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>> WELCOME TO OUR SESSION.

>> WE WILL BE STARTING SOON IN FIVE MINUTES.

[ECHO]

>> AND WE'RE GOING TO BE WORKING ON THAT FEEDBACK.

SO IN THE MEANTIME, FEEL FREE TO INTRODUCE YOURSELVES
IN THE CHAT AND REMEMBER THAT THE CHAT IS PUBLIC, AND
ANYBODY CAN READ WHATEVER YOU'RE POSTING.

SO OUR PRESENTERS, MAKE SURE THAT YOU'RE MUTING YOUR
LAPTOPS AND YOUR COMPUTERS.

>> WHAT IS THAT NOISE?

>> THAT USUALLY HAPPENS WHEN YOUR LAPTOP IS NOT MUTED.
THE LAPTOP -- HOW DO WE MUTE THE LAPTOP?

>> OKAY.

SO RIGHT NOW EVERYBODY CAN HEAR US AND I KNOW THAT SOME
OF OUR FRIENDS WERE ASKING ABOUT AUDIO.
AND WE WERE HAVING SOME TECHNICAL ISSUES, THAT'S WHY
YOU COULDN'T HEAR US.

SO RIGHT NOW WE ARE ALMOST GETTING READY TO START AS
SOON AS WE START RECORDING THE SESSION.

SO THANK YOU, EVERYBODY, FOR JOINING US TODAY.

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>> GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY.

MY NAME IS IVONNE ORTIZ.

I AM THE TRAINING INSTITUTE MANAGER FOR THE NATIONAL
RESOURCE CENTER ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

I WANT TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO OUR WEBINAR TODAY
TITLED HONORING SURVIVORS' SPIRITUAL NEEDS, SUPPORTING
JEWISH, CATHOLIC, AND MUSLIM SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE.

WE ARE SO HAPPY THAT YOU'RE JOINING US TODAY AND WE ARE
EXTREMELY, EXTREMELY EXCITED AND HAPPY TO HAVE THREE
AMAZING ADVOCATES WITH US TODAY.

AND I'M GOING TO BE INTRODUCING THEM.

WE HAVE DEBORAH ROSENBLUM, SHE IS THE CHIEF PROGRAM
OFFICER FOR JEWISH WOMEN INTERNATIONAL AND SHE'S
RESPONSIBLE FOR DIRECTING AND IMPLEMENTING JWI'S
PROGRAMMATIC -- TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND
GIRLS.

FOR OVER A DECADE DEBORAH HAS LED JWI IN EFFORTS WHICH
INCLUDES ENGAGING THE JEWISH AND INTERFAITH COMMUNITIES

IN -- AND RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT.

PROVIDING TRAINING TO COMMUNITIES, EMPOWERING MEN AND BOYS TO BE ALLIES, ADVOCATING FOR ANTIVIOLENCE LEGISLATION -- WOMEN TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC SECURITY AND COLLABORATING WITH DIVERSE ORGANIZATIONS.

DEBORAH IS AN EXPERIENCED TRAINER AND SHE ATTENDED

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HEBREW UNIVERSITY IN JERUSALEM.

SHE HOLDS A BA CUM LAUDE AND, AND A MASTER'S FROM THE SCHOOL OF CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

WELCOME, DEBORAH.

WE ALSO WANT TO WELCOME SHARON O'BRIEN.

SHE IS THE COFOUNDER AND CHIEF PROGRAM OFFICER FOR THE FAMILY PEACE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH INITIATIVE.

THE ORIGINAL MEMBER OF INTERFAITH COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE, COLLABORATIVE PARTNER WITH OTHER FAITH LEADERS WHO ADDRESS DOMESTIC ABUSE, INCLUDING (INDISCERNIBLE) SHE IS AN AUTHOR, A CONSULTANT, A RESEARCHER, AND INTERNATIONAL PRESENTER ON RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC ABUSE.

WELCOME, SHARON.

>> HI.

GLAD TO BE HERE.

>> AND ALSO I WANT TO INTRODUCE TO ALL OF YOU SAMAN QURAESHI.

SHE IS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SECRETARY FOR PEACEFUL FAMILIES PROJECT.

SAMAN QURAESHI IS THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR AT -- FOUNDATION.

SHE RECEIVED HER BACHELOR'S AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH

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FLORIDA IN COMMUNICATIONS AND IS CURRENTLY PURSUING HER MASTER'S IN SOCIAL WORK AND CONFLICT ANALYSIS.

SAMAN IS INTERESTED IN GENDER VIOLENCE AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.

SHE HAS BEEN WORKING IN THE NON-PROFIT SECTOR FOR OVER 10 YEARS AND FEELS PASSIONATELY ABOUT THE EMPOWERMENT OF MUSLIM WOMEN.

SHE WORKS FOR THE NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION COUNCIL ON ISLAM -- ISLAMIC AMERICAN RELATIONS AND WAS ALSO THE YOUNGEST BOARD MEMBER FOR THE JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER ON THE COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY AND JUSTICE.

SO LADIES, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SAYING YES.

AT THE NRCDV WE VALUE THE KNOWLEDGE FROM ALL THE ADVOCATES AROUND US.

AND THAT'S WHY WE SHOW UP TODAY, AND YOU ARE THE

PERFECT, PERFECT PRESENTERS FOR OUR WEBINAR.

SO SINCE THERE'S THREE OF YOU, I'M GOING TO SHORTEN THE INTRODUCTION AND I JUST WANT TO GIVE YOU THE FLOOR.

YOU'VE GOT THE FLOOR, LADIES.

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, IVONNE.

THANK YOU, NRCDV, AND THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES, SAMAN AND SHARON.

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE PRESENTING WITH YOU.

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OUR ORGANIZATIONS ARE MEMBERS OF THE INTERFAITH COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, WHICH WAS FOUNDED IN 2008 AND IS A GROUP OF ABOUT 40 ORGANIZATIONS WORKING ON THESE ISSUES, PRIMARILY IN THE AREA OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION.

BUT IT'S MADE US ALL REALIZE HOW MUCH WE HAVE IN COMMON AND HOW WE ALL STRIVE TO CREATE A JUST WORLD WHERE THERE IS NO VIOLENCE AND WHERE GENDER BASED VIOLENCE DOESN'T EXIST.

WE ARE GOING TO BE SHARING WITH YOU TODAY THE EXPERIENCES OF WOMEN OF FAITH, OF PEOPLE OF FAITH WHO ARE SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE WAYS THAT ADVOCATES AND FAITH LEADERS CAN BEST SUPPORT THEM.

SO THE FIRST QUESTION WE HAVE IS REALLY WHY DOES FAITH MATTER?

WHO CARES?

AND IT'S THE WAY PEOPLE -- INTERPRET WHAT HAPPENS IN OUR LIVES.

WE SEE IT THROUGH THE LENS OF OUR HOLY TEXTS, OF WHAT WE BELIEVE GOD WANTS OF US, THE WAY WE LIVE OUR LIVES IT, REALLY INFORMS THE VALUES AND STRUCTURE OF OUR LIVES IN VERY, VERY DEEP WAYS.

IT'S A SOURCE OF IDENTITY, AND IT'S A HUGE SOURCE OF COMMUNITY.

I MYSELF AM A MEMBER OF THE MODERN ORTHODOX JEWISH

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COMMUNITY HERE IN WASHINGTON, DC.

IT'S WHERE I FIND MY FRIENDS, MY COLLEAGUES, MY PRAYER CIRCLE.

REALLY ADDS TO THE MEANING OF MY LIFE TO BE PART OF A STRONG FAITH COMMUNITY, AND IF THAT WERE TAKEN AWAY FROM ME, I WOULD BE DEVASTATED.

AND WHAT WE WANT TO DO TODAY IS TO HELP ADVOCATES UNDERSTAND THE BEST WAY THAT THEY CAN SUPPORT, THAT EACH OF YOU CAN SUPPORT THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS THAT YOU ARE WORKING WITH.

SO THE OBJECTIVES REALLY FOR TODAY'S EVENT IS TO

UNDERSTAND HOW FAITH CAN BE A RESOURCE OR A BARRIER.
AND FOR SOME PEOPLE, IT CAN BE A BARRIER IN SEEKING
HELP.

AND WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT LATER.

IT CAN ALSO BE AN ENORMOUS RESOURCE WHEN FAITH LEADERS
CAN BE ON BOARD AND WHEN ADVOCATES CAN BE HELPFUL IN
THAT, FAITH CAN BE A RESOURCE TO HELP SURVIVORS SEEKING
SAFETY, SAFETY, HEALING, AND WHOLENESS.

WE'RE HOPING THAT EACH OF YOU GAIN SOME INSIGHT INTO
THE FAITH-SPECIFIC UNDERSTANDINGS, THERE ARE WAY TOO
MANY TO BE ABLE TO COVER TODAY, BUT JUST SOME INSIGHT.
AND I REALLY THINK THAT ONE OF THE GOALS TODAY IS TO,
WHAT WE KNOW IS THAT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT OF FAITH,
IT CAN BE A LITTLE BIT FRIGHTENING TO TALK TO PEOPLE OF

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FAITH BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO OFFEND OR YOU'RE JUST
LIKE A LITTLE BIT NERVOUS ABOUT WHAT'S THE LANGUAGE
AND, YOU KNOW, I'M NOT A PERSON OF FAITH, IS THAT
PERSON GOING TO RESPECT ME IN THE WAYS THAT I DESERVE
TO BE RESPECTED OR I AM A PERSON OF FAITH, IS THAT
OTHER OPINION GOING TO UNDERSTAND WHO I AM AND WHERE
I'M COMING FROM.

SO WE WANT TO REALLY ENCOURAGE EACH OF YOU NOT TO BE
AFRAID, NOT TO BE FRIGHTENED OF THAT, TO ASK QUESTIONS

AND TO LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT EACH OF THE FAITHS SO THAT YOU CAN GO FORWARD AND DO YOUR WORK IN THE BEST WAY THAT YOU CAN.

AND ALSO, WE WANT TO HELP YOU LEARN HOW TO STRATEGIZE, HOW TO ENGAGE FAITH LEADERS.

FAITH LEADERS CAN BE A TREMENDOUS ALLY AND ALSO A TREMENDOUS ROAD BLOCK AND OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE THEM ALLIES.

YEARS AGO WHEN JWI STARTED OUR WORK IN THE AREA OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE WE WERE REALLY NOT WELCOME AT THE TABLE BECAUSE IT WAS UNDERSTOOD OR THOUGHT IN THE DV FIELD SPECIFICALLY THAT FAITH WAS A BARRIER.

THAT TOO OFTEN FAITH LEADERS SAID GO BACK HOME, STAY HOME, YOU MARRIED THAT PERSON, YOUR RELATIONSHIP AND THE PRIME VALUE OF OUR COMMUNITY IS FAMILIES, AND SO YOU'RE STUCK AND WOULD USE TEXT AROUND THAT.

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AND NOW WE UNDERSTAND MUCH MORE HOW FAITH CAN BE A RESOURCE AND HOW A FAITH LEADER'S ATTITUDE CAN BE CRITICAL IN HELPING A SURVIVOR REACH SAFETY.

SO WE'RE EACH GOING TO BE TALKING TODAY IN THE ORDER OF WHAT WE CALL THE ABRAHAMIC FAITHS, SO EACH OF OUR FAITHS AND RELIGIONS, ABRAHAM, THE BIBLICAL FIGURE ABRAHAM IS A LEADER AND IS THE FATHER OF ALL OUR

FAITHS.

AND SO WE'RE GOING IN THE ORDER OF THE FOUNDINGS OF THE RELIGIONS, JUDAISM BEING THE OLDEST ONE, AND THEN WE'LL BE TALKING, AND THEN SHARON WILL BE TALKING ABOUT CHRISTIANITY AND SAMAN ABOUT ISLAM.

AND I JUST WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU THAT THAT'S THE REASON THAT WE ARE GOING IN THIS ORDER.

SO WE'RE GOING TO BE TALKING A LITTLE BIT ABOUT STEREOTYPES.

AND THIS IS AN INTERESTING EXERCISE.

I'D LIKE EVERYONE TO WRITE IN THE CHAT IF YOU WOULD, WHAT ARE YOUR FIRST THOUGHTS WHEN SOMEONE SAYS THE WORD "JEW" OR "JEWISH?"

" EACH OF US ARE GOING TO BE DOING THIS AND WE'LL SHARE WITH YOU WHY WE'RE DOING THIS AND DEBRIEF THESE WORDS.

SO IF EVERYBODY COULD JUST TAKE A MINUTE.

TRADITIONAL.

PERSECUTION.

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FAMILY ORIENTED.

DEVOUT.

OLD TESTAMENT.

STRONG BELIEFS.

FAMILY, PHILANTHROPIC.

HOLOCAUST.

PEOPLE ARE REALLY STILL TALKING, STILL WRITING, WHICH IS GREAT.

I'M JUST GOING TO GIVE IT ANOTHER -- DIVERSE.

OKAY.

THANK YOU.

OH, THE JEWISH STAR, THE SYMBOL.

THANK YOU ALL FOR SHARING AND FEEL FREE TO KEEP WRITING.

AND I'M GOING TO WORK -- I'M GOING TO START TALKING ABOUT WHY WE ASKED YOU THAT.

OFTEN STEREOTYPES CAN BE BARRIERS TO BEING ABLE TO SERVE THE CLIENT.

WE HAVE PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS OF WHAT THAT CLIENT IS BRINGING IN IF WE RECOGNIZE THAT THAT SURVIVOR IS A PERSON OF FAITH.

