Dear Friends,

At JCADA we care deeply about the health and wellbeing of our community, and we know you do too.

That’s why each year at this time, we ask you to help survivors of intimate partner violence* (IPV) in our community to live safely, and to help prevent future generations from suffering the long-term impacts of relationship abuse.

We know that IPV increases in times of stress and now is a time of heightened stress for our community and Jewish survivors everywhere. That’s why we need your support right now. Survivors, still suffering from the devastating impact of the pandemic, are now faced with increased fears of antisemitism and the inter-generational trauma of a world that is historically unsafe for Jews. Survivors of IPV are often the most vulnerable of the vulnerable suffering from the harm caused by regular abuse, compounding social justice issues such as food and housing insecurity, gun violence, reproductive justice, and more. Abusers will use anything available to exert control over their victims, and that includes world events such as a pandemic or rise in antisemitism.

Therefore, it is imperative that we stand firmly with survivors in times of increased stress. Just as JCADA did not stop services for a single day during the pandemic, we will not back down now when our clients and our community need us most.

One client’s story highlights the impact of current events on the lives of survivors:

Sarah (name changed to protect privacy) a client who recently left her abuser and has begun to establish a new life, has a son who currently lives in Israel. Due to enforced isolation from her abuser, she has few personal connections and constantly struggles with loneliness. Her stress has risen with worry for her son in Israel since the outbreak of the war. Sarah shared with her Victim Advocate, that she was considering returning to her abuser because he could provide support that she is unable to find elsewhere. JCADA’s Victim Advocate was able to find [...]

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safe community-based support for Sarah, empowering her to remain committed to her safety plan and continue to thrive in her new life.

Your financial support will ensure that victims and survivors of IPV in our community continue to have access to the highest quality services, resources, programs, and professionals JCADA can offer. By giving to our year-end campaign and joining the movement to end IPV, you can directly improve the safety of our community, help our teens thrive through healthy relationships, and assist our clients in living the empowered lives they deserve.

Your generous gift directly supports:

- Free individual and group counseling, legal, and victim advocacy services for victims and survivors.
- Training for rabbis and Jewish communal leadership to foster safe spaces for victims and survivors in their communities.
- Educational programs that destigmatize intimate partner violence and break the cycle of violence for teens and adults.
- Cutting edge professional development for staff to maintain the highest level of services and programs.
- Effective and safe, HIPAA compliant technology to ensure client privacy and safety.

As we enter a holiday season tinged with complicated fears, we believe everyone deserves to be safe. Please join the movement to end IPV by donating to JCADA and helping us continue to empower victims and survivors and ensure safe communities.

Best Wishes,

Amanda Katz
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Executive Director
President

*IPV is abuse or coercion that occurs in a romantic relationship and can be perpetrated by both current or former spouses, dating partners, and regular sexual partners. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men experience severe intimate partner violence in their lifetime, which means that most everyone knows someone who has been abused or has witnessed abuse. We each have the power to positively impact not only those who are closest to us, but also members of our community who need our support.