



NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MAY 2018

It's hard for me to believe that this is already my final message as NYWBA President. I thank our wonderful Newsletter Chairs, **Alex Campbell**, **Jessica Wagner** and **Dana Heitz**, as well as our Executive Director, **Karen Lu**, for all their support and help each month editing my messages and editing and putting together each newsletter issue. It is hard and time-consuming work, and they do an amazing job. And it is always a pleasure working with them.



Myra L. Freed

It has been a privilege to lead and represent our wonderful Association. Though I feel there is so much more I want to accomplish, I am comforted by the words of **President Barack Obama**, whose speech about his presidency I had the pleasure of hearing earlier this year. To paraphrase, he said that you have to think of the presidency as a relay race; you stand on the shoulders of all the great people who came before you, and then you pass the baton on to the next generation who will carry on after you. And so it is true for our Association. Each officer stands on the shoulders of our great Founders, and all the presidents who came before us. As a longtime NYWBA member and officer, I have had the pleasure of knowing, working and serving with many of these extraordinary women. I have had the pleasure of being good friends with so many recent presidents and to be counseled and mentored by them. And I am proud to pass on the gavel of the Presidency to my wonderful colleague, **Virginia A. LoPreto**. Virginia is a highly respected fellow matrimonial lawyer, Attorney for the Children and Cardozo alum. Virginia and I

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RSVP NOW for NYWBA's 2018 Annual Awards and Installation Dinner

The President's Special Award
will be presented to

Honorable Rolando T. Acosta
Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, First Department
and

Honorable Deborah A. Kaplan
Administrative Justice, Supreme Court,
New York County, Civil Branch

NYWBA's Award of Special Recognition
will be presented to

Honorable Karla M. Moskowitz
Associate Justice (ret.), Appellate Division,
First Department

**Tuesday, June 12, 2018
Three Sixty°**

10 Desbrosses Street
Tribeca, New York

Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.
Silent Auction to benefit the
NYWBA Foundation and its Grant Programs
(including the Betty Weinberg Ellerin Fund)

Dinner and Program at 7:30 p.m.

To RSVP, go to <https://bit.ly/2J4hJBn>

For Sponsorship Opportunities, go to
<https://bit.ly/2ERJpXv>

To place an ad or tribute in the 2018 Dinner Journal,
go to <https://bit.ly/2J1FObU>

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follow several other great Cardozo alumnae who have served as NYWBA President including my two classmates, **Dianne Abeloff** (1987-88), and **Bobbi C. Sternheim** (1992-93), as well as **Jennifer P. Brown** (2015-16), who most recently served with great distinction as WBASNY Recording Secretary (2017-18).

I look forward to continuing to remain active on our Board and in our Association. To all our Board members who will be leaving the Board this year to make room for the next generation of Board members, I thank them for their service, and I look forward to continuing to work with those who will be joining our Advisory Council to lend their ongoing support and counsel to our Board. I also welcome all the incoming Board members, and hope they will find their tenure on our Board as rewarding as I have found mine to be.

I thank all our Committee Chairs for the vital work you have done during the past year. You have helped make our organization vibrant, exciting and relevant.

I thank our Membership Committee Chairs, **Deborah G. Rosenthal** and **Michael W. Appelbaum** and their volunteers for helping us remain the largest WBASNY chapter, with a growing membership.

I thank all our members for the contributions, support and spirit of participation that you bring to our organization.

I thank our new lawyers and members, for the excitement, energy, and fresh ideas you bring to our Association.

I thank our Foundation, for their great work and collaboration in helping to carry on our mission.

I thank my officers, Vice Presidents, **Virginia A. LoPreto**, **Amanda B. Norejko** and **Amy B. Goldsmith**, Treasurer **Jean J. Han**, Recording Secretary **Magnolia D. Levy** and Corresponding Secretary **Dawn M. Cardi**, for their contributions to our organization, and all their support. I know they will each continue to do great things for our Association.

These remain dark times, with daily attacks on the integrity of our governmental institutions, on our democracy, the moral fiber of our nation, on the most vulnerable among us. I only recently learned about **Dr. Joachim Prinz**, a rabbi who escaped Hitler's Germany and later worked in Newark, a city with a large minority community. He devoted much of his life in America to the civil rights movement. He worked, marched and joined with **Dr. King** many times, including on the March in Washington. On that day he gave a memorable speech in which he said, "...When I was the rabbi of the Jewish community in Berlin under the Hitler regime, I learned many things. The most important thing that I learned under those tragic circumstances was that bigotry and hatred are not the most urgent problem. The most urgent, the most disgraceful, and the most shameful and the most tragic problem is silence. The great people which created a great civilization had become a nation of silent onlookers. They remained silent in the face of hate, in the face of brutality and in the face of mass murder. America must not become a nation of onlookers. America must not remain silent. Not merely black America, but all America. It must speak up and act... for the sake of the image, the idea and aspiration of America itself... so that it may become a glorious, unshakeable reality in a morally renewed and united America."