AND CAN BE LESS LIKELY TO WANT TO HELP THAT PERSON BASED ON THOSE STEREOTYPES.

I WANT TO EXPLAIN A LITTLE BIT, THE STEREOTYPES THAT ACTUALLY WERE VERY KIND, WE'VE HEARD SOME NOT AS KIND

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STEREOTYPES IN OTHER PRESENTATIONS THAT WAS DONE.

>> RIGHT.

>> RIGHT?

FAMILY ORIENTED, AND SOME OF THESE ARE BARRIERS TO SEEKING HELP.

SO WE SAID FAMILY ORIENT ASKED TOTALLY TRUE, I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY TRUE OF ANY FAITH, YOU KNOW, ANY COMMUNITY, BUT FAMILY ORIENTED AND THAT CAN BE PRESSURES THEN ON WANTING TO STAY AND NOT DISRUPT THAT FAMILY.

HOLOCAUST IS REALLY IMPORTANT.

OVER A THIRD OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE WERE MURDERED IN THE HOLOCAUST ONLY 70 YEARS AGO.

AND ANTI-SEMITISM IS A HUGE FACTOR IN THAT BECAUSE A THIRD OF THE PEOPLE BEING MURDERED IN EUROPE, SUCH A SHORT TIME AGO.

MY OWN PARENTS ARE SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST, WITH ANTI-SEMITISM BEING SUCH A HUGE FACTOR, PEOPLE CAN BE REALLY RELUCTANT TO TALK ABOUT OTHER THINGS THAT HAPPEN IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY THAT ARE NEGATIVE.

AND THAT CAN BE A REAL REASON WHY MEME DON'T WANT TO STEP FORWARD ESPECIALLY WITH SECULAR PROVIDERS BECAUSE THERE'S A BIG FEAR OF LIKE SHARING DIRTY LAUNDRY, SO TO

SPEAK.

ANTI-SEMITISM IS AT ITS PEAK RIGHT NOW IN THE UNITED STATES WITH RECENT STUDIES SAYING IT'S THE HIGHEST IT'S BEEN IN FOUR DECADES.

345% OF AMERICAN JEWS SAY THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS AND -- OUTWARD INDICATIONS OF THEM BEING JEWISH.

AND I KNOW THAT'S TRUE FOR MY FAMILY AS WELL.

KIND, PHILANTHROPIC.

THOSE ARE WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.

AND I THINK THAT WE CAN MOVE ONTO THE NEXT SLIDE.

I'M GOING TO SHARE WITH YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY.

SO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IS NOT HOMOGENOUS BY ANY STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION.

RECENT STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT ACTUALLY ABOUT 12% OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, WHICH COMPRISES ABOUT 2% OF THE UNITED STATES, 12% OF THAT 2% ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR.

AND THAT IS FASCINATING.

PEOPLE CONVERT IN, PEOPLE ARE BORN IN, PEOPLE ARE FROM -- PEOPLE FROM ETHIOPIA, UGANDA, PLACES FROM AFRICA ARE HERE.

PEOPLE FROM -- IT'S A VERY DIVERSE GROUP.

WE HAVE A LOT OF HISPANICS, LATINA MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY.

PEOPLE FROM IRAN, THE MIDDLE EAST.

MANY LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN.

RUSSIAN, HUGE IMMIGRATION FROM RUSSIA, FROM IRAN, FROM MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES, AND FROM PLACES REALLY ALL AROUND THE WORLD.

SO OFTEN PEOPLE WILL THINK, WELL, MOST JEWS ARE FROM EUROPE, MOST JEWS LOOK LIKE ME, AND IT'S ABSOLUTELY NOT TRUE.

SO WE CAN'T MAKE ANY ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT WHO IS OR WHO ISN'T A JEW WHEN YOU SEE SOMEBODY.

AND YOU HEAR EVEN THEIR LAST NAME OR ANY KIND OF APPEARANCE.

SO WHO ARE THESE JEWS?

ABOUT 10% ARE ORTHODOX, ORTHODOX IS THE MOST OBSERVANT PORTION OF THE COMMUNITY.

CONSERVATIVE IS LESS, AND REFORM OR REALLY MODERATELY OBSERVANT BUT STILL OBSERVANT AND MEMBERS OF SYNAGOGUE IS 35%.

AND JUST JEWISH, CULTURALLY JEWISH, NOT EVEN CULTURALLY, BUT BORN INTO THE JEWISH STATE.

-- RECENT REPORTS THAT 70% OF NONORTHODOX JEWS ARE INTERMARRIED INTO OTHER FAITHS.

AND SOMETIMES THAT OTHER PERSON OR PARTNER WILL CONVERT AND BECOME A MEMBER OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, AND

SOMETIMES THE JEWISH PARTNER WILL CONVERT INTO THE

OTHER PERSON'S FAITH.

BUT AT ANY RATE, FAMILIES ARE MUCH MORE COMPLEX THAN
THEY WERE CERTAINLY 30, 40 YEARS AGO.

WE'RE A VERY TIGHT COMMUNITY, VERY TIGHTLY NETWORKED
WITH 3,000 SYNAGOGUES AROUND THE COUNTRY AND EVERY
COMMUNITY HAVING A COMMUNITY BASED FEDERATION THAT
SUPPORTS THE WORK BEING DONE IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY
AND IN THE NON-JEWISH COMMUNITY WITHIN THAT LOCAL
STRUCTURE.

KIDS GO TO SCHOOLS AND SUMMER CAMPS, THERE'S A NATIONAL
YOUTH MOVEMENT AND EVERYBODY SEEMS TO KNOW EACH OTHER.
SO YOU CAN UNDERSTAND WHY THAT'S WONDERFUL BECAUSE I
KNOW EVERYBODY AND IT'S TERRIBLE BECAUSE I KNOW
EVERYBODY.

AND SO IT CAN BE A BARRIER TO SEEKING SAFETY AND IT CAN
ALSO BE A TREMENDOUS SUPPORT IF THE COMMUNITY
UNDERSTANDS WHAT'S GOING ON AND HAS TOOLS AND RESOURCES
TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS AND THE FAMILIES EXPERIENCING
ABUSE.

OBSERVANT JEWS ARE GUIDED BY RELIGIOUS LAWS THROUGHOUT
THEIR DAY FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF THE DAY WHEN THEY
START WITH MORNING PRAYERS TO THINGS THEY EAT TO

MARITAL RELATIONS -- EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT TO AN HOUR AFTER SUNSET.

I MYSELF WE DON'T DRIVE, USE THE TELEPHONE, USE THE

RADIO, WATCH TELEVISION.

USE MONEY, IT'S REALLY A TIME FOR FAMILY, FOR GREAT MEALS, FOR GOING TO SYNAGOGUE PRE-COVID AND FOR ALL THE WAYS THAT FAMILIES CAN REALLY BE EMPOWERED THROUGH KIND OF RELAXING TOGETHER, STUDYING TOGETHER, AND JUST BEING TOGETHER.

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE, THERE'S ABOUT 13 DAYS OF HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE DURING THE YEAR WHERE SIMILAR RULES APPLY.

SYNAGOGUE IS THE HOUSE OF WORSHIP AND RABBIS ARE SPIRITUAL LEADERS.

RABBIS COME IN MANY VARIETIES AND ARE MEN AND WOMEN, ALTHOUGH IN MORE OBSERVANT COMMUNITIES, THE RABBIS WILL BE MEN.

THE TORAH, FIVE BOOKS OF MOSES, OLD TESTAMENT, -- THE BOOK OF DIVINE LAW, AND THE 10 COMMANDMENTS ARE A CENTRAL PIECE OF THE TORAH, FIVE BOOKS OF MOSES.

AND THE TALMUD WHICH WAS COMPILED OVER GENERATIONS OF RABBIS DISCUSSING WHAT DOES THE TORAH MEAN AND IT CONTAINS ALL THE LEGAL ARGUMENTS AND ALL THE LEGAL RATIFICATIONS OF HOW THE TORAH SHOULD BE INTERPRETED

AND ENACTED THROUGHOUT OUR LIFE.
SO THAT IS A LITTLE SNIPPET OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY.
I HOPE IT HELPS YOU UNDERSTAND A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT
WHO'S A JEW, WHAT IS A JEW, AND HOW WE WORSHIP.
AND I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO SHARON.

>> AND THANK YOU, DEBORAH.
AND INDEED, SO I'LL SPEND A FEW MINUTES TALKING ABOUT
CATHOLICS AND CHRISTIANS, AND IT'S SUCH AN HONOR THAT
JEWS ARE OUR ANCESTORS IN FAITH.
I LIKE THAT PHRASE THAT WE INDEED COME OUT OF THE
JEWISH RELIGION.
SO JUST LIKE WITH ASKING THE QUESTION OF THE JEWISH
RELIGION, IF PEOPLE WOULD TELL US WHAT ARE YOUR FIRST
THOUGHTS, PARTICULARLY WHEN SOMEONE SAYS "CATHOLIC"?
CATHOLICS ARE CHRISTIAN, BUT THIS PARTICULAR WEBINAR IS
ABOUT CATHOLIC SURVIVORS, SO WHAT ARE YOUR FIRST
THOUGHTS WHEN SOMEONE SAYS CATHOLIC?
OR CHRISTIAN IF YOU HAVE A PARTICULAR OPINION ABOUT
THAT.
AND LET'S SEE WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING.
SO DOGMA, STRICT, STRONGLY ADHERES TO TRADITIONAL
PRACTICES.

SAINTS, RIGHT?

I'LL HAVE TO ASK MY COLLEAGUES, WE ARE BIG ON SAINTS.
I DON'T KNOW THAT JEWS AND MUSLIMS ARE, BUT WE COULD
FIND THAT OUT.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

THERE ARE LIKE 16 ASPECTS OF CATHOLICISM, BUT ROMAN
CATHOLIC IS THE LARGEST.

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THERE IS THE EASTERN ORTHODOX.

CATHOLIC IS ORIGINAL.

BAPTISM, RELIGIOUS ROUTINES.

WE HAVE -- SACRAMENTS.

WE DO BELIEVE THAT LIFE BEGINS FROM CONCEPTION TO
NATURAL DEATH AND ABSOLUTELY INCLUDES THE EXPERIENCE OF
LIVING WITH A SPOUSE, THE WHOLE BUSINESS OF BEING SAFE
AND DATING THEM AND BEING MARRIED.

HOLY TRINITY, WE BELIEVE IN, I'LL SAY THIS AGAIN THAT
WE BELIEVE THAT THERE'S THREE PERSONS IN ONE GOD.

OH, THANK YOU, CATHOLIC ARE NOT THE SAME AS BORN AGAIN
CHRISTIAN.

OKAY.

THANKS.

RIGHT, INTERNATIONAL.

RIGHT.

CATHOLICISM IS UNIVERSAL.

WE HAVE ONE LEADER, THE POPE, RIGHT?

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

OKAY.

LOTS OF CHARITY.

YES, LOTS OF CHARITY WORK.

GOOD.

OKAY.

ANTI-CHOICE IS A PERCEPTION.

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THANK YOU FOR SHARING.

SPIRITUAL ABUSE.

OF COURSE.

ABSOLUTELY, OUR BIG SHAME IS ALL THE -- WELL, EXCUSE ME, YOU SAID SPIRITUAL ABUSE, THERE IS SPIRITUAL ABUSE, I WAS THINKING CLERGY ABUSE WHICH MAY NOT BE WHAT YOU WERE THINKING.

BUT YEAH.

OKAY.

WELL, SO JUST LIKE DEBORAH SAID THAT IF YOU HAVE A SURVIVOR WHO IS INTERESTED IN THEIR FAITH, IS, SEES LIFE, LIVES LIFE FROM A PERSPECTIVE OF THEIR FAITH, SO IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT THAT YOU ARE CURIOUS ABOUT CATHOLICISM AND IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS THAT

YOU COULD CALL US, AS A MATTER OF FACT.

I THINK THEY RECOMMEND THAT YOU DON'T ACTUALLY ASK THE PERSON, IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND SOME THEOLOGY OR SOME ISSUE.

BUT THESE PERCEPTIONS, THESE FIRST THOUGHTS WOULD INDEED, NATURALLY THEY INFLUENCE HOW YOU WOULD INTERACT WITH A SURVIVOR THAT'S IN FRONT OF YOU.

SO THANKS FOR SHARING.

AND LET ME TELL YOU A BIT ABOUT CATHOLICISM.

AND THE CATHOLICS ARE CHRISTIANS, CHRISTIAN MEANING FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST WHO WAS A JEW.

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AND CHRISTIANS PRIMARILY ARE CATHOLIC, OR ELSE PROTESTANT.

AND THIS PARTICULAR SLIDE SHOWS THAT IN THE UNITED STATES CATHOLICS COULD BE CONSIDERED A MINORITY, RIGHT? CATHOLICS ARE 20.8% OF THE POPULATION.

AND BUT THEN PROTESTANTS ARE ALMOST 50% OF THE POPULATION, WE'VE BROKEN IT DOWN A BIT HERE.

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT, HISTORICALLY BLACK PROTESTANT, AND MORMON, ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN, JEHOVAH WITNESSES, AND PEOPLE WHO IDENTIFY AS OTHER ACCOUNT FOR 3.3%.

THIS IS BASED ON THE PEW RESEARCH WHICH WE REFERENCE THE LINK IN THE NEXT SLIDE.

