

## Human Trafficking: 21st Century Slavery is Topic of NCJW's Lois Zaas Advocacy Lecture

Nearly 21 billion people per year trafficked globally

Experts, including Renee Jones of the Renee Jones Empowerment Center, will discuss "Human Trafficking: 21st Century Slavery" on Wednesday, November 12, 7 p.m., at Temple Emanu El at the Annual Lois Zaas Memorial Advocacy Lecture, sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women, Cleveland (NCJW/Cleveland).

Speakers will define the problem; explain the laws; identify the victims and how they become entrapped; point out red flags for identifying people being trafficked; and talk about the agencies involved in helping to end this crime. They will also discuss ways the public can help, especially in assisting the survivors.

Panelists at this powerful forum include Karen Walsh, J.D., director, The Collaborative to End Human Trafficking; Renee Jones, founder, director, Renee Jones Empowerment Center; Jill Sadowsky, MSW, LISW-S, director, Bellefaire JCB's Intake Department; and Detective John Morgan, Sheriff's Office, Cuyahoga County. Det. Morgan has also worked with the Cleveland Police Homicide Unit and the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force.

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"There are approximately 20.9 billion people who are being trafficked globally each year," said Linda Barnett, NCJW/Cleveland president. "This is a \$150 billion business that occurs in the suburbs and in the cities. It happens in Bay Village and Beachwood and in Bogota and Beijing. We must educate, organize and empower our community to take steps to end this menace," she added.

The annual event is sponsored by the family of the late Lois Zaas, who was an NCJW local and national activist. The event is free and open to the public with reservations requested at 216.379.2204, ext. 100 or [www.ncjwcleveland.org](http://www.ncjwcleveland.org). Dessert reception following the program. Dietary laws observed. Temple Emanu El is located at 4545 Brainard Rd. in Orange Village.