

JWI: Jewish Women International

Betraying the Trust: Rabbis and Child Sex Abuse *“SHHH...“Let’s talk about what never happens.....but it does”*

Thursday, November 2, 2006
12 noon - 1 pm Eastern Time

Join us as we explore the issue of child sex abuse by clergy. While we know that child sex abuse happens in all communities, the thrust of this call is to bring changes in the ways that the legal system, community and rabbinic leaders treat victims and handle allegations. **The presenters on this call appeared on ABC’s Nightline on October 11, 2006.**

Mark Weiss, a child survivor and advocate

Michael Leshner, Esq., attorney, who represents the six alleged victims in this case;

Amy Neustein, PhD, sociologist and Jewish woman, who studies sex abuse in the Jewish Community;

Rabbi Mark Dratch, past Vice President of the Rabbinical Council of America; head of JSafe: an organization to help Jewish victims of domestic violence and sex abuse; and member of JWI’s National Clergy Task Force.

Agenda:

- Overview of the problem
- Child survivor Mark Weiss tells his story: how it has affected him and his family
- Legal issues: The problems and what we need to do differently going forward
- Social issues: Reaction of the Jewish Community to charges of sexual abuse: gender issues, ostracism and shame, community pressure
- Community issues : Institutionalization differences between the Catholic Church and the rabbinate and how these differences affect the prosecution /reporting of the abuse
- Synagogue issues
- Next Steps

Pre-registration is necessary to participate on the call.

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One CE contact hour is available for social workers for \$10. Instructions will be given on the call.

Jewish Women International (JWI) is pleased that the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world with 152,000 members and 56 chapters in the United States and abroad, has joined with JWI's National Training Institute and National Alliance to End Domestic Abuse in the Jewish Community to provide training and education to social workers who work with abused Jewish women and children.

This call will be recorded. You may purchase a CD of the call by sending \$8 to: Geri Elias, Jewish Women International, 2000 M Street, NW, Suite 720, Washington, DC 20036 OR call Geri Elias to order by credit card (800) 343-2823.

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