SO TO BE A CHRISTIAN MEANS TO BE A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST
AND PEOPLE ARE GENERALLY EITHER CATHOLIC OR THEY ARE
PROTESTANT OF SOME DENOMINATION.

AND THEN WE, WHAT UNITES CHRISTIANS ARE THESE FOUR
BASIC BELIEFS.

THAT WE DO INDEED IN ONE GOD AND THREE DIVINE PERSONS,
GOD THE FATHER, JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD AND THE
HOLY SPIRIT.

-- -- WONDERED BY CHRISTIANS WORSHIP JESUS AND IT'S
BECAUSE WE BELIEVE JESUS IS GOD.

AND OUR COLLEAGUES ARE JEWISH AND MUSLIM COLLEAGUES
WOULD BELIEVE HE WAS A PROPHET, HE WAS A GOOD MAN, BUT
WE BELIEVE THAT HE'S GOD.

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SO THAT'S THE DISTINCT DIFFERENCE.

WE, THE STORY, THE HISTORY IS THAT GOD BECAME A HUMAN
BEING IN JESUS OF NAZARETH, PREACHED THE MESSAGE OF
MERCY AND LOVE, YOU MIGHT BE FAMILIAR WITH BEAT
QUIETUDES, THERE ARE LOTS OF TEACHINGS.

AND WAS EXECUTED, ROSE FROM THE DEATH WHICH IS VERY
IMPORTANT TO US AND ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN.

SO THOSE ARE ALL VERY CRITICAL THEOLOGICAL BELIEFS FOR
US.

GOD'S WORD IS FOUND IN THE BIBLE WHICH INCLUDES THE

JEWISH, HEBREW SCRIPTURES, GOSPELS, THE NEW TESTAMENT AND THEN LETTERS OF THE EARLY APOSTLES AFTER CHRIST ASCENDED.

CATHOLICS ARE ORGANIZED AROUND, ARE UNIVERSAL AND THE POPE IS OUR LEADER.

OUR CHRISTIAN, OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS VARY IN THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES, AND UNDERSTANDING OF CHURCH AUTHORITY.

BUT FOR CATHOLICS WE HAVE ONE LEADER, POPE FRANCIS, WHO HAS A LOT TO SAY ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

WE ABSOLUTELY ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO TO OUR WEBSITE CATHOLICSFORFAMILYPEACE.ORG BECAUSE WE TRY TO TRACK HIS COMMENTS.

HE HAS SAID MORE ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HOW WRONG AND INAPPROPRIATE IT IS AND HOW WE ARE CALLED TO

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ADDRESS IT.

JUST TO GIVE YOU A SENSE OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE UNITED STATES, INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH CATHOLICS ARE AS A SUBGROUP ARE PRETTY MUCH IN LINE WITH THE ENTIRE CHRISTIAN GROUPS.

AND SO MEANING THAT RELIGION IS VERY IMPORTANT OR SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT TO MOST CHRISTIANS, THEIR RELIGION IS IMPORTANT IN THEIR LIVES.

AND THE MARITAL STATUS, YOU CAN SEE HERE THAT GENERALLY
HALF ARE MARRIED.

DIVORCE FOR CATHOLICS IS JUST A LITTLE LESS, IT'S 12%,
BUT THAT'S PRETTY CLOSE TO 14%, OR NEVER MARRIED, SO
SINGLE.

SO THAT'S JUST A SNAPSHOT ABOUT CATHOLICISM AND
CHRISTIANITY IN THE UNITED STATES.

AND NOW I'D LIKE OUR DEAR COLLEAGUE SAMAN TO TALK ABOUT
MUSLIM AND ISLAM.

>> HELLO, EVERYONE.

YES, SO NOW WE COME LAST BUT NOT LEAST I WOULD LIKE TO
OFFER THE SAME EXERCISE TO WHAT ARE YOUR FIRST THOUGHTS
WHEN SOMEONE SAYS THE WORDS "MUSLIM" AND/OR "ISLAM"?
SO PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TYPE AWAY.

OKAY.

I'M SEEING INCREDIBLY DIVERSE.

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HIJAB.

PEACEFUL.

GENEROUS.

PEACE, LOYALTY, DEDICATION.

ALLAH.

GENEROUS, ISLAMAPHOBIA.

RELIGIOUS, RAMADAN, EID, CALL TO PRAYER.

WASHABI, HIJAB, PEACE, RAMADAN.

YOU GUYS ARE BEING AWFULLY KIND.

FAMILY.

>> I THINK THIS MUST BE A VERY INFORMED GROUP ABOUT
PEOPLE'S FAITHS.

YEAH.

>> UNJUST PERSECUTION.

BASICALLY LOVING RELIGION BUT HAS SOME RADICALS WHICH
GIVE IT A BAD NAME.

MANY COUNTRIES.

DIVERSE ACROSS CULTURES.

FOREIGN.

MIDDLE EASTERN, NORTH AFRICAN OR INDONESIAN.

MALCOLM AND RAMADAN, NO FREEDOM, WOMEN HAVE LIMITED
RIGHTS, STEREOTYPE OF OPPRESSED WOMEN.

OKAY.

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SO, THANK YOU, AND I'LL KEEP, IMAMS, I'LL KEEP KIND OF
GLANCING BACK.

SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU MENTIONED WERE SOME OF THE
HOLIDAYS, LIKE I SAW RAMADAN, WHICH OF COURSE IS A

RELIGIOUS AND IMPORTANT HOLIDAY FOR MUSLIMS, THAT'S WHEN WE FAST, 30 DAYS OF FASTING.

I SAW HIJAB COME UP.

I ALSO AM A VISIBLY MUSLIM WOMAN IN THAT I ALSO WEAR THE HIJAB, SO THE HIJAB IS A VEIL OR COVERING, A SCARF THAT MUSLIM WOMEN OBSERVE.

OPPRESSED WOMEN IS SOMETHING THAT HAS COME UP AND WOMEN HAVE LIMITED RIGHTS.

SO OF COURSE ISLAM IS A RELIGION THAT IS EXPANSIVE WHICH INCLUDES MANY CULTURES AND MANY POPULATIONS.

ISLAM ITSELF DOES NOT OPPRESS WOMEN, THERE IS A HUGE, ONE OF THE MAJOR FRAMEWORKS OF ISLAM IS SOCIAL JUSTICE IS A BIG DRIVING FORCE FOR HOW WE VIEW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR LIVES.

WHAT IS IN FACT OPPRESSIVE IS WHEN A WOMAN DOESN'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE.

SO THE HIJAB, THE PIECE OF C IS NOT NECESSARILY OPPRESSIVE, IT'S WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE.

AND SO IN OUR FAITH IT IS TOLD THAT YOU CANNOT FORCE ANYTHING UPON ANYONE.

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SO THAT IS ONE OF THE MISCONCEPTIONS, BUT AT THE SAME TIME THERE ARE CULTURES AND THERE ARE POLITICAL

MOVEMENTS THAT WE'VE SEEN THAT HAVE OPPRESSED WOMEN THROUGH THE HIJAB AND DIFFERENT GROUPS OF THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED, SO THAT IS ALSO ACCURATE.

ALSO, ONE OF THE THINGS I JUST WANT TO MENTION IS ISLAMAPHOBIA CAME UP IN ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS SAID THAT, AND WE KNOW THAT THERE IS A CONCENTRATED EFFORT TO REALLY DEMONIZE AND OTHER-IZE MUSLIMS, ESPECIALLY HERE IN THE WEST, THERE'S KIND OF LIKE THIS NARRATIVE OF THESE CIVILIZATIONS AND MUSLIMS IN AND THE WEST CANNOT COEXIST OR HAVE NOT COEXISTED.

AND THAT'S NOT TRUE AND IS INCREDIBLY HARMFUL TO SURVIVORS COMING TO MAINSTREAM PROVIDERS TO SEEK SAFETY FROM VIOLENCE THAT IS HAPPENING IN THEIR HOMES.

THANK YOU SO MUCH AGAIN FOR SHARING ALL OF YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT MUSLIM AND ISLAM.

I'LL DO A BRIEF PRESENTATION LIKE MY COLLEAGUES DID, AND SO WE'LL MOVE ON.

SO TO GIVE YOU A SNAPSHOT OF WHAT THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED STATES LOOKS LIKE, AS MANY OF YOU HAVE PROBABLY INTERACTED WITH A MUSLIM SURVIVOR AT SOME POINT, WE ARE 1 TO 2% OF THE TOTAL U.S. POPULATION. WE ARE KNOWN AS ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE FAITH GROUPS IN THE U.S.

AND EVERYTHING IS CITED THERE.

WITH THE LARGEST GROUPS OF MUSLIMS BEING FROM THE SOUTH ASIAN CONTINENT, ARAB IMMIGRANTS, AND AFRICAN AMERICANS.

75% OF THE COMMUNITY ARE IMMIGRANTS OR CHILDREN OF IMMIGRANTS.

82% ARE AMERICAN CITIZENS, AND THERE'S A GROWING NUMBER OF WHITE, LATINO AND CARIBBEAN CONVERTS.

OVERALL IN THE WORLD IT'S ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING RELIGIONS.

SO I THINK WHAT I WANT WHAT, I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO TAKE AWAY FROM THIS JUST SNAPSHOT OF WHAT THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED STATES LOOK LIKE IS THAT WE ARE NOT HOMOGENOUS JUST LIKE MY COLLEAGUES SAID AS FAR AS THEIR COMMUNITY.

WE ARE INCREDIBLY DIVERSE, AND IT IS REALLY ENCOMPASSING OF MANY DIFFERENT CULTURES.

AND ONE MISCONCEPTIONS, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE BECAUSE OF THE MEDIA CONSTANTLY PORT RAYING ARABS AS BEING MUSLIMS.

ARABS ARE JUST A SEGMENT OF THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY.

THE LARGEST MUSLIM COMMUNITY COMES FROM INDONESIA, PAKISTAN AND INDIA.

THERE'S OFTEN ERASURE -- AND LIKE A HYPER AWARENESS OF ARABS.

I WANT TO ALSO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THERE'S

HISTORICALLY, U.S. ISLAM IS NOT A NEW RELIGION IN THE UNITED STATES, IT HAS ACTUALLY BEEN HERE AS FAR AS WHEN SLAVERY FIRST BEGAN IN AMERICA.

SO MUSLIMS HAVE BEEN IN AMERICA FOR A LONG TIME, BUT THERE'S KIND OF AN ERASURE AROUND AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSLIMS AND BLACK MUSLIMS.

SO I JUST WANTED TO POINT THAT OUT AS WE GO THROUGH THE SLIDE.

MY PARTICULAR EXPERTISE BECAUSE I AM FROM THAT POPULATION IS THE IMMIGRANT MUSLIM COMMUNITY.

SO I HAVE MORE EXPERIENCE WITH THAT COMMUNITY.

SO JUST A BASIC SNAPSHOT AGAIN BECAUSE IT'S SO HARD TO ENCOMPASS ALL OF THIS IN THE SLIDES, BUT ISLAM MEANS PEACE AND MUSLIMS ARE THE PEOPLE THAT FOLLOW ISLAM, AND THAT LITERALLY MEANS THE PERSON WHO SUBMITS TO GOD.

SO I WENT LAST IN THE ORDER OF THE ABRAHAMIC FAITHS BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN ALL THE PROPHETS OF JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY.

SO WE FROM JESUS, MOSES, ABRAHAM, TAKE ALL THE PROPHETS THAT HAVE COME THROUGH THESE TWO WONDERFUL FAITHS, WE BELIEVE IN.

OUR MOST CENTRAL TENANT IS THAT WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD AND WE BELIEVE THAT THE LAST MUHAMMAD IS THE PROPHET

MUHAMMAD.

AND THE BOOK THAT REALLY GUIDES OUR DAY TO DAY LIVES IN

WHICH WE DRAW RELIGIOUS LAW FROM IS THE QURAN.

AND JUST AS, SINCE THERE'S A LOT OF MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT GENDER INEQUITY, I WANTED TO JUST READ ONE OF THE VERSES DESCRIBED IN THE QURAN THAT WOMEN AND MEN ARE PARTNERS AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT MARRIAGE, THE HUSBAND AND WIFE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE GARMENTS FOR ONE ANOTHER, AND IT IDENTIFIES MUTUAL LOVE AND MERCY AS THE FOUNDATIONS OF MARRIAGE WITH THE GOAL OF TRANQUILITY. AGAIN, THIS IS JUST SCRATCHING THE SURFACE, BUT IT IS NOT, IT WOULD BE REALLY HELPFUL I THINK AS ADVOCATES FOR YOU TO REFERENCE SOME MORE ABOUT THE HOLIDAYS, INCLUDING RAMADAN AND EID, AS THAT COULD DIRECTLY IMPACT SURVIVORS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE IN SHELTER, WHO ARE SEEKING SERVICES.

AND I'VE ACTUALLY WRITTEN A GUIDE AND THAT IS GOING TO BE SHARED, WILL BE SHARED BY THE ORGANIZERS OF THIS WEBINAR FOR YOU TO REFERENCE IN THE FUTURE.

>> THANK YOU, SAMAN, FOR WRAPPING UP OUR PRESENTATION OF THE THREE RELIGIONS.

A LENS WHICH THE -- OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE MAY

JUST WONDER WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH JEWS, CATHOLICS, AND MUSLIMS, SO THANKS FOR WRAPPING US UP ON THAT PART OF IT.

