

JCEHT

Jewish Coalition To End Human Trafficking

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OUR COALITION PARTNERS.

Jewish Community Relations Council – www.jcrc.org

Jewish Family and Children’s Services – www.jfcs.org

National Council of Jewish Women – www.ncjw.org

New Israel Fund – www.nif.org

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OUR MISSION.

The Jewish Coalition to End Human Trafficking (JCEHT) was created to broaden the understanding in the Jewish community regarding the crime of human trafficking / modern-day slavery and to work toward its eradication. Our objectives are two-fold:

- Partner with other interfaith and human rights groups, non-profits, government officials, and law enforcement agencies to raise awareness and take action.
- Advocate for consistent and comprehensive anti-trafficking legislation that provides for strict criminal penalties for traffickers as well as for protection and rehabilitation for victims.



Human trafficking is the second largest and fastest growing criminal industry in the world today. 12 – 27 million people are estimated to be living in bondage.

WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

According to the United Nations' Trafficking in Persons Protocol, "Human trafficking is the action of recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons by means of threat or use of force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or vulnerability." It also includes "payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person for the purpose of exploitation, including but not limited to, the exploitation of the prostitution of others, sexual exploitation, forced labor, slavery or similar practices, servitude and removal of organs. The consent of the victim is irrelevant where the victim is a child or the use of the incriminated means is established."

WHO ARE THE VICTIMS?

Trafficked persons in the United States can be men or women, adults or children, foreign nationals or U.S. citizens and non-citizen residents. Some are well-educated, while others have no formal education.

Certain populations are especially vulnerable to trafficking, including undocumented immigrants, runaway and homeless youth, and oppressed, marginalized, and impoverished groups and individuals. Other vulnerable people are victims of domestic violence. Traffickers specifically target individuals in these populations because they are vulnerable to recruitment tactics and methods of control.

According to the federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA), anyone under the age of 18 involved in the sex industry is legally a victim of human trafficking, regardless of consent. Victims are recruited from schools, malls, group homes, and the Internet—any place kids gather. Once recruited, they are sold on the streets and through the Internet.

The trafficking and sexual exploitation of children fuels the prostitution industry. In 2009, the FBI estimated that the average age of entry into prostitution in the U.S. is 12.

Labor trafficking is more prevalent than sex trafficking and is used in the production of many everyday commodities. Learn about products protected by Fair Trade practices. (www.fairtradeusa.org)



8 WAYS TO FIGHT IT.

Jewish texts teach that we have an obligation to protect the strangers in our midst, treat our workers with respect, and redeem the captive. Here is how you and your community can translate these lessons into action:

- **LEARN THE SIGNS.** Learn human trafficking red flags and ask questions so that you can detect a potential trafficking situation.
- **REPORT HUMAN TRAFFICKING.** Report your suspicions to law enforcement by calling the National Human Trafficking Hotline at **1-888-373-7888** or the U.S. Department of Justice Hotline at **1-888-428-7581**. Or dial **911**.
- **BUY ETHICALLY.** Be a conscientious consumer. Let retailers know that you support their efforts to maintain a slavery-free supply chain and pledge to buy Fair Trade certified products.
- **TAKE ACTION.** Advocate for legislation to combat trafficking through the Jewish Public Affairs Committee of California. (www.jpac-cal.org)
- **GET THE WORD OUT.** Write letters to local publications and community leaders about the need to eradicate trafficking in your community.
- **SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SURVIVORS.** Donate your time, money, and goods to organizations that help local victims.
- **WORK TOGETHER.** Meet with other faith communities to work together to fight human trafficking: show a film; host a speaker.
- **EDUCATE YOURSELF.** Learn statistics on modern-day slavery and how it relates to domestic violence, bullying, immigration, climate change, and poverty. (California Office of the Attorney General – <http://oag.ca.gov/human-trafficking> and San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking – www.sfcaht.org)

“Today’s slavery flourishes precisely because slaves are kept invisible, without the ability to make their voices heard. As the voices of the Israelites were heard by a compassionate God insisting on justice and human dignity in the world, so must we hear and take action.”

–Rabbis for Human Rights