anchor.

RSVP to [MayorRSVP@cityofchicago.org](mailto:MayorRSVP@cityofchicago.org).

### Traffick Free Freedom Forum 2016

September 15 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm | \$25.00

Park Community Church, 1001 N Crosby, Chicago

Would you have known that the man who repaired your car at the shop only spoke Spanish and was forced to sleep where he worked for the last 20 years? Would you have known that the girl with the missing teeth in school had them knocked out for an infraction her pimp thought was unforgivable? Would you have noticed that the nail salon in the neighborhood was a front for sex trafficking?

Join us for our annual Freedom Forum - a signature event that takes our awareness of human trafficking and goes just a little bit deeper with a panel of experts from a variety of disciplines. This year, learn how to spot human trafficking in the every day - whether at work, school or when you're out shopping. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

### A21's Walk For Freedom

Saturday, October 15 2016; 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Lincoln Park (Grove #13), Chicago

A21's Walk For Freedom is a collective effort to heighten awareness of human trafficking and raise funds to abolish modern-day slavery one step at a time. Walk For Freedom will make its way around the world on October 15, shedding light on the 27 million men, women and children who are still in bondage. We invite you to JOIN US for our 3rd annual Walk For Freedom! On October 15, we will fight together as a global community to illuminate the darkness of human trafficking, and raise funds to rescue and restore more lives than ever before. In over 250 locations around the world, we will lace up our shoes, put black tape on our mouths, and march in single-file to eradicate modern-day slavery for GOOD! for more information

right here in Chicago. Survivors of human trafficking can be victimized in a variety of venues, including in the commercial sex industry (street prostitution, strip clubs, massage parlors, escort services, brothels, internet); private homes (housework, nannies, servile marriages); farm work, landscaping and construction; factory (industrial, garment, meat packing); peddling rings, begging rings or door-to-door sales crews; and hotel, retail, bars, or restaurant work. Together with the Salvation Army Stop-It Program and the Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force, Swedish Covenant Hospital has developed a medical protocol and has trained medical providers and other staff to recognize the red flags of human trafficking and to know how to respond.

Swedish Covenant Hospital's Violence Prevention Program resides within our Women's Health Initiative, which is anchored by the Mayor Rosenberg Women's Health Center. The program is funded through contributions to Swedish Covenant Hospital Foundation. For information, please visit [swedishcovenantfoundation.org](http://swedishcovenantfoundation.org).

For more information call the Violence Prevention Program at 773-878-8200, ext 6772, email: [health@SwedishCovenant.org](mailto:health@SwedishCovenant.org) or visit [SwedishCovenant.org/DV](http://SwedishCovenant.org/DV).



## 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.

visit: [www.a21.org](http://www.a21.org). (NCJW recognizes that the Walk For Freedom is on Shabbat but we are posting the information as a courtesy to those members who might be interested).

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## Updates and Information

Congratulations to Sheriff Tom Dart and the **Cook County Sheriff's Office**. The Sheriff's Office has arrested more sex buyers than any other agency in the nation this summer. JCAST Chicago is so thankful for the diligence of the Cook County Sheriff's Office in its leadership to end demand and stop sex trafficking in our neighborhoods and around the country! [Click here](#) for a press release on the summer arrests.

**Selah Freedom**, featured in our [June Enews](#), has been gifted a house an hour north of Chicago. As a result, they will be able to offer a full-scale 2-home model with at least 12 beds total for the Chicagoland 18+ survivors of sex trafficking. The gifted home will be used for their first stage - Assessment Program.

Congratulations to NCJW's **Judy Traub**, mother of JCAST Chicago Steering Committee Member (and NCJW Immediate Past-President) Stacy Saef on being featured in Florida Sun-Sentinel for her work to combat sex trafficking. [Click here](#) for the article.

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### TAKE ACTION

Toiletry and Gift Card Donations Needed Year-round!  
A big Thank You to everyone who has generously donated toiletries, bags and gift cards to support the work of Chicago's [Dreamcatcher Foundation](#)! Each month, at least 300 dignity bags are distributed by the Dreamcatcher Foundation to victims of sex trafficking in Chicago, and they are in need of year-round supplies for street survival bags. The Jewish Coalition Against Sex Trafficking (JCAST) Chicago would love to find groups to fill this need for each month of the year. Currently, we have established the following permanent collection sites:

Encore & More: 1107 Central Ave, Wilmette  
Hadassah Thrift Shop, 405 Lake Cook Rd, Deerfield  
Hadassah Office, 60 Revere Dr #800, Northbrook  
Temple Shalom, 3480 N Lake Shore Dr, Chicago

If you or your organization would consider organizing a collection drive or a packing program, please contact Beth Gordon [bbgordon@gmail.com](mailto:bbgordon@gmail.com) or Donna Fishman at [donna@jcastchicago.org](mailto:donna@jcastchicago.org).

### 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 tote bag, or donated in bulk. (You might even Ask your local businesses if they have items to donate and share this list.)

toothbrush and toothpaste (\* ask your dentist!)  
hand sanitizer  
hand lotion  
granola or power bar  
pack of tissues  
Gallon Ziploc Bags  
\$5 McDonald's Gift Cards

### Prevention Bag Packing List:

\* 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.



## Resources

### Books:

*Sex Trafficking: Inside the Business of Modern Slavery* by Siddharth Kara

*Girls Like Us: Fighting for a World where Girls are not for Sale* by Rachel Lloyd

*The Johns: Sex for Sale and the Men Who Buy it* by Victor Malarek

*The Natashas: Inside the Global Sex Trade* by Victor Malarek

*Women Hold up Half the Sky: Turing Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* by Sheryl Wudunn and Nicholas Kristof

### Podcasts:

IN PLAIN SIGHT Podcast to End Human Trafficking Each week, the IN PLAIN SIGHT Podcast features 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.

### Websites:

[Polaris Project](#)  
[National Human Trafficking Resource Center](#)  
[URI North America](#)

The Dreamcatcher Foundation regularly visits girls living in at-risk communities, including teen-aged single mothers. These items may be packed in a tote bag and donated in bulk.

shampoo  
liquid body soap  
dove soap  
deodorant  
lotion or moisturizer  
perfumed body spray  
Gift or tote bags

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

[Heartland Alliance](#)  
[STOP-IT Initiative Against Human Trafficking](#)  
[American Jewish World Service](#)  
[Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation](#)  
[Selah Freedom](#)  
[National Domestic Workers Alliance](#)

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### **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](mailto:info@jcastchicago.org) with names and contacts at synagogues, chavurot, and other Jewish organizations.

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### **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.

- [Illinois man faces 11 years for sex trafficking minor](#)
- [Accused Pimp Sentenced for Under Age Sex Trafficking in Illinois](#)
- [Backpage.com defies sex trafficking subpoena despite Senate contempt vote](#)
- [Suburban Man Charged With Grooming 15-Year-Old Girl on Facebook](#)
- [New study: Far fewer juveniles engaged in sex trade than previously estimated](#)
- [Lincoln teacher, attorney among those arrested in sex-trafficking operation](#)
- [Cook County Lures Most 'Johns' in Nation During Sex Trafficking Sting](#)
- [14 Men Arrested at Arlington Heights Motel in Prostitution Stings](#)
- [Hundreds of Johns in Cook County Charged in National Sex Trafficking Sting](#)
- [230 Arrested in Cook County Sex Trafficking Sting](#)
- ["My Sister" Opens First Storefront](#)

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