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THE NEXT QUESTION WE WANT TO EXPLORE IT WHETHER THERE

-- WHAT ARE THE UNIQUE WAYS THAT PEOPLE OF FAITH EXPERIENCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS WE HAVE LEARNED, CERTAINLY YOU AS ADVOCATES KNOW, AND THE RESEARCHERS IN THE CROWD KNOW THAT WE HAVE COME TO REALIZE THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PRETTY MUCH LOOKS THE SAME ACROSS ANY GROUP OF PEOPLE, ANY ECONOMIC GROUP, ANY FAITH, HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME UNIQUE WAYS THAT PEOPLE OF FAITH EXPERIENCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

AND WE'VE LISTED SOME OF THEM.

SO WE HAVE FOUR CATEGORIES, AND FEEL FREE TO ADD, WRITE IN THE CHAT OTHER WAYS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE WITNESSED, OBSERVED THAT THE SURVIVORS OF FAITH HAVE PRESENTED. SO WE'LL START FROM THE FAR RIGHT.

SO USING DIVORCE LAWS AS A CONTROL TACTIC.

I CAN -- IT'S A CLASSIC LINE OF CATHOLIC WOMEN TO HAVE BEEN TOLD, YOU'RE A CATHOLIC, SO YOU CAN'T GET DIVORCED.

YOU HAVE TO TOLERATE THIS NO MATTER WHAT I DO.

AND THAT IS ABSOLUTELY NOT TRUE.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS VERY CLEAR THAT SAFETY IS
PARAMOUNT IN A RELATIONSHIP.

AND THE BISHOPS OF THIS COUNTRY HAVE WRITTEN A
STATEMENT WHICH WE HAVE REFERENCED, IT'S ON OUR
WEBSITE, ALL THINGS CATHOLIC ARE ON OUR WEBSITE, BUT

THE STATEMENT IS VERY CLEAR.

IT SAYS THE PERSON BEING ASSAULTED NEEDS TO KNOW THAT
ACTING TO END THE ABUSE DOES NOT VIOLATE THE MARRIAGE
PROMISES.

SO THERE'S NO QUESTION, CATHOLICS DON'T HAVE ANY
QUESTION THAT THE DIVORCE, THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS
INAPPROPRIATE IN A MARRIAGE.

AND I'M HOLDING THIS, I'M TRYING TO HOLD THIS ITEM UP,
BUT IT'S GOING TO BE LISTED IN OUR RESOURCES.

BUT "WHEN I CALL FOR HELP." AND IT'S A SHORT 11-PAGE
STATEMENT ABOUT WHAT CATHOLICS LEAVE ABOUT DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE.

SO I WOULD DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO THAT.

ALSO, CATHOLICS DO GET, PEOPLE GET CONFUSED ABOUT
WHETHER, WELL, DO CATHOLICS DIVORCE?

I MEAN, WHAT'S THE DEAL?

I'M NOT A CANON LAWYER, BUT THE BISHOPS ONCE AGAIN DID

A PODCAST ABOUT DIVORCE, PARTICULARLY RELATED TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND IT'S CALLED WHEN LOVE MEANS LEAVING.

AND THAT'S GOING TO BE IN THE CHAT FOR YOU AS WELL. BUT IT'S A PODCAST AND IT'S CALLED WHEN LOVE MEANS LEAVING AND IT EXPLAINS OUR THINKING ABOUT MARRIAGE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

SO THAT'S ONE POINT.

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AND SO CONTROLLING OR INTERFERING -- LET'S LOOK AT THIS BOTTOM CIRCLE.

CONTROLLING OR INTERFERING WITH SURVIVOR'S RELIGIOUS PRACTICES OR ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE AND EDUCATION.

IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO SEE IF ANY OF YOU ARE WRITING IN ABOUT WHAT YOUR SURVIVORS HAVE SHARED ABOUT HOW THEY HAVE BEEN CONTROLLED.

I HAD A GOOD FRIEND WHO WASN'T ALLOWED TO HAVE ANYTHING RELIGIOUS IN THEIR HOUSE.

SHE WAS MARRIED TO, SHE WAS CATHOLIC, SHE WAS MARRIED TO A CHRISTIAN, BUT HE WOULDN'T ALLOW THE CRUCIFIX, WHICH IF YOU CAN SEE I HAVE A CRUCIFIX ON MY WALL HERE. SO NO CRUCIFIXES, NO ROSARIES, SHE COULD GO TO -- SHE COULD GO TO SUNDAY MASS BUT SHE ALSO HAD TO GO TO HIS PROTESTANT SERVICES.

SO IT WAS ALL ABOUT CONTROLLING, WHICH IS WHAT, RIGHT?
ALL ABOUT CONTROL AND POWER.
SO THAT'S ONE EXAMPLE.
MANIPULATING RELIGIOUS TEXTS.
SO THE FAVORITE CHRISTIAN TEXT THAT'S MANIPULATED IS
EPHESIANS 5, AND THE MOST IMPORTANT PART ABOUT
EPHESIANS 5 IS NOT THE SUBMISSION LINE.
THE MOST IMPORTANT LINE IS ABOUT HOW A HUSBAND IS TO
TREAT HIS WIFE LIKE CHRIST TREATS THE CHURCH.
THAT'S THE IMPORTANT LINE.

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SO EVERYTHING ELSE I WOULD SAY ABOUT CATHOLIC SOCIAL
TEACHINGS, CHURCH BELIEFS, IS VERY CLEAR IN THE RESPECT
OF HUMAN DIGNITY.
THAT ONE PARTICULAR LINE ABOUT SUBMISSION, ABUSERS,
THEY MISUSE, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHAT THEY DO.
BUT I WOULD INVITE THEM TO READ THE ENTIRE CHAPTER AND
THE IMPORTANT LINE THERE IS THAT A PERSON IS TO TREAT
HIS WIFE LIKE CHRIST TREATS THE CHURCH.
AND THEN THIS LAST REFERENCE TO MISUSING RELIGIOUS
VALUES.
SO FOR CATHOLICS, THAT'S TWO POINTS.
THERE ARE TWO ISSUES FOR CATHOLIC THAT'S GET PLAYED OUT

ALL THE TIME.

ONE IS FORGIVENESS.

ABUSERS WILL SAY YOU HAVE TO FORGIVE ME, YOU'RE CATHOLIC, YOU HAVE TO FORGIVE ME.

IT IS TRUE THAT FORGIVE IS CENTRAL TO OUR BELIEF, BUT WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT IS WHAT FORGIVENESS IS NOT.

FORGIVENESS IS NOT SAYING THAT WHAT HAPPENED IS ACCEPTABLE AND CAN CONTINUE.

FORGIVENESS IS SIMPLY SAYING THAT I CHOOSE TO RELEASE THE RESENTMENT AND ANGER, I CHOOSE TO GIVE THAT TO GOD AND LET GOD DECIDE, LET GOD JUDGE THE SITUATION.

AND THAT I, JUST LIKE THE BISHOPS' STATEMENT SAID, THAT

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EVEN IF I HAVE GONE THROUGH THE PROCESS OF FORGIVENESS, I AS A SURVIVOR STILL HAVE, I NEED TO KNOW THAT ENDING THE ABUSE DOES NOT VIOLATE THE MARRIAGE PROMISE.

SO ABUSERS WILL MISUSE OUR CENTRAL BELIEF ABOUT FORGIVENESS.

THE OTHER CENTRAL BELIEF IS THAT SUFFERING, AND IT'S AN EASY ONE TO BE GET CONFUSED.

BUT BASICALLY CATHOLICS ARE NOT TO SEEK (INDISCERNIBLE) WE'RE NOT TO TOLERATE IF POSSIBLE, WE'RE TO -- ABOUT HOW I CANNOT AVOID SUFFERING IN SOME CASE, WE HAVE A BELIEF ABOUT HOW WE CAN OFFER THAT TO GOD AND IT GETS

TRANSFORMED.

IN TERMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, IF POSSIBLE, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK SAFETY AND HEALING.

WE ARE NOT TO STAY IN AN ABUSIVE MARRIAGE OR RELATIONSHIP.

SO FOR CATHOLICS, THAT'S HOW IT PLAYS OUT.

BUT LET'S SEE.

SAMAN, FOR ISLAM, HOW DO THESE FOUR POINTS OR OTHERS PLAY OUT?

AND WHILE YOU'RE LOOKING AT THAT, I WILL LOOK AT THE CHAT.

YEAH, SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?

>> YES.

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YEAH, THANKS, SHARON.

ABSOLUTELY.

ONE EASY EXAMPLE FOR ME TO SHARE HOW THIS PLAYS OUT IN THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY IS THE MANIPULATION OF USING RELIGIOUS TEXTS OUT OF CONTEXT AS WELL AS USING DIVORCE LAWS AS A CONTROL TACTIC.

SO ONE OF THE WAYS, ALTHOUGH DIVORCE IS PERMISSIBLE IN ISLAM AND THERE IS REALLY NO STIGMA OR REAL HOOPS TO JUMP THROUGH IN ISLAMIC LAW TO GET A DIVORCE, THIS IS

WHERE THE RELIGION AND THE CULTURE REALLY CONTRADICT EACH OTHER, AND CULTURALLY, ESPECIALLY WITH THE IMMIGRANT MUSLIM POPULATION, IT IS VERY STIGMATIZED, FROWNED UPON, SEEN AS A FAILURE IF A WOMAN, YOU KNOW, GETS A DIVORCE, SEEN AS A WOMAN NOT TAKING CARE OF HER CHILDREN IF THE CHILDREN ARE THERE, BECAUSE WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

YOU'RE GOING TO SEPARATE THE KIDS FROM THEIR DAD.

SO MANY TIMES ABUSERS WILL USE THIS SAYING OF DIVORCE IS THE MOST HATED ALLOWED THING IN THE SIGHT OF GOD TO REALLY GET THE WIFE TO BE SUBMISSIVE AND TO BE SCARED AND TO REGAIN POWER AND CONTROL IN AN ABUSIVE DYNAMIC. WHAT MANY TIMES IS FAILED TO MENTION, AND THIS IS WHERE THE ADVOCATES CAN REALLY BRING IN RELIGION AS A STRENGTH IS THAT IN ISLAM, REALLY DIVORCE IS ABSOLUTELY AN ALLOWABLE OPTION TO REALLY MAINTAIN THE SAFETY AND

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SECURITY OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY, AND IT IS ABSOLUTELY A PEACEFUL ALTERNATIVE TO ENDING THE ONGOING OPPRESSION.

SO THERE'S A CLEAR DISCONNECT BETWEEN THE CULTURE AND RELIGIOUS PIECE HERE.

>> GREAT.

AND DEBORAH, DO YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING FROM THE
JEWISH PERSPECTIVE?

>> I WOULD.

YES, THANK YOU.

I'LL TALK BRIEF ABOUT THE GET WHICH IS HEBREW WORD FOR
DOSSER.

AND IT REFERS TO RELIGIOUS DIVORCE.

UNDER THE TORAH ONLY THE MAN HAS THE AUTHORITY TO GIVE
THE GET, AND SO IT CAN BE USED AS A TOOL OF POWER AND
CONTROL IN A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATION.

WHERE THE HUSBAND WILL REFUSE TO GIVE THAT GET UNLESS
CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET, WHETHER IT'S AROUND CUSTODY
OF THE CHILDREN OR SUMS OF MONEY OR OTHER CONDITIONS,
AND WITHOUT THAT GET, WITHOUT THAT RELIGIOUS DIVORCE IF
SHE IS AN OBSERVANT PERSON, SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO MARRY
AGAIN.

SO SHE'S CALLED AN

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[SPEAKING HEBREW" WHICH MEANS A CHANGED WOMAN AND
SHE'S ALREADY HAD MOST LIKELY A CIVIL DIVORCE BUT NOT
THE RELIGIOUS DIVORCE WHICH LETS HER GET MARRIED WITHIN
THE RELIGIOUS FRAMEWORK THAT SHE CHOOSES.

AND -- OBSERVANT RELIGIOUS FRAMEWORK.

AND IT'S REALLY A SCHOOL THAT NORMALLY DISEMPOWERS AND STOPS HER FROM MOVING ON IN HER LIFE AND CAN HAVE TERRIBLE EFFECTS.

THERE'S MANY TOOLS RIGHT NOW THAT COUNTER THAT ABILITY TO PROHIBIT THE GET.

ONE IS THE PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENT THAT'S BEEN SANCTIONED BY THE RABBIS.

AND SO ORTHODOX RABBIS ARE TOTALLY ON BOARD.

MANY OF THEM ARE TOTALLY ON BOARD, THEIR ASSOCIATION SAYS YOU CANNOT MARRY A COUPLE WITHOUT THAT PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENT AND WHAT IT DOES IS IT SAYS THAT FROM THE DAY OF THE CIVIL FINE -- FROM THE CIVIL DIVORCE, EVERY DAY THAT'S DELAYED IN TERMS OF GIVING HER THE GET, THE RELIGIOUS DIVORCE HE'S FINED A SUM OF MONEY.

I THINK IT'S \$150 A DAY SO PEOPLE CAN DO THAT FOR A WEEK, MAYBE A MONTH BUT AFTER THAT IT GETS REALLY, REALLY EXPENSIVE.

IT'S UPHELD BY THE NEW YORK STATE COURTS AND IT'S A TOOL WE ADVOCATE AND WE TEACH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS ABOUT WHAT WE CALL THE HALACHIC

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THERE'S ALSO SOMETHING CALLED THE LIEBERMAN CLAUSE WHICH OTHER PEOPLE USE WHICH IS WRITTEN IN THE MARRIAGE

DOCUMENT ITSELF, SIMILARLY PROMOTING A FINE UNLESS CIVIL DIVORCE IS GIVEN.

