FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC ABUSE*

- Domestic abuse can happen to anyone, regardless of race, class, gender, culture, age, sexual orientation, economic status, or level of education.
- Domestic abuse occurs in Jewish families at the same rate as it does in other families (15-25%).
- According to studies, Jewish women stay longer in abusive relationships than non-Jewish women – 7 to 15 years versus 3 to 5 years.
- Whether or not children are physically hurt by an abusive parent, domestic abuse has a significant impact on their cognitive and emotional development.
- Domestic abuse happens in every kind of Jewish home, regardless of denomination or other affiliation.
- Victims, survivors, and surviving family members are more likely to disclose the abuse to someone in their faith community than they are to seek help from the police.

*Citations available from JDVC upon request.

HELP IS AVAILABLE

24 HOUR RESOURCES

- Call 911
- Go to the nearest emergency room or
- Call SafeLink at 1-877-785-2020

SafeLink is the toll-free Massachusetts statewide hotline.

JEWISH RESOURCES

(Jewish resources do not have 24 hour availability)

Journey to Safety (formerly Kol Isha), the domestic abuse program of Jewish Family & Children’s Service 781-647-5327 and ask for Journey to Safety www.jfcsboston.org/jts

Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence 617-951-3980 www.interfaithpartners.org

Center for Violence Prevention and Recovery at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center 617-667-8141 www.bidmc.org/violenceprevention

Shalom Task Force Toll-Free, confidential hotline 888-883-2323 www.shalomtaskforce.org

You can also contact JDVC to access someone from a network of clergy who can be a resource for abuse survivors.

JDVC of Greater Boston

www.jfcsboston.org/jdvc
Contact us: jdvc@jfcsboston.org
JDVC c/o Journey to Safety
Jewish Family & Children’s Service 1430 Main Street
Waltham, MA 02451

One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.
The Jewish Domestic Violence Coalition of Greater Boston (JDVC) was created in 1994 to unite concerned organizations and individuals in an effective response to domestic abuse in the Jewish community.

**JDVC MISSION**

JDVC focuses on:

- Raising awareness
- Sharing information/networking
- Cross-training professionals to link Jewish survivors with culturally- and religiously-informed support and information

**JDVC INITIATIVES**

**Community & Professional Training**

Topics Include:

- Domestic Abuse in the Jewish Community
- Dating Abuse (for teens and/or adults)
- Domestic Abuse and the Law
- Domestic Abuse Workshop for Mental Health Professionals and Health Care Providers
- Effects of Domestic Abuse on Children

To learn more about our community trainings or to request a speaker, please contact jdvc@jfcsboston.org.

**Poster Campaign**

The JDVC organizes a poster campaign for Jewish institutions and organizations throughout Greater Boston and beyond. These 8½ x 11” posters list help numbers for abuse survivors. If you would like a JDVC poster to hang up at your agency, office, synagogue, school, organization, or other location, please contact jdvc@jfcsboston.org.

**Network of Religiously- and Culturally-Informed Professionals**

Through education and outreach, the JDVC works to create a network of health care providers, educators, clergy, attorneys, and other community professionals who are trained to recognize abuse and respond to Jewish survivors in a religiously and culturally sensitive way.

**JDVC ORGANIZATIONS**

**STEERING COMMITTEE**

Journey to Safety, a program of Jewish Family & Children’s Service
www.jfcsboston.org/jts

Mayyim Hayyim
www.mayyimhayyim.org

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program at Newton-Wellesley Hospital
617-243-6521

REACH Beyond Domestic Violence
www.reachma.org

Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence
www.interfaithpartners.org

The Second Step
www.thesecondstep.org

**What you can do**

- If you need help or are concerned about someone you know, reach out and make a call for help.
- Talk about the reality of domestic abuse in the Jewish community.
- Display JDVC posters.
- Invite a speaker to your synagogue, agency, or community meeting.
- Host an event with JDVC.

For more information, contact JDVC at jdvc@jfcsboston.org.