

## NCJW seder raises awareness of human trafficking

The 24th annual National Council of Jewish Women / Cleveland Women's Seder included guests from the Renee Jones Empowerment Center and the Coalition Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking among more than 60 people March 16 at Point East in Beachwood.

Four stories of trafficked individuals in Peru, India, Mexico and the United States were woven into the traditional seder. Stories about how slave labor produces some of the food people enjoy as well as a plea to raise voices to understand and end modern-day slavery were included.

"I would like to use this service and integrate it into our ceremonies," said Karen Walsh, director of the coalition.

Tsedakah collected at each table was donated to the empowerment center.

Wendi Shapera of Beachwood and Amy Zlotnik of Solon were co-chairs.



Participating in an NCJW women's seder are, from left, Karen Walsh, director, Collaborative to End Human Trafficking; Sister Rosemary Hammer, works with the collaborative; Wendi Shapera, co-president, NCJW evening branch; Deborah Fish Gordesky, soloist; Elaine Geller, NCJW chair, human trafficking Initiative, NCJW; Sister Anne Victory, education director, Collaborative to End Human Trafficking; and Renee Jones, executive director, Renee Jones Empowerment Center.