THAT'S A GREAT WAY TO GET AROUND THAT.

AND I THINK THAT CONTROLLING OR INTERFERING WITH SURVIVORS' RELIGIOUS PRACTICES CAN BE REALLY DETRIMENTAL BECAUSE THE RELIGIOUS PRACTICE CAN OFTEN BE THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTION TO HER LIFE, SO WHETHER IT'S PROHIBITING HER FROM LIGHTING SABBATH CANDLES OR PROHIBITING HER FROM OBEYING THE RULES AROUND MARITAL RELATIONS THAT SHE PRACTICES AND FORCING HER TO HAVE SEX ON DAYS WHEN THAT IS ACTUALLY FORBIDDEN UNDER RELIGIOUS LAW CAN BE REALLY, REALLY DEVASTATING TO THE PERSON.

AND IN TERMS OF MISUSE OF TEXTS WHAT, WE KNOW IS THAT AROUND RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS, IT CAN BE LIKE -- PEOPLE CAN BE A LITTLE BIT NEUROTIC AROUND THINGS AND NOTHING WILL EVER PLEASE, THE FOOD ISN'T KOSHER ENOUGH OR THE HOLIDAY ISN'T, YOU KNOW, SET UP BEAUTIFULLY ENOUGH OR WHATEVER IT IS AND SO THOSE CAN BE TIMES WHEN IT'S NOT REALLY MANIPULATIVE AND CONTROLLING BUT REALLY DEVASTATING WHEN SHE HAS WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE EVERYTHING RIGHT FOR THE FAMILY AND HE IS TELLING HER

YOU'RE JUST NOT DOING IT RIGHT AND IT MEANS YOU'RE

WORTHLESS.

>> THANK YOU, DEBORAH.

AND SAMAN, FOR SHARING YOUR FAITH PERSPECTIVES.

AND I PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE, DEBORAH, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS ASPECTS OF MARRIAGE.

THAT'S TRUE FOR CATHOLICS AS WELL, THAT A CATHOLIC MARRIAGE INCLUDES THE CIVIL ASPECT OF IT AS WELL.

AND SO A CATHOLIC WHO IS DIVORCED IS STILL IN FULL COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH, CAN STILL RECEIVE ALL THE SACRAMENTS.

FOR US IT'S THE REMARRIAGE PART THAT IS, REQUIRES A PROCESS.

AND AGAIN, I REFER YOU TO THE LINK THAT WILL BE POSTED OF WHEN LOVE MEANS LEAVING.

GREAT.

SO, YEAH, SO WE HOPE THAT THIS PART HAS HELPED ADVOCATES IN THE AUDIENCE APPRECIATE HOW MUCH OF, MUCH OF WHAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS WHO ARE ALSO WOMEN OF FAITH WHO ARE ATTENDING TO THAT.

AND MUCH OF THE ABUSE THAT THEY EXPERIENCE IS JUST LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE, BUT THESE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS, THESE ARE SPECIAL WAYS THAT PEOPLE, THAT ABUSERS USE.

SO LET'S SEE WHAT THIS PART, SAMAN IS GOING TO TAKE

THIS PART.

SAMAN --

>> YOU'RE MUTED.

>> EXCUSE ME.

SORRY ABOUT THAT.

SO I WANT TO POSE A QUESTION TO THE ADVOCATES THAT ARE
HERE AND ASK YOU WHAT ARE BARRIERS THAT PREVENT PEOPLE
OF FAITH FROM SEEKING SERVICES?

AND AS YOU TYPE THAT THEN WE WILL, I WILL CONTINUE ON
BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE COVER EVERYTHING.

SO WE'RE GOING TO START OFF WITH SOCIETAL BARRIERS,
THIS INCLUDES PATRIARCHY, COMMUNITY AND FAMILY
PRESSURE, IMMIGRATION ISSUES, ISLAMAPHOBIA, SYSTEMIC
RACISM.

SO A REALLY QUICK CASE STUDY WILL HELP US GO THROUGH
THIS.

AND SO REALLY IT'S, I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A CASE AND
THIS IS A WOMAN NAMED FATIMA WHO IS A BLACK SUDANESE
MUSLIM WOMAN WHO HAS LIMITED LANGUAGE SKILLS AND HAS
BEEN IN THE U.S. FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS.

SO REALLY HOW, YOU KNOW, HOW SHE IS AFFECTED BY ALL
THESE THINGS, PATRIARCHY WILL AFFECT HER BECAUSE SHE'S
GOING TO SAY AS A SURVIVOR SHE'S GOING TO SAY WHO'S

GOING TO LISTEN TO ME, WHO'S GOING TO UNDERSTAND, WILL

THEY BLAME ME INSTEAD.

COMMUNITY AND FAMILY PRESSURE FOR THIS CLIENT -- EXCUSE ME, SURVIVOR MAY LOOK LIKE HER SISTER WHO IS ABOUT TO GET MARRIED BUT IF SHE SEPARATES FROM HER HUSBAND OR GETS DIVORCED THEN THERE MIGHT BE, THAT MIGHT AFFECT HER SISTER'S MARRIAGE.

THAT'S WHERE THE COMMUNITY AND FAMILY PRESSURE MAY LOOK LIKE.

IMMIGRATION ISSUES, WHAT WOULD LOOK LIKE, SHE'S GETTING A GREEN CARD THROUGH HER HUSBAND WHO IS ALSO THE ABUSER, SO THAT MAY BE STOPPED IN THE PROCESS.

ISLAMAPHOBIA SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS CLIENT IS A FEAR OF REACHING OUT TO SOCIAL SERVICES BECAUSE SHE'S SCARED THAT SHE MAY NOT BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. AND SYSTEMIC RACISM BECAUSE SHE IS A BLACK WOMAN, SHE IS SCARED OF CALLING ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T KNOW HOW SHE'S GOING TO BE TREATED AND IF HER AND HER FAMILY ARE GOING TO BE SAFE.

SO I RAN THROUGH THAT REALLY QUICK LYE BUT THAT'S A WAY OF HOW ONE CLIENT, ONE SURVIVOR CAN BE IMPACTED BY ALL OF THESE SOCIETAL BARRIERS.

AND THE TRUE WOULD REMAIN FOR ANY FAITH OR BACKGROUND,

I JUST WANT TODAY BRING IN THE ISLAMAPHOBIA PIECE.
SO INDIVIDUAL BARRIERS, BOTH OF MY COLLEAGUES AGREED
THAT THIS IS ACROSS ALL FAITH LINES, AND THAT'S WHERE

WE CAME UP TOGETHER, THAT WHERE AN ABUSER IS WELL
RESPECTED OR WELL CONNECTED IN THE FAITH COMMUNITY, IT
BECOMES EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR THE WOMAN, THE SURVIVOR
TO EXTRAPOLATE HERSELF FROM THE COMMUNITY, NOBODY
SAFETY, AND STILL YET BE A PART OF THE COMMUNITY WHICH
SHE DRAWS STRENGTH FROM.

THE MISUNDERSTANDING OF RELIGIOUS TEXTS, WE'VE REALLY
TALKED ABOUT A LOT IN THE PREVIOUS SLIDES.

STIGMA OF SEEKING SERVICES.

SO I THINK DEBORAH SAID THIS REALLY WELL WHERE SHE SAID
NOBODY WANTS TO SEEK OUT SERVICES.

WHEN YOU GET TO A POINT OF SEEKING SERVICES, THEN, YOU
KNOW, IT IS A HARD THING TO DO, YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS
A CHANGE THAT'S GOING TO BE HAPPENING AND THAT'S SCARY
FOR ANYONE, LET ALONE PEOPLE THAT HAVE ALL THESE
SOCIETAL BARRIERS WITH THEIR FAITH BACKGROUNDS.

FEAR OF LOSING CUSTODY OF CHILDREN.

AGAIN, THAT KIND OF SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS.

AND IN THIS SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS, I THINK IT IS FAIR TO

SAY THAT IN ALL THREE OF OUR FAITH TRADITIONS, THERE IS A BIT OF A STATUS THAT'S ASSOCIATED WITH BEING A MARRIED WOMAN IN THE COMMUNITY.

PLEASE CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, DEBORAH AND SHARON.
FEELINGS OF SHAME AND FEAR OF LOSING FAITH, FAITH

COMMUNITY.

AGAIN, PREVALENT THROUGH ALL THREE OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITIES.

THE SHAME OF BREAKING APART, I'M USING IN QUOTATIONS, A FAMILY, IN FEAR OF LOSING FAITH COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF THE STIGMA THAT MAY BE ATTACHED TO BEING A SURVIVOR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR BEING A SINGLE MOM NOW IN A COMMUNITY THAT REALLY VALUES FAMILY CONNECTEDNESS. SO EVEN IF THE COMMUNITY IS NOT NECESSARILY SHUNNING THE WOMAN OR THE SURVIVOR, THERE IS THIS SOCIAL DISRUPTION.

SO WHEN WE WERE TALKING, WE WERE TALKING ABOUT NOW THAT SHE'S A SINGLE MOM, WHO ARE THE KIDS GOING TO PLAY WITH, HOW WILL SHE FIT INTO OTHER FAMILIES.

SO IF YOU GUYS WOULD LIKE TO ADD ANYTHING, SHARON AND DEBORAH, PLEASE FEEL FREE.

>> I JUST WANT TODAY ADD ABOUT THE ABUSER BEING WELL

RESPECTED AND CONNECTED IN THE FAITH COMMUNITY.
AND I THINK FOR ALL OUR COMMUNITIES, WE'RE HIGHLY
NETWORKED COMMUNITY, SO THE PERSON BEING WELL CONNECTED
AND THAT THE ABUSER IS, EVERYBODY KNOWS, EVERYBODY WILL
KNOW, WILL SOMEHOW KNOW AND HAVE THIS IMAGE OF HIM AND
-- WANTS TO LEAVE THIS PERSON WHO'S SO CHARMING --
WON'T BELIEVE THAT THIS PERSON WHO'S CHARMING AND SUCH

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A LEADER, SO THERE'S A SENSE OF DISBELIEF AND VICTIM
BLAMING.

>> YEAH.

THANKS FOR THAT.

I WOULD GO BACK TO THIS, I WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT ABOUT
THE SOCIETAL BARRIERS, ABOUT THE SYSTEMIC RACISM IN
THAT SAMAN HAD SPOKEN ELOQUENTLY EARLIER ABOUT HOW OUR
RELIGIONS BELIEVE ONE THING AND YET CULTURALLY IT GETS
PLAYED OUT A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY.

AND SO CATHOLICS ARE BEING VERY ATTENTIVE TO HOW WE
HAVE BEEN, HOW RACISM HAS EXISTED IN THE PRACTICE OF
OUR RELIGION.

CLEARLY, IT'S NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THINK THAT ANY RACE,
ANY ONE PERSON IS SUPERIOR TO ANOTHER, BUT IT CERTAINLY
HAS PLAYED OUT THAT WAY FOR CATHOLICS IN MANY

COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES.
SO I REALLY VALUE THESE CONVERSATIONS BECAUSE IT GIVES
US A CHANCE TO SAY WHAT WE BELIEVE AND HOW IT GETS
PLAYED OUT IS SOMETIMES DIFFERENT.
AND SO THIS GIVES US A CHANCE TO SAY THAT.
AND LET ME JUST SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING.
OH, I DID WANT TO SAY THAT -- SORRY.
IF SOMEBODY CAN CORRECT WHAT I JUST DID.
THANK YOU.

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SO BEING -- YEAH.
BEING SINGLE, BEING SINGLE, BEING A CATHOLIC SINGLE IS
FINE, BUT I APPRECIATED THE COMMENT, KIND OF THE
STRUGGLE OF BEING DIVORCED.
BEING DIVORCED IS, THERE'S NO SIN IN BEING DIVORCED,
BUT, SURE, THE SOCIETAL INTERACTIONS CAN BE A
CHALLENGE.
SO, YEAH, THANKS.

>> OKAY.

SO IS THIS DEBORAH?

>> YEP.

>> SO WHAT ARE WAYS, QUESTIONS THAT ADVOCATES OR WHAT ARE WAYS TO SUPPORT DV SURVIVORS OF FAITH?

>> AND DEBORAH WILL TAKE THE LEAD ON THAT.
DEBORAH, WE CAN'T HEAR YOU.

>> THANK YOU, SAMAN.

THANK YOU, SHARON.

SO WE WANTED TO POSIT A FEW WAYS TO SUPPORT DV SURVIVORS OF FAITH AND TO RECOGNIZE HOW BRAVE THAT PERSON IS TO COME FORWARD, AND REASONS WHY SHE MAY BE

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COMING TO A SECULAR ORGANIZATION.

EACH OF OUR ORGANIZATIONS, EACH OF OUR FAITHS HAS ITS OWN FAITH BASED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS, BUT SOMETIMES IT'S A LITTLE TOO CLOSE TO HOME, A LITTLE TOO KIND OF LIKE I DON'T WANT TO BE THERE BECAUSE I KNOW EVERYBODY AND EVERYBODY KNOWS ME, SO I'M GOING TO GO TO A SECULAR PROGRAM.

AND THAT CAN BE A LITTLE BIT CHALLENGING FOR ADVOCATES WHO DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE, AND THE FIRST THING YOU HAVE TO REALLY THINK ABOUT IS THAT THIS PERSON WHO'S COMING TO YOU NEEDS HER FAITH COMMUNITY IF SHE SAYS SHE DOES AND ALSO NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO REACH THAT HEALING

AND WHOLENESS THAT SHE WANTS.

