

# What is DOMESTIC ABUSE?

Domestic abuse/violence is a learned and reinforced pattern of behaviors used by one person to establish control

in an intimate relationship. Domestic abuse includes emotional, verbal, financial, physical, spiritual, and sexual abuse. Partners may be married or not, living together or apart.

## 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](http://www.jfcsboston.org/jts)

**Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership  
Against Domestic Violence**  
617-951-3980  
[www.interfaithpartners.org](http://www.interfaithpartners.org)

**Center for Violence Prevention and Recovery  
at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center**  
617-667-8141  
[www.bidmc.org/violenceprevention](http://www.bidmc.org/violenceprevention)

**Shalom Task Force**  
Toll-Free, confidential hotline  
888-883-2323  
[www.shalomtaskforce.org](http://www.shalomtaskforce.org)

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



Jewish Domestic Violence  
Coalition of Greater Boston

[www.jfcsboston.org/jdvc](http://www.jfcsboston.org/jdvc)

**Contact us:**  
[jdvc@jfcsboston.org](mailto:jdvc@jfcsboston.org)

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One in every four women  
will experience domestic  
violence in her lifetime.





# SHALOM BAYIT

(PEACE IN THE HOME)

## JDVC MISSION

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 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@jfcbsoston.org](mailto:jdvc@jfcbsoston.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@jfcbsoston.org](mailto:jdvc@jfcbsoston.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.

## 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@jfcbsoston.org](mailto:jdvc@jfcbsoston.org).

## JDVC ORGANIZATIONS

### STEERING COMMITTEE

**Brigham and Women's Hospital, Passageway**  
[www.brighamandwomens.org](http://www.brighamandwomens.org)  
 (search for Passageway)

**Casa Myrna**  
[www.casamyrna.org](http://www.casamyrna.org)

**Center for Violence Prevention & Recovery/Safe Transitions at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center**  
[www.bidmc.org/violenceprevention](http://www.bidmc.org/violenceprevention)

**Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston**  
[www.bostonjcc.org](http://www.bostonjcc.org)

**Jewish Community Relations Council**  
[www.jcrcboston.org/](http://www.jcrcboston.org/)

**Journey to Safety, a program of Jewish Family & Children's Service**  
[www.jfcbsoston.org/jts](http://www.jfcbsoston.org/jts)

**Mayyim Hayyim**  
[www.mayyimhayyim.org](http://www.mayyimhayyim.org)

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

**REACH Beyond Domestic Violence**  
[www.reachma.org](http://www.reachma.org)

**Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence**  
[www.interfaithpartners.org](http://www.interfaithpartners.org)

**The Second Step**  
[www.thesecondstep.org](http://www.thesecondstep.org)