

Justice for Families Collaborative

3-part



training series

This 3-part training series addresses the complex legal issues that arise between separated and divorced members/former members of the Ultra-Orthodox Jewish community including domestic violence, civil and religious divorce, and child custody. Attorneys, advocates, child welfare workers, social workers, medical and mental health professionals are all welcome.

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12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Understanding Domestic Abuse in Ultra-Orthodox Communities: Cultural Issues

This distinguished panel of experts will highlight the unique ways domestic violence and coercive control appear in Ultra-Orthodox communities. Participants will address the cultural factors influencing the actions of the litigants prior to, during, and after they appear in court as well as the impact on children.

Moderator: **Phyllis Frank** - As of November 2, 2020, Chief Program Officer, Center for Safety & Change

Panelists: **Deborah Feldman** - New York Times Bestselling author of “Unorthodox” - a memoir and the basis for the hit Netflix series.
Dr. Shoshannah D. Frydman - Executive Director, Shalom Task Force
Chani Getter - Senior Director of Organizational Development, Footsteps
Dr. Lisa Fontes - Senior Lecturer University of Massachusetts, Amherst

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The Religious Divorce Process

This panel will provide an overview of the Beth Din - or rabbinical court - and address the intersection between the civil and religious court. We will hear from survivors about their experiences appearing before the rabbinical court.

Panelists: **Rabbi Shlomo Weissmann** - Director, Beth Din of America
Erin Bistricher, Esq. - Senior Attorney, Sarah’s Voice
Chani Getter - Senior Director of Organizational Development, Footsteps

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Litigating Child Custody Issues in the Ultra-Orthodox Community

Addressing one of the most complex family law issues, this panel will discuss recent Appellate decisions and approaches to representation including pre-litigation strategies, how to present issues of coercive control in the religious community and the role of the attorney for the child.

Panelists: **Kim Susser, Esq.** - Law Office of Kim Susser
Julie Kay, Esq. - Senior Legal Strategist, Footsteps
Linda Strauss, Esq. - Law Offices of Linda Strauss
Helena Phillibert, Esq. - Director of Legal Services, Center for Safety & Change

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