SO A PIECE OF THAT CAN BE HELPING HER WITH HER SPIRITUAL CONCERNS AND ASKING WHAT CAN WE DO TO MAKE YOUR LIFE MORE COMFORTABLE WHILE YOU'RE IN A PROGRAM OR IN A SHELTER.

AND FOR A JEW IT MIGHT BE DO YOU NEED KOSHER FOOD, WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE.

AND FOR A MUSLIM IT MIGHT BE LIKE DO YOU EAT HALAL AND HOW CAN I HELP FIND THAT OR BUY THAT FOR YOU OR ENSURE THAT WHAT YOU'RE EATING IS PERMISSIBLE.

BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE REALLY DETRIMENTAL TO HER OWN SENSE OF HER SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING.

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YOU'VE GOT TO WORK WITHIN THAT PERSON'S WORLD VIEW, SO IF THAT PERSON IS SAYING THIS IS WHAT MY FAITH SAYS AND THIS IS WHAT I BELIEVE, THAT'S THE STORY AND THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE WORKING WITH, AS OPPOSED TO SAYING BUT IN AMERICA THAT'S NOT HOW THIS HAPPENS OR IN MODERN DAY LIFE.

YOU KNOW, THIS ISN'T REALLY HOW FAMILIES SHOULD BE COEXISTING, BUT RATHER WORKING WITH THAT PERSON TO ENSURE THAT THAT PERSON'S WORLD VIEW IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE ONE THAT SUPPORTS HER HEALING AND WHOLENESS.

AS MUCH AS YOU CAN USE LANGUAGE AND VALUES THAT ARE FAMILIAR TO THE SURVIVOR, BUT WE BY NO MEANS EXPECT ADVOCATES TO REALLY BE ABLE TO DO THAT IN AS COMFORTABLE WAY AS THEY MIGHT WANT TO.

AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE TALK A LITTLE BIT LATER ABOUT CONNECTING WITH FAITH LEADERS WHO CAN SERVE IN THAT ROLE AND TO USE THE LANGUAGE AND VALUES THAT ARE FAMILIAR TO THE SURVIVOR TO HELP HER REACH THAT SAFETY.

AND THEN OF COURSE ALLOW THE SURVIVOR TO DETERMINE GOALS, NO DIFFERENT FROM ANYBODY ELSE.

AND IF THAT PERSON SAYS I DON'T WANT TO DIVORCE BECAUSE DIVORCE IS A SOURCE OF SHAME AND I'M GOING TO, I JUST WANT HIM TO STOP OR I WANT TO STAY IN THE RELATIONSHIP AND JUST BE SAFE, TO ACCEPT THAT AND TO UNDERSTAND THAT

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THERE MAY BE SPIRITUAL OR COMMUNAL PRESSURES ON HER, WHY SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BE DIVORCED.

I THINK THAT THE BIGGEST TAKEAWAY HERE IS REALLY TO ASK QUESTIONS, NOT TO BE AFRAID, AND TO REALLY BE WILLING TO SAY I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THIS, PLEASE HELP ME UNDERSTAND HOW I CAN HELP YOU WITHIN YOUR FAITH BECAUSE THAT'S MY JOB, THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO BE ABLE TO DO.

SO WE HAVE A POLL QUESTION.

I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A POLL COME UP AND THE QUESTION IS: HAVE YOU EVER WORKED WITH A FAITH LEADER? I THINK THERE'S GOING TO BE A POLL HERE. AND IF NOT, LET'S JUST PUT IT IN THE CHAT. SO PEOPLE ARE SAYING YES, YES, NO. THE POLL WOULD HAVE SHOWN US THE PERCENT, BUT THAT'S FINE. SOME OF YOU HAVE, SOME OF YOU HAVEN'T.

>> MORE SO THAN --

>> MANY, MANY YESES.

MANY YESES.

OKAY, SO THERE'S A QUESTION GOING UP IN THE POLL ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF MY SCREEN.

HAVE YOU EVER WORKED WITH A FAITH LEADER.

I GUESS THAT'S GOING TO -- (INDISCERNIBLE) WORKING.

SO THERE'S A MIX.

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SOME PEOPLE HAVE FAITH LEADERS ON THEIR BOARD, WHICH IS FANTASTIC, BUT QUITE A FEW OF YOU HAVE WORKED WITH FAITH LEADERS AND THAT'S TREMENDOUS BECAUSE WE REALLY SEE FAITH LEADERS AS A GATEWAY TO WORKING WITH SURVIVORS, AND THEY CAN BE INCREDIBLY HELPFUL. SO WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU SOME TIPS AND STRATEGIES ON

HOW TO DO THAT.

SO FIRST TO RECOGNIZE THAT PARTNERING WITH FAITH LEADERS, THERE IS A POLL GOING UP THERE IF ANYBODY WANTS TO STILL PARTICIPATE IN THAT.

TO RECOGNIZE THAT PARTNERING WITH A FAITH LEADER HAS CREDIBILITY -- ADDS CREDIBILITY TO THE WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING WITH SURVIVORS OF FAITH.

INCREASES YOUR ACCESS TO THE ABILITY TO SUPPORT THAT SURVIVOR OF FATE.

FIRST THING YOU NEED TO DO IS TO KNOW WHAT FAITHS ARE IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND TO KIND OF DO A MAPPING OF WHO'S HERE, WHAT ARE THE TEMPLES AND MOSQUES AND CHURCHES THAT ARE IN MY COMMUNITY, AND THAT I, YOU KNOW, HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE THERE WHO'S, WHAT'S THEIR BELIEF SYSTEM TO FIND SOMETHING OUT ABOUT THAT.

AND THEN TO USE ALL YOUR NETWORKING SKILLS TO FIND LOCAL CHAMPIONS.

AND WE REALLY BELIEVE THAT OUTREACH TO FAITH LEADERS IS EASIER IF YOU HAVE A LOCAL CHAMPION FROM THAT FAITH AND

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POSSIBLY EVEN A FAITH LEADER -- HERSELF TO MAKE THAT INTRODUCE.

SO IF YOU KNOW SOMEBODY WHO BELONGS THAT THAT CHURCH OR MOSQUE OR SYNAGOGUE AND YOU CAN SAY CAN YOU INTRODUCE

ME TO THE IMAM OR PASTOR OR REVEREND OR RABBI, THAT WOULD THAT WILL BE A WAY EASIER IN TO GET ACCESS TO THAT PERSON AND TO KIND OF BUILD YOUR OWN CREDIBILITY ON LIKE WHY YOU'RE SHOWING UP, WHY YOU WANT TO HAVE THAT MEETING.

AND THEN YOU WANT TO CREATE A MEETING WITH THE FAITH LEADER AND TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE KIND OF GLOBALLY, IN THE UNITED STATES, WITHIN FAITH COMMUNITIES, BUT REALLY TO HAVE THAT PERSON RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS IN FAITH COMMUNITIES. OFFER TRAINING AND RESOURCES THAT YOU CAN PROVIDE, WHETHER IT'S TRAINING FOR THE FAITH LEADERS, WHETHER IT'S RESOURCES LIKE A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS PROGRAM, WHETHER IT'S BRINGING A SURVIVOR TO THAT PLACE OF WORSHIP AND HAVING THE COMMUNITY COME LISTEN TO HIM OR HER, AND HAVE THE FAITH LEADER START THE PROGRAM, HAVE THE FAITH LEADER INTRODUCE THE PROGRAM.

THAT WILL SHOW THAT THERE'S REAL BUY-IN FROM THE FAITH LEADER WHO CAN ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS AND WHO IS WILLING TO STAND UP THERE AND STAY, YOU KNOW, IN THIS HOUSE OF WORSHIP WE ARE HAVING SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC

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VIOLENCE SPEAK, WE ARE HAVING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS, ADVOCATES SPEAK BECAUSE THAT'S HOW IMPORTANT

I THINK THIS ISSUE IS AND THAT'S HOW I CARE ABOUT IT.
ONE THING THAT WE THINK IS REALLY IMPORTANT IS TO THINK
ABOUT WAYS WITH THE FAITH LEADERS ON HOW TO HOLD
ACCUSERS ACCOUNTABLE.

AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE REALLY STRUGGLE WITH
AND HOW DO WE DO THAT WITHIN OUR FAITH ESPECIALLY WHEN
THERE IS SO MUCH PATRIARCHY ACROSS THE BOARD, THAT'S
SOMETHING THAT WE CAN'T IGNORE, BUT ACCOUNTABILITY CAN
BE REALLY IMPORTANT.

I THINK THAT ANOTHER THING THAT WE CAN DO WITH FAITH
LEADERS IS -- SOMEBODY -- THEY WERE ON THIS PERSON'S
BOARD, PUT THEM ON YOUR BOARD, LET THEM BE ADVISERS TO
YOU, INCLUDE THEM IN YOUR COORDINATED COMMUNITY
RESPONSES.

THE MORE YOU CAN GET FAITH LEADERS ON BOARD LIKE THAT,
THE BETTER THE ACCESS WILL BE.

BECAUSE WHAT YOU REALLY WANT IS LIKE A WARM REFERRAL,
SO IF SOMEBODY COMES, THERE'S RED FLAGS AND THE FAITH
LEADER REACHES OUT, FAITH LEADERS CAN SAY WITH
CONFIDENCE I KNOW THE ADVOCATES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY
BECAUSE I'VE MET THEM, I VISITED THE PROGRAM, THAT THEY
VISITED OUR HOUSE OF WORSHIP AND I FEEL PERFECTLY
COMFORTABLE IN REFERRING YOU TO THAT ADVOCATE OR TO

THAT DV PROGRAM.

AND THAT WARM REFERRAL CAN MAKE REALLY ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD.

WE'VE LEARNED THAT OFTEN PEOPLE TURN -- FAITH LEADER WILL BE THE FIRST PROFESSIONAL THEY SEEK HELP FROM. AND IF THE FAITH LEADER SAYS I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT OR I DENY THIS HAPPENS IN MY COMMUNITY OR THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN BECAUSE HE IS SO CHARMING AND A GREAT PHILANTHROPIST, WHATEVER THAT REASON IS, YOU'RE GOING TO BE SETTING THAT PERSON BACK INTO AN AREA OF GREAT DANGER.

SO WE WANT TO WORK WITH OUR FAITH LEADERS, HELP THEM MAKE THEIR HOUSES OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNITIES SAFE PLACES AND HELP THEM UNDERSTAND HOW THEY CAN BEST HELP THE SURVIVORS THAT YOU'RE SEEING, AND THEN WHEN YOU HAVE A SURVIVOR OF FAITH IN YOUR PROGRAM THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO HELP, YOU CAN HELP MAKE THAT CONNECTION TO THE FAITH LEADER.

SO I THINK I'M TURNING IT OVER TO SHARON.

>> I'M SORRY -- SHARON OR SAMAN, DO YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING?

>> YEAH, YOU SAID IT WELL FOR US.

I WANT TO TAKE A SECOND AND SEE IF THERE ARE ANY POINTS

IN THE CHAT.

BUT ACTUALLY OUR COLLEAGUES ARE DOING A GOOD JOB OF
PUTTING THE QUESTION, ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS OVER TO
THE RIGHT HERE SO WE'LL GRAB THOSE LATER.

OKAY.

GREAT, I WILL BRING US IN FOR A CLOSE HERE.

>> SAMAN, DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT YOU WANTED TO ADD?

OKAY.

>> OKAY.

WELL, IF WE WILL ALL BE UNMUTED, THEN WE'LL DO THIS
LAST COUPLE SLIDES HERE.

SO THE SUMMARY.

SO THIS HAS BEEN AN OPPORTUNITY AND TO SPEND TIME WITH
YOU EXPLORING HOW TO HONOR THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF
JEWISH, CATHOLIC, MUSLIM WOMEN, SURVIVORS, SOME OF
COURSE ARE MEN, BUT FOR THE MOST PART, THE SURVIVORS
LOOK LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE THAT YOU DEAL WITH.

BUT THERE ARE THESE SPECIAL SPIRITUAL NEEDS THAT ARE,
WHICH THE SURVIVOR MAY NOT SHARE UNLESS YOU INDICATE
SOME INTEREST OR WILLINGNESS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE
SPIRITUALITY IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF RECOVERING.

WE DO WANT TO REINFORCE HOW DEBORAH SAID THAT THE THREE OF US ARE PART OF AN INTERFAITH COALITION AGAINST

DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE, AND WE HAVE THE LINK ON THIS PAGE HERE.

SO IT'S A GROUP OF AT LEAST 40 DIFFERENT RELIGIONS, DENOMINATIONS, THAT GATHER MONTHLY TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.

SO FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US.

BUT TO JUST BACK UP A LITTLE BIT, OF COURSE ON A PERSONAL LEVEL PEOPLE, SISTERS AND MOTHERS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO KEEP THEIR RELATIVES SAFE FOREVER, RIGHT? HOW DO YOU STAY SAFE IN A MARRIAGE SITUATION.

BUT ORGANIZATIONALLY BACK IN 1975, WE LIKE TO CREDIT DR. MARIE FORTUNE, A MINISTER WHO ORGANIZED FAITH TRUST INSTITUTE, WHOSE SOLE PURPOSE WAS TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.

AND SINCE THEN -- MEMBER OF GROUPS.

WE'RE GOING TO PULL UP AN ENTIRE LIST OF RESOURCES, THE SAFE HAVEN INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP AROUND, AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A GREAT RESOURCE.

