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## **Become A Modern-Day Moses: Stop Human Trafficking!**

*Actor Performances of Survivor Stories*

*Hear Survivor Testimonies*

*Learn How You Can Take Action!*

**Los Angeles, CA** (April 2, 2017) — The National Council of Jewish Women Los Angeles (NCJW|LA) and the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST) are partnering to lead a call to action to stop human trafficking. As the Jewish holiday of Passover approaches, which celebrates the freedom of the Jewish people from slavery in the land of Egypt, it is imperative that we address the occurrences of modern-day slavery that are happening right here in LA.

The April 2, 2017 program will begin at 3:30 pm at the National Council of Jewish Women Los Angeles (543 N. Fairfax Ave) with songs of freedom led by Cantorial Soloist Cindy Paley. Speakers will include Hillary Selvin, Executive Director of NCJW|LA, Kay Buck, CEO & Executive Director of CAST LA. Actors from Sacred Fools Theatre will perform survivor stories, followed by the actual survivors providing testimonies and speaking on their human trafficking experiences.

Following the performances, speakers will educate attendees on statistics regarding human trafficking today, as well as a legislative update on the policies and bills that help and hinder victims and survivors of human trafficking. Everyone will learn exactly what ways they can take action to end and prevent human trafficking, and walk away with specific action items that will allow them to advocate for victims of modern-day slavery.

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The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. 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 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 rights, and gender-related violence. More information at [www.ncjwla.org](http://www.ncjwla.org) or on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/NCJWLosAngeles) at @NCJWLosAngeles.

A Los Angeles–based nonprofit, CAST is one of the pioneers of the US anti-trafficking movement. The organization was founded in 1998 by Dr. Kathryn McMahon, the Thai CDC and a group of community activists, in response to the discovery of 72 Thai workers that had been kept for seven years in slavery and debt bondage in Los Angeles County. CAST provides life-saving services to survivors of human trafficking and mobilizes citizens to build a future where modern slavery no longer plagues our communities, our city or our world. Through partnerships with over 100 cultural and faith-based community groups, healthcare organizations, government agencies and law enforcement, CAST provides support at every phase of a human trafficking survivor's journey to freedom