



2023 Peer-to-Peer Meetings for the Jewish Underserved Grantee Cohort: **Follow-up Resources**

During the 2023 Peer to Peer sessions, as well as in responses to follow up questions, Grantees expressed a need for information on several recurring topics. Below are some resources attendees and their organizations might find helpful. Several were pulled from the great resources on Grantees' websites. Thank you! Included are materials that will be helpful to new staff as well as those with years of experience. As you work on building relationships, some of these materials will be useful to educate professionals and community members.

The **role and importance of Clergy in the Orthodox community** were recognized, and the difficulty of engaging Rabbis was often mentioned in our sessions. Below are resources specifically for Rabbis. Sharing these resources can be used to educate while strengthening and building relationships.

- JWI created a guide for clergy [Clergy Guide on Domestic Abuse](#) as well as a tip sheet to recognize abuse [Clergy Tipsheet on Domestic Abuse](#)
- Consider creating a Rabbinic Task Force in your community –these videos highlight how a task force can help Rabbis understand and respond to domestic abuse in their communities, as well as how a task force helps the community understand that DV exists in Orthodox Jewish homes.
 - [When You Just Need to Talk - Rabbi Aaron Leibtag](#);
 - [When A Home is No Longer a baayis neeman b'Yisroel - Rabbi Menachem Fine](#);
 - [When You Feel There is Nothing but Sea Ahead - Rabbi Baruch Epstein](#)
- A Power and Control Wheel for Clergy -- this is something that can help engage clergy in designing resources and responses that meet the needs of their shul. [Power and Control Wheel for Clergy](#)
- Here is a link to a review that highlights key messages in the book, *The Shame Borne in Silence* by Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski [Review of The Shame](#)

[Borne in Silence: Spouse Abuse in the Jewish Community](#) (The book is listed under “Books” below in this resource).

The need for **legal training and resources** was also highlighted during the Jewish Peer-to-Peer Cohort sessions. Below are resources to train attorneys as well as educate program and counseling staff.

- To understand the relationship between religious divorce and civil divorce, watch *Jewish Divorce Process and Get Refusal*, presented by Rabbi Yona Reiss. Program starts at 4:55. [The Jewish Divorce Process and Get Refusal](#)
- Religious Observance as a Tool for Domestic Violence in Custody Disputes Between Haredi Jewish Co-Parents [View of Religious Observance as a Tool for Domestic Violence in Custody Disputes Among Haredi Jewish Co-Parents](#)
- Prenups (prenuptial agreements) were mentioned during the Peer-to-Peer sessions and these documents are helpful for legal professionals, Rabbis, and community members. Forms are available here: [Prenup Forms | ORA](#)

Several Grantees mentioned **challenges convincing potential community and organizational partners** of the importance and relevance of learning about domestic abuse and developing programming. The resources listed here can be useful for new staff and potential or current partners. Several highlight that domestic abuse is often *not* physical.

- Books
 - *The Shame Borne in Silence; Spouse Abuse in the Jewish Community* 2015 edition—Rabbi, Dr. Abraham J Twerski
 - *I’m So Confused. Am I Being Abused?* – Lisa Twerski (focused on Orthodox community)
 - *The Verbally Abusive Relationship* – Patricia Evans
 - *Why Does He Do That?* – Lundy Bancroft

Other resources:

- **Jewish Power & Control Wheel** requested during Peer-to-Peer sessions: [Guides and Educational Materials](#)
- **Growing Outreach/ Building Relationships** Some helpful reminders: [Community Outreach Done Right - Five Tips to Building an Effective Strategy](#)

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