AND DEBORAH HAD MENTIONED ABOUT HOLDING FAITH LEADERS HOLDING THE ABUSERS ACCOUNTABLE, SAFE HAVEN HAS A NEW RESOURCE ABOUT HOW FAITH LEADERS CAN DO THAT.

SO THERE ARE ANY NUMBER OF FAITH LEADERS OUT THERE WORKING ON THIS ISSUE, AND SO WE WANT TO, IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT, WE WANTED TO EMPHASIZE THAT.

AND CERTAINLY THIS INTERFAITH COALITION, AND INDEED WE

ARE RUNNING -- WE'RE GOING TO BE PRESENTING FOR WEBINARS, WEEKLY WEBINARS IN OCTOBER AND YOU CAN FIND OUT ABOUT THAT AT INTERFAITHAGAINSTDC.ORG/EVENTS. AND WE'LL BE ADDRESSING KIND OF THE MAIN CATEGORIES. THE SECOND WEEK WILL BE ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR OUR NATIVE AMERICAN SISTERS, BUT EACH WEEK WE TAKE ON A SPECIAL SITUATION.

CERTAINLY IMMIGRANTS ARE THERE AS WELL.

SO FOR THE JEWISH COMMUNITY THEY HAVE THIS WONDERFUL CLERGY TASK FORCE ON DOMESTIC ABUSE IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, WHICH HAS BEEN WORKING FOR YEARS.

CATHOLICS, WE HAVE A NATIONAL CATHOLIC DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PARTNERS COMMITTEE THAT CATHOLICS IN YOUR COMMUNITY ARE WELCOME TO JOIN.

AND PEACEFUL FAMILIES PROJECT, WHICH WE'VE ALL BEEN AT THIS ISSUE THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME, BUT THEY OFFER NATIONAL IMAM TRAININGS, AS WELL AS HEART, NATIONAL ORGANIZATION THAT OFFERS TRAININGS AND PROGRAMS.

SO OUR BOTTOM LINE, THE TAKEAWAY MESSAGE IS WE'VE

ENJOYED THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH YOU, BUT THERE ARE A LOT MORE OF PEOPLE, PROFESSIONALS WORKING IN THE FAITH AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARENA.

SO WE WANT YOU TO REALIZE THAT.

AND WHEN WE JUMP TO, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TIME FOR QUESTION AND ANSWERS, BUT WE HAVE THE LAST SLIDE WE'VE

EACH PROVIDED OUR ORGANIZATIONS' WEBSITES AND OUR E-MAILS.

SO FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ANY OF US.

BUT SOMEONE'S GOING TO LEAD US THROUGH THE QUESTION AND ANSWER PART.

>> CAN I JUST ADD ONE THING, SHARON?

>> SURE.

>> SO DURING COVID-19 WHEN PEOPLE ARE HOME AND MANY OF US ARE DOING ZOOM SERVICES, ZOOM PRAYER SERVICES GIVING A LOT OF PEOPLE A VIEW INTO OUR HOMES THAT THEY MIGHT NOT HAVE HAD OTHERWISE, WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT A LOT IS HOW RABBIS SPECIFICALLY CAN BE REALLY SOURCES OF HELP.

SO WE KNOW THAT PEOPLE ARE STUCK IN THEIR HOMES,

THEY'RE ISOLATED WITH THEIR ABUSER, IT'S EXTREMELY CHALLENGING, IT CAN BE REALLY CHALLENGING FOR PEOPLE TO REACH THE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED AND THAT THEY WANT TO BE ABLE TO GET, BUT WHAT WE'RE ENCOURAGING AND WE'VE WRITTEN A COUPLE OF ARTICLES ABOUT THIS IS FOR THE CLERGY TO STILL REACH OUT.

BECAUSE THAT'S KIND OF LIKE AN ACCEPTABLE REACH-OUT.

SO I KNOW A RABBI CALLED ME BEFORE ROSH HASHANAH LAST

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WEEK TO SAY HOW'S EVERYTHING, HOW ARE YOU DOING, I KNOW YOU'RE NOT COMING TO SYNAGOGUE BUT I HOPE THAT YOU'RE SET UP FOR THE HOLIDAY.

MY PARENTS GET CALLS FROM THEIR RABBI AND I'M SURE THAT'S HAPPENING IN EVERY FAITH COMMUNITY BECAUSE EVERYBODY'S WORRIED ABOUT PEOPLE AT HOME.

SO THERE CAN BE CLUES, THEY CAN HAVE CLUES ON HOW TO TAP INTO WHETHER OR NOT THINGS ARE GOING WELL OR NOT, AND SIGNALS ABOUT HOW TO REACH, YOU KNOW, WHETHER IT'S A PHONE NUMBER THAT THEY PUBLISH EVERY WEEK IN THE BULLETIN THAT'S GOING OUT OR ON THEIR WEBSITE.

AND JUST TO LIKE MAKE THAT PART OF WHAT THEY'RE DOING ALL THROUGH COVID, I THINK IT CAN BE A TREMENDOUS SOURCE OF HELP.

SO AGAIN ADVOCATES WHO REACH OUT TO THE CLERGY IN THE

COMMUNITY AND FAITH LEADERS AND TO SHARE WITH THEM,
HERE'S THE PHONE NUMBER AND HERE'S THE HOTLINE NUMBER
AND HERE'S THE HOURS THAT WE'RE AVAILABLE BECAUSE WE
KNOW THAT SO MANY PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING AT HOME RIGHT
NOW ESPECIALLY.

>> THANK YOU FOR SHARING THAT.

AND WE ALWAYS PUT THE NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
HOTLINE NUMBER IN OUR MATERIALS BUT WE KNOW THAT YOU AS
ADVOCATES HAVE IT MEMORIZED.

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AND CERTAINLY THAT IS THE NUMBER THAT WE RECOMMEND THAT
FAITH COMMUNITIES PROVIDE IN THEIR WEEKLY NOTICES.

AND IT'S ALWAYS USEFUL TO SAY SOMEONE YOU KNOW, SOMEONE
YOU KNOW MAY BE IN A DIFFICULT RELATIONSHIP.

IT MAKES IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO CALL RATHER THAN
SAYING YOU MAY BE.

SO IT'S A WAY OF HELPING THEM HELP THEMSELVES OR
OTHERS.

SO, YEAH.

THANK YOU, DEBORAH.

SAMAN, DID YOU WANT TO WANT TO ADD ANYTHING ELSE TO
THIS SUMMARY SLIDE?

>> NO, I THINK YOU BOTH DID A GREAT JOB.

>> OKAY.

YOU'RE UP WITH THE QUESTION AND ANSWERS THEN.

>> YES.

I WILL TAKE IT AWAY.

SO I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING THIS WEBINAR.

THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES DEBORAH AND SHARON.

AT THIS POINT I WANT TO OPEN YOU ARE UP FOR QUESTIONS
AND ANSWERS.

I ALSO SEE THAT THERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERED THAT

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HAVE BEEN POPULATED ON OUR SCREEN HERE.

SO I'LL GO AHEAD AND READ THEM.

SO A QUESTION HERE IS YOU MENTIONED YOU ARE MODERN
ORTHODOX.

WHAT IS THE MODERN DISTINCTION?

>> SO MODERN ORTHODOX MEANS THAT WE ENGAGE WITH THE
MODERN WORLD.

WE ARE, WE GO TO SECULAR COLLEGES, WE HAVE SECULAR
CAREERS, WE USE THE INTERNET, WE REALLY ARE PART OF
SOCIETY AND YET THERE'S A TENSION, RIGHT, BETWEEN

RELIGIOUS LAW AND SOCIETY THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND THAT SO WE TURN OFF OUR PHONES OR SOMETHING ON THE SABBATH, BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE ARE NOT FULLY ENGAGED IN OUR CAREERS DURING THE REST OF THE WEEK.

AND SO MORE TO THE RIGHT WOULD BE PEOPLE WHO DON'T, LITERALLY DON'T USE INTERNET, DON'T GIVE THEIR KIDS CELL PHONES.

REALLY MUCH MORE ARE LIVING IN COMMUNITY WHERE EVERYBODY WOULD LOOK THE SAME AS THEY DO AS OPPOSED TO KIND OF BEING OUT IN THE WORLD AND TAKING, YOU KNOW, AND HAVING THOSE KIND OF SECULAR CAREERS.

SO THERE'S DIFFERENT LEVELS OF STRINGENCY ACROSS ORTHODOXY.

I DON'T COVER MY HAIR BUT SOMEBODY WHO IS A MARRIED

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WOMAN WHO IS MORE TO THE RIGHT WING OF ORTHODOXY DOES COVER HER HAIR.

SO THAT WOULD BE ONE OF THE, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE DIEING LINES, BUT IN TERMS OF -- DIVIDING LIN LINES BUT IN TERMS OF BEING KOSHER AND OBSERVANT, IT'S REALLY PRETTY SIMILAR.

IT'S REALLY ABOUT THEIR RELUCTANCE OR ABILITY AND WELCOMING TO ENGAGE WITH THE MODERN WORLD, IF THAT'S HELPFUL.

>> THANK YOU, DEBORAH.

I'LL GO AHEAD AND READ THE NEXT QUESTION, WHICH IS WHY DO SOME WOMEN CALLED THE HIJAB A HEAD SCARF INSTEAD OF SAYING HIJAB?

SO IT'S JUST A TERMINOLOGY.

HIJAB IS AN ARABIC WORD, HEAD SCARF IS JUST A, YOU KNOW, A POPULAR WORD THAT PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND, SO THERE REALLY IS NO DISTINCTION, ONE OTHER THING I WOULD JUST ADD IS THAT THE HIJAB CAN BE WORN IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS, YOU'VE PROBABLY SEEN MANY DIFFERENT STYLES DEPENDING ON WHAT CULTURAL CONTEXT THE SURVIVOR IS COMING FROM.

SO THAT IS THAT.

THE NEXT QUESTION IS WHY IN THE QURAN DOES IT SAY HIT WOMEN WHEN THEY ARE DISOBEYING THE HUSBAND, WHY THE QURAN IS INCITING TO HIT WOMEN?

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SO I WILL JUST TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THAT UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT ISLAM DOES NOT CONDONE, ALLOW AT ALL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND IN THE QURAN THERE IS NO, IT DOES NOT ALLOW FOR THAT.

THAT'S JUST THE SIMPLE, VERY STRAIGHTFORWARD WAY OF ANSWERING IT.

I KNOW WHICH VERSE THAT YOU ARE REFERRING TO AND I

WOULD JUST LIKE TO OFFER IN A VERY SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME THAT THERE IS DEBATE WITHIN THE SCHOLARS, THE LEGAL SCHOLARS OF THE INTERPRETATIONS OF WHAT EXACTLY THAT WORD WHEN THEY SAY TO HIT MEANS WITH AND WHAT CONTEXT THAT WAS USED IN.

THERE IS A VERY SPECIFIC ISSUE THAT THEY WERE ADDRESSING IN THAT, BUT AGAIN, TO CIRCLE BACK AT THE END OF THE DAYS, THERE'S CONSENSUS AMONG ALL SCHOLARS THAT THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON TO, THE PROPHETIC MODEL AND THE QURAN, THERE'S NO ALLOWANCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN OUR FAITH AND THE QURAN PROHIBITS THAT. SO THAT'S THE SHORT ANSWER.

I WOULD LOVE TO, THERE'S A LOT OF RESOURCES ON PEACEFUL FAMILIES PROJECT WEBSITE, THERE'S A LOT OF WORK THAT'S BEEN DONE AROUND THAT.

SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO LOOK THAT UP AND WE CAN ENGAGE OFFLINE OR FURTHER WHEN MY E-MAIL COMES, TO FURTHER ADDRESS THAT QUESTION.

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OKAY.

SO THE NEXT QUESTION IS IS TRAINING OF RABBI AND CLERGY LEADERS OF THE OTHER DENOMINATIONS OFFERED, PROVIDED, OR ACCEPTED?

>> AND SAMAN, I WONDER IF THAT QUESTION FOLLOWS THE --
OH FOLLOWS THE NEXT ASSESSMENT I THINK THE POINT IS ALL
OF OUR RELIGIONS HAVE NATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS,
TRAINING OF RABBI AND CLERGY LEADERS AND OTHER
DENOMINATIONS OFFERED.
IF THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS, WE EACH DO CLERGY TRAINING.

>> MM-HMM.

>> YEAH.

>> OKAY.

>> THIS NEXT QUESTION, YEAH, I'D LIKE TO PICK UP ON
THIS NEXT QUESTION.
WHAT EFFORTS ARE HAPPENING IN THE PROTESTANT CHRISTIAN
CHURCHES?
WE'RE ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED ABOUT THE RESPONSE IN THE
PROTESTANT CHRISTIAN CHURCHES.
LET ME ASK OUR RESOURCE COLLEAGUES WHETHER THE, CAN THE

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AUDIENCE SEE THE LIST OF LINKS THAT WE PROVIDED LIKE
WITH SOJOURNERS AND THE INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP AGAINST
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

IT'S IN THE PRESENTER CHAT SECTION.

SO THE QUESTION --

>> SHARON, BRECKAN HAS BEEN SHARING THE RESOURCES IN THE CHAT.

>> OKAY.

SO, OKAY.

FINE.

OKAY, WELL, THEN YOU'LL SEE IN THESE URLS THAT WE'D LIKE TO PARTICULARLY LIFT UP I MENTIONED SAFE TRUST WHICH IS A MULTI FAITH RESPONSE ACROSS ALL THESE RELIGIONS.

