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The S Word: Film Trailer and Panel Discussion

A Free Community Program

Los Angeles, CA (Date: November 6, 2015) - The National Council of Jewish Women Los Angeles (NCJW/LA) announces a free community program to be held on November 18, 2015 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at NCJW/LA Council House, 543 N. Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036. NCJW/LA Community Mental Health and Supportive Service presents the film trailer of *The S Word*, followed by a dialogue and panel discussion about suicide.

The moderator for this event will be Abbe Land, Executive Director and CEO, The Trevor Project. Panelists include Lisa Klein, Director, *The S Word* (2016), Co-Director Of *Two Minds* (2012) - Brock Dumville, Crisis Services Manager, The Trevor Project - Krystal Harris, Outreach Coordinator, TEEN LINE - Timothy Pylko, M.D., Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences, UCLA School of Medicine, Adjunct Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, USC School of Medicine - Rebecca Stock, Program Coordinator, Didi Hirsch-Suicide Prevention Center.

From the filmmakers of the award winning *Of Two Minds* comes a new documentary that explores one of the most feared and misunderstood topics in the human experience - suicide. But speaking the word itself is not the problem. The silence that so often follows is.

Both attempt survivors and the loved ones of those who have died by suicide are portrayed in all the complexity, pain and even humor of their experiences, and *The S Word* looks towards a movement that could be the next important social change of our time.

A note from the director Lisa Klein: *"My family has lived-and died-through mental illness and suicide. As a survivor of both my father's and brother's suicides, I have wrestled with the guilt, shame, and confusion that surrounds it. I will never know why my dad ended his life. Nobody talked about my brother. My mother could never bring herself to say the words, 'My son killed himself.' No mother should have to say that - ever. Suicide is one of the most confounding and cloistered issues of our time, and the silence kills-literally."*

Please join us on November 18, 2105 at 6:00pm for this free community discussion and film trailer screening. For more information or to RSVP, contact maryam@ncjwla.org or call 323-852-8515.

Web link: www.ncjwla.org/events/290/the-s-word

Facebook event page: www.facebook.com/events/436245026560316

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The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates committed to the welfare and well-being of the Los Angeles Community. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms. NCJW/LA serves more than 12,000 individuals through our Community Mental Health and Supportive Services, Scholarships, Talkline, Youth Educational Programs and Services, Back 2 School Store, intern training programs and our clothing assistance projects. NCJW/LA social justice programs provide education and legislative advocacy on issues that affect and impact women, children and families in the areas of children's rights, economic justice, healthcare, human trafficking, reproductive justice, LGBTQ, and gender related violence. All donations to our 8 Council Thrift Shops support the programs and services of NCJW/LA. NCJW/LA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization (Tax ID #95-1641433). Donate Today to Council Thrift (800)400-6259. To Get Help Call 877-655-3807 or for more info visit www.ncjwla.org, call 323-651-2930, or email info@ncjwla.org. **Donate Today to Council Thrift (800)400-6259. To Get Help Call 877-655-3807** or for more info visit www.ncjwla.org, call 323-651-2930, or email info@ncjwla.org.