



*Giving voice to the unspeakable...
responding to domestic abuse in Jewish homes.*

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SHALVA is the only Jewish agency in the Chicago metropolitan area specifically certified by the State of Illinois to provide domestic violence counseling.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Where is
SHALVA located?**

Due to the nature of SHALVA's domestic violence work, the State of Illinois requires that the location be confidential to protect our clients and staff.

Are you a shelter?

SHALVA is not a shelter, but we have access to emergency housing and collaborate with domestic violence shelters to provide kosher food and Jewish information.

**What exactly does
SHALVA do?**

SHALVA responds to domestic violence in the Chicago Jewish community; we provide free individual and group counseling, legal information, court support, interest free loans, 24 hour help-line, prevention/education programming.

How are you funded?

SHALVA is funded by individual, corporate and foundation donors and receives a special grant from the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

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SHALVA ANNUAL LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2007

THE STANDARD CLUB | 320 SOUTH PLYMOUTH COURT | CHICAGO, IL
DOORS OPEN: 11:30AM | PROGRAM BEGINS: 12:00PM DIETARY LAWS OBSERVED
LUNCHEON CO-CHAIRS: JILL LAMBERT & DIANNE TESLER



FEATURED SPEAKER: **DIANE L. ROSENFELD J.D., LL.M**

Diane L. Rosenfeld is a Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School

where she teaches Gender Violence, Law and Social Justice and supervises clinical students who work on women's rights legal advocacy and gender justice.

Additionally, she teaches reading groups

on Feminist Jurisprudence; Power, Beauty, Sex and Violence; and Theories of Violence: Gender and Sexuality. She taught at Harvard College for four years previous to that as a Lecturer on Women's Studies. Prior to teaching at Harvard, Ms. Rosenfeld served as the Senior Counsel to the Violence Against Women Office of the U.S. Department of Justice and as an Executive Assistant Attorney General in Illinois where she provided legal policy advising in women's rights, environmental enforcement, and the ethics of government attorneys.

Ms. Rosenfeld co-produced, with Cambridge Documentary Films, "Rape Is..." which has received several film awards (www.rapeis.org). She has lectured extensively with the film around the country and abroad. Ms. Rosenfeld is a frequent public speaker on the various legal and social policy issues concerning violence against women. She currently serves as a Commissioner on the Governor's Commission on Sexual and Domestic Violence in Massachusetts.

In 2005, she was awarded the Champion for Change Award from the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center.

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**Domestic violence monitoring initiative
proposed by Rosenfeld is signed into law**

Domestic abusers who violate their restraining orders will be required to wear a GPS tracking device, according to a new Massachusetts state law spearheaded by HLS lecturer Diane Rosenfeld '96. Signed into law on January 4, the GPS initiative was first presented to the Governor's Commission on Sexual and Domestic Violence by Rosenfeld in early 2005.

Under the new law, if a domestic abuser enters a geographic "exclusion zone"—a court-determined restricted area, such as a victim's home or workplace, or a child's school—the GPS device will immediately alert both the domestic abuse victim and the police. According to existing Massachusetts law, any individual who violates his restraining order is eligible for a \$5,000 fine and a prison sentence of more than two years.

Rosenfeld has also championed legislation that would create a universal danger assessment program, allowing police departments to screen every domestic abuse situation for "lethality factors"—common warning signs gathered from domestic homicide cases over the past 25 years.

Rosenfeld emphasized that the goal of the GPS law is to prevent future violence, while allowing battered women to stay in their homes and their communities without fear. "This legislation puts the responsibility for battering where it belongs—on the offender," she said.

Former Lieutenant Governor Kerry Healey, who chaired the Governor's Commission on Sexual and Domestic Violence, called the GPS bill a longtime personal priority. Many victims of domestic violence continue to be abused even after they have obtained restraining orders against their batterers, Healey said. The victims are often forced into hiding, fleeing their jobs, their homes and their families. - *Harvard Law School*

SAVE THE DATE: SHALVA UNITY DINNER, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2007



Letter from the President

It's remarkable how two years can pass so quickly when you undertake the presidency of an organization dedicated to helping rebuild the lives of women who are victims of domestic abuse in the Jewish community. I began as we celebrated SHALVA's 18th year serving the community, and I pass the torch just after our 20th anniversary.

It has been a busy time. There have been many events to plan, many decisions to make, and many late night meetings, all geared toward making the lives of Jewish women and children safer and healthier. Our board of directors has demonstrated the vision necessary for SHALVA to keep moving forward as we continue to make the issue of domestic abuse a priority in our community. Our staff works tirelessly, with patience, care, and commitment. Yet, I realized that while the past few years have flown by for me, time does not pass

so quickly for a woman suffering from the affects of domestic abuse. Time does not pass so quickly for a woman who does not know how to help herself or her children. Time does not pass so quickly for a woman who cannot see the light at the end of the tunnel.

I am privileged to have served an organization committed to making that time go just a little faster and helping that light shine just a little sooner. I am grateful to those of you who support SHALVA. You have made the difference in the life of a woman in your community. You have also made my personal efforts as the president of SHALVA worth every moment of the past two years. May we continue together to help SHALVA heal the victims among us.

Carol Gaines, President



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SHALVA presents...
The Jersey Boys
 Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at 7:30pm
 LaSalle Bank Theater

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Main Floor \$200 Located in rows: R, S, and T (off center)

Dress Circle \$175 Located in rows: C & D (scattered)
These seats are not handicap accessible.

Seating will be assigned according to when your check is received at the SHALVA office. An acknowledgement of your tickets will be sent upon receipt of the payment. Tickets will be sent in October.

For more information,
please call Myrna at the SHALVA office at 773-583-4673.
Please make your check payable to SHALVA.

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SHALVA Provides Outreach Education At Loyola University Hillel

In the spirit of SHALVA's continued efforts to provide preventative education to the Jewish community, Outreach Educator, Debbie Korman, recently met with Loyola University Hillel students to discuss healthy relationships.

Areas covered during the program were:

- What is domestic abuse?
- Why does domestic abuse happen?
- Why people stay in abusive relationships?
- How to leave an abusive relationship safely?

Educating young adults about healthy and unhealthy relationships provides them with the understanding and tools to have happy and successful relationships.

Male and female students engaged in a serious conversation about these issues and how they affect people they know, including college students their own age.

Questions that arose during the program were focused on "Why would college-age students stay in an abusive relationship?" and "How to be supportive to friends during that difficult time?"

11,500+ Cell Phones Collected

Special thanks to volunteer extraordinaire, Leslie Berger, who coordinates this program.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CELL PHONES!



Cell Phones for Funds

YOU can make a difference in the lives of those affected by domestic violence by donating your old and used cell phones.

YOUR donated cell phone will be sold, refurbished or recycled and the proceeds will benefit SHALVA. Each cell phone is worth an average of \$4.00 to SHALVA.

So, for every 100 cell phones collected \$400 is raised to support SHALVA's counseling services and programs.

This is a unique and simple fundraising opportunity for SHALVA.

Thank you to our organizational and business supporters for collecting cell phones and for so generously providing space for cell phone drop offs!

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