BUT IN TERMS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH IN PARTICULAR, SAFE HAVENS WHICH ANNMARIE HUNTER RUNS OUT OF BOSTON, INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THEY HAVE A COUPLE SPECIALTIES WHICH THE AUDIENCE MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PARTICULARLY ABOUT HOW TO HELP FAITH LEADERS BE, HOLD ABUSERS ACCOUNTABLE.

AND THEN OF COURSE THE WHOLE ELDER ABUSE, THEY HAVE A SPECIALTY AROUND THAT ISSUE.

JULIE OWEN HAS A FAITH BOOK SITE, IT'S CHRISTIANS ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SHE IS COMPLETELY ON TOP

OF THIS ISSUE.

SO IF PEOPLE -- I THINK PEOPLE COULD GET A LOT OUT OF THAT.

AND THEN SOJOURNERS.NET, SOJOURNERS HAS NOT ONLY DONE A NATIONAL SURVEY AROUND FAITH LEADERS' RESPONSE TO THIS, BUT IT'S IN THE LINK THAT THEY HAVE THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM, THEY COLLECTED 100 SERMONS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

SO IF YOU HAVEN'T VISITED THAT SITE, OR IF YOU'RE SURVIVORS, IF YOU AS ADVOCATES, IF YOUR SURVIVORS DON'T REALIZE THAT FAITH LEADERS ARE SPEAKING OUT ON THIS ISSUE, THERE ARE A HUNDRED SERMONS ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

SO FIND YOUR FAVORITE AND RECOMMEND IT TO A SURVIVOR. SOJOURNERS ALSO HAS A, THEY HAVE A NUMBER OF GOOD PROGRAMS BUT I'M THINKING OF THE ONE THAT PARTICULARLY PERTAINS TO THE THREE OF US HOW TO INTRODUCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN (INDISCERNIBLE).

BUT TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, SINCE 1975, LOTS OF ORGANIZATIONS PARTICULARLY THE PROTESTANT CHURCH, BUT ALL OF US, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE OUT HERE WHO ARE WORKING ON THESE ISSUES.

SO FEEL FREE TO CALL US.

WE ARE A WELL CONNECTED COMMUNITY AMONG OURSELVES, SO YOU TELL US YOUR FAITH AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO TELL YOU

WHO'S WORKING ON THE ISSUE.

>> I THINK THOSE ARE ALL THE QUESTIONS THAT I'M SEEING
IN THE CHAT BOX.

>> LET'S SEE.

>> AH, ONE OTHER CAME UP.
WITH THE PRESENCE OF COVID-19 DOES ANYONE KNOW IF THE
DV SHELTERS ARE IN OPERATION?

>> MM-HMM.

>> SHARON, DO YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO THAT?

>> I'VE NOT HEARD OTHERWISE.
I'M SURE THEY HAVE TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AS WELL.

>> I THINK IT DEPENDS ON THE SHELTER.

>> MMM.
THAT'S A GOOD POINT.

>> YEAH.

AND I'VE HEARD FROM THE ADVOCATES -- BUT I'VE HEARD

THAT PEOPLE ARE BEING SENT INTO HOTELS SO THEY CAN HAVE
REALLY SEPARATE PLACES DURING COVID.

AND THAT FEWER PEOPLE ARE BEING ACCEPTED INTO SHELTERS
BECAUSE OF THE AMOUNT OF SPACE THAT PEOPLE NEED.

TO FEEL SAFE, TO BE SAFE FROM COVID.

SO BUT THAT THE SHELTERS ARE OPEN, ARE MOSTLY
OPERATING.

>> YEAH.

>> SOMEBODY WROTE IN THE CHAT DV SHELTERS IN OPERATION
THEY JUST LOOK A LITTLE DIFFERENT RIGHT NOW.

MOST SHELTERS ARE OPEN BUT WITH CHANGING METHODS TO
DISTANCE.

YEAH.

AND THERE'S IN THE CHAT, YES, THAT JUST GOT INTO THE
QUESTIONS.

>> AH, OKAY.

FROM A SECULAR ORGANIZATIONAL STANDPOINT, HOW MIGHT WE
ADDRESS IF A SURVIVOR ASKS US TO PRAY FOR THEM?

THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION.

>> TO PRAY FOR THEM.

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>> MM-HMM.

[TALKING OVERLAPPING]

>> GO AHEAD.

>> NO, NO, GO AHEAD.

>> AS LONG AS, FROM MY OPINION, AS LONG AS THE ADVOCATE FEELS COMFORTABLE THEN WHATEVER FORM THAT PRAYER FEELS COMFORTABLE FOR THEM.

IF THAT'S WHAT THE SURVIVOR HAS ASKED AND THE ADVOCATE FEELS COMFORTABLE, I SEE NO ISSUE WITH THAT.

FROM MY PERSPECTIVE.

>> YEAH.

MAYBE AMANDA COULD TELL US MORE, WHETHER, I MEAN I'M SURE IT'S WHETHER THE SECULAR ORGANIZATION HAS A GUIDELINE TO NOT MAKE REFERENCE TO ANYTHING ABOUT RELIGION OR SPIRITUALTY.

YEAH, THAT WOULD BE AN INTERESTING QUESTION.

AND ACTUALLY, AND SO IF YOUR ORGANIZATION, IF YOUR SECULAR ORGANIZATION DOES HAVE SUCH A GUIDELINE, WE WOULD INVITE YOU TO CALL ANY ONE OF US SO WE COULD KIND OF TALK THROUGH WHAT THAT MEANS FOR YOU, WHAT YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO PROTECT, AND FIND A WAY THAT

INDEED, JUST LIKE EARLIER WHEN DEBORAH WAS DOING THE SLIDE ABOUT HONORING WHERE THE SURVIVOR IS, HONORING THEIR WORLD VIEW, SO IF THEY'RE ASKING YOU TO PRAY, YEAH, KIND OF FIGURE THAT OUT.

THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION.

NEW ONE.

>> YEAH, I THINK I MEAN IT'S INTERESTING, I THINK I WOULD FEEL SO UNCOMFORTABLE IF I WEREN'T A PERSON OF FAITH TO PRAY BECAUSE IT'S JUST NOT SOMETHING THAT'S IN MY SKILL SET OR MY BELIEF SYSTEM.

BUT I COULD SEE SAYING I CAN'T PRAY FOR YOU BECAUSE I DON'T PRAY AND I DON'T BELIEVE IN A HIGHER BEING, BUT MAYBE I CAN CALL A FAITH LEADER AND ASK IF YOU COULD BE INCLUDED IN THAT PERSON'S PRAYERS OR THE COMMUNITY'S PRAYERS.

THAT MIGHT BE ANOTHER WAY TO APPROACH IT.

>> RIGHT.

THAT'S A GOOD ANSWER.

AND AMANDA HAS PROVIDED US WITH MORE INFORMATION.

SO HER AGENCY IN GENERAL THEY'RE ASKED TO NOT

SPECIFICALLY REFERENCE ANY RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVES.

SO, YEAH.

BUT I LIKE DEBORAH'S RESPONSE.

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AMANDA, YOU CAN LET US KNOW IF THAT APPEALS TO YOU, TO

SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT SOMETHING WE GENERALLY DO

BUT --

>> ANOTHER WAY MAYBE TO HONOR THAT REQUEST AND ALSO

SHOW CONCERN FOR THE CLIENT MIGHT BE TO I WILL HOLD YOU

IN MY THOUGHTS.

YOU'LL DEFINITELY BE IN MY THOUGHTS, EITHER WAY.

>> YEAH.

>> CAN I JUST SPEAK ABOUT THE PRAYER A LITTLE BIT.

I THINK ONE THING THAT ADVOCATES CAN ASK ESPECIALLY IN

A SHELTER SITUATION IS THE QUESTION LIKE DO YOU NEED

PRIVATE SPACE TO PRAY EVERY DAY, IS THAT SOMETHING

THAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU, AND HOW CAN WE MAKE THAT

HAPPEN FOR YOU, WHAT DO YOU NEED AND WHAT TIME OF DAY

WOULD THAT BE OR TIMES OF DAY WOULD THAT BE, AND JUST BE SURE THAT THAT PERSON UNDERSTANDS THAT HE OR SHE IS ALLOWED TO PRAY IN THAT SPACE EVEN THOUGH IT'S A SECULAR SPACE, THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO HONOR FOR THAT PERSON.

WHETHER IT'S THAT THEY NEED A QUIET TIME DURING CERTAIN, YOU KNOW, AND THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO COME TO WHATEVER ELSE IS HAPPENING, TO BE ABLE TO RESPECT THAT.

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>> GREAT.

>> AND WE CAN SEE IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER LAST-MINUTE QUESTIONS, OR WE COULD LOOK BACK AT THE CHAT AND SEE IF THERE ARE ANY COMMENTS THAT WE WANT TO ADDRESS. I DO WANT TO SAY THAT THIS IS -- OH, GO AHEAD.

>> OH, I WAS JUST GOING TO GO ON JUST TO THE CONTACTS PAGE, JUST LEAVE IT UP THERE FOR PEOPLE.

>> OH, SURE.

YEAH.

THAT SOUNDS GOOD.

YEAH.

SURE.

YEAH.

WE WELCOME YOUR INDIVIDUAL OR AGENCY CONTACTS.

WE ALL DO PRETTY SIMILAR WORK, WE ALL DO CLERGY TRAINING, WE ALL HAVE A TOOL KIT ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH, WE'RE ALL CONNECTED WITH EACH OTHER, WE'RE ALL AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS AND COLLABORATION.

SO, YEAH.

AND I SEE IVONNE IS HERE, SO IVONNE, YOU'RE ASSURING US THAT THE LINKS TO THE INTERFAITH AND SOJOURNERS, THAT

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THEY ALL SAW THAT.

>> YES.

YES.

AND ALSO WE'RE GOING TO PROVIDE ALL THE LINKS AND ALL THE INFORMATION ONCE WE HAVE THE WEBINAR RECORDING READY AND BRECKAN HAS BEEN SHARING EVERYTHING HOUSED IN OUR LIBRARY VAWNET.

SO EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE AVAILABLE.

WE WILL SEE IF WE HAVE ANY MORE COMMENTS OR ANYTHING ELSE.

I WANT TO TALK TO YOU GUYS ABOUT THE NATIONAL DOMESTIC

VIOLENCE CALL FOR UNITY 2020 THAT IS COMING UP.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IS ONLY A COUPLE OF
DAYS AWAY, AND THIS IS A WAY, IT'S TRULY A CELEBRATION
WHEN WE ALL COME TOGETHER AS ADVOCATES, AS SURVIVORS,
AND SHARE IN OUR EFFORTS TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
SO I'M GOING TO INVITE YOU TO OUR KICKOFF, IT'S OCTOBER
THE FIRST AT 3:00 P.M.
AND WE WILL BE SHARING A LINK THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA.
PLEASE FOLLOW US, AND LET ME GIVE THAT INFORMATION FOR
YOU ON SOCIAL MEDIA.
THERE YOU CAN SEE OUR TWITTER HANDLE, FACEBOOK,
INSTAGRAM, AND WE'LL BE SURE FOR ALL OF OUR FRIENDS
THAT ARE JOINING TODAY, THAT YOU'LL HAVE ALL THE

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INFORMATION ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.
SO LET'S SEE IF WE HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR
QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU FOR INFORMATION.

AND PERSONALLY I WANT TO TELL OUR PRESENTERS THAT THIS
HAS BEEN A VERY REFRESHING WEBINAR.

AS A WOMAN OF COLOR AND ALSO A CATHOLIC THAT STARTED
WORKING IN A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM SOME YEARS AGO

[LAUGHTER]

>> YOU KNOW, WE DIDN'T HAVE INTERNET, LET'S PUT IT LIKE

THAT.

OR LAPTOPS.

IT WAS REALLY HARD FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO EVEN TO
CONSIDER THE FAITH OF OUR SURVIVORS, WE WERE TOLD LIKE
SOME OF OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY SHARED, WE WERE TOLD NOT
TO ASK THAT QUESTION.

SO IT'S BEEN MORE THAN 20 YEARS SO NOW WE CONSIDER THIS
A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE HEALING PROCESS OF OUR
SURVIVORS.

SO I'M SO GRATEFUL AND THANKFUL THAT WE'RE HAVING THESE
CONVERSATIONS.

AND FRIENDS, THIS IS JUST, YOU KNOW, IT'S JUST A SNIP,
THERE'S SO MUCH INFORMATION OUT THERE, AND LIKE OUR
PRESENTERS SAID, JUST CHECK IN WITH THEM, CONTACT THEM.
THEY'RE AVAILABLE TO YOU GUYS, THEY'RE THERE, THEY HAVE

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INCREDIBLE KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION THAT CAN BE SHARED
WITH YOU FOR FREE.

SO GO AHEAD.

GO AHEAD.

FOLLOW THEM ON SOCIAL MEDIA, THE THREE ORGANIZATIONS
ARE AMAZING AND ARE DOING A GREAT, GREAT JOB FOR
SURVIVORS.

SO I THINK THAT'S IT.

LET ME SEE.

WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE.

THANK YOU, PRESENTERS.

YOU GUYS ARE AMAZING.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> THIS HAS BEEN --

>> THANK YOU.

IT'S BEEN A REAL PLEASURE.

>> BE WELL.

BE WELL.

THANK YOU.

>> TAKE CARE.

AND TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS, WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT TIME FOR

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH AND CALL FOR UNITY.

TAKE CARE, EVERYBODY.

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