Together, the NYWBA can remain strong and break that silence. To all our members, I urge you to take the time to become more active and engaged in our organization, join a committee, offer to help your committee chair. To long time committee members, think of being a committee co-chair, plan an

NYWBA's International Women's Rights and Diversity Committees, WBASNY's International Women's Rights and Diversity Committees, Arab American Bar Association, Muslim Bar Association of New York, and the National Association of Women Judges

Present a Screening of a New Documentary Film:

**THE JUDGE
Women. Justice. Islam.**

Featuring: **Amal Oummi, Esq.**
of the Oummi Law Group, PLLC

This feature-length documentary chronicles the life of Kholoud Al-Faqih, covering her appointment as the first woman judge to be appointed to the Middle East's Shari'a courts, her first years as a judge, and her tenacious ability to maintain her position despite attempts to marginalize and demote her. Through Kholoud's eyes, the film examines the religious and legal stipulations between men and women according to Shari'a law, relaying how the worst aspects of misinterpreted Shari'a laws reflect a tragic misogyny – rape, beatings, and polygamy – stemming from misconstrued ignorance of the Qur'an. As Kholoud's most compelling cases develop in gripping cinéma vérité style, the film reveals precisely the kinds of misinterpretations of Shari'a law that Kholoud now has the power to correct.

Date/Time: **Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**
Location: **Blank Rome LLP**
405 Lexington Ave., NYC
RSVP: Email IntlChairs@nywba.org

NYWBA wishes to acknowledge the generous gift from
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Her financial bequest has helped to underwrite the cost of this Newsletter and many of our CLE programs.

event, CLE program, or write something for our newsletter. To our wonderful Chairs, let the Board know you want to take the next step to being considered for more leadership responsibilities. For those of you who do this, you will find you are embarking on one of the most satisfying, enlightening, productive and inspiring periods in your career. You will find renewed joy and energy in your chosen career, and you will meet and work with some of the finest colleagues you will ever have the good fortune to know. Of this I am certain, as this too was my own journey as a NYWBA member and why I shall always be a NYWBA member.

I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, June 12th at our Annual Dinner when we honor three extraordinary members of the judiciary, **Hon. Rolando T. Acosta**, **Hon Deborah A. Kaplan** and **Hon Karla M. Moskowitz** and we will install our incoming officers and board. And, I will look forward to continue seeing you all at all our wonderful events in the coming year. We remain stronger together.

Myra

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Gail A. Adams
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 Janice Castro
 Gina M. Del Chiaro
 Yasmin Dwedar
 Amanda Fachler
 Kerrijane John

Susan F. Robinson
 Kathleen N. Scahill
 Stephanie Blum Seto
 Chevone T. Toscano
 Shayna L. Williams

as of 04/16/2018

NOTES ON MEMBERS

Congratulations to our sister chapter, **Brooklyn Women's Bar Association**, on their 100th anniversary!

Congratulations to past Newsletter Committee Co-Chair, **Jessica Wagner**, on the birth of her daughter Ella on February 21. Ella is named in loving memory of strong women in her family -- maternal great grandmother Florence "Zipporah" Gould and paternal great grandmother Josephine "Jo" Woog.

Congratulations to member **Jamie A. Rosen**, Associate Attorney at Abrams, Fensterman et. al, on being selected as one of the 2018 Outstanding Women in Law – Emerging Leaders by the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University. The award ceremony was held on April 24, 2018.

Has something noteworthy happened to you or another member? Send your news to Newsletter@nywba.org.

*Brooklyn Women's Bar Association
 Co-Sponsored by the
 New York Women's Bar Association*

LAW DAY CELEBRATION
May 1, 2018

*Women Helping Women: Overcoming
 Gender Bias and Achieving Your Full
 Potential in Your Field of Law*

TAKING FLIGHT
**Going Solo, Opening an Office, or Entering a
 Non-Profit Legal Services Organization**

CLE Pending: 1.5 Credits Professional and Skills & .5
 Credits Ethics through the BWBA

For more info and to RSVP email **Jen Fiorentino**
 at jenfiorentino@aol.com

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Free to Students, Grads Awaiting Admission & Unemployed
 Attorneys

*Financial Aid Policy: Attorneys earning less than \$50,000
 per year and public service attorneys receive a 33% discount.

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

Advance Status and **Diversity Committees** present a **CLE: Building Gender Equality and Confronting Bias** on **June 18** at 6:00 p.m. at Bloomberg LP, 731 Lexington Ave., NYC. 1.5 CLE credits. Free to NYWBA Members. For more info email AdvanceStatus@nywba.org.

Civil Courts Committee's Express Lunch Series CLE on **May 16** at 1:00 p.m. "**Enforcement of Money Judgments and Related Issues in Civil Court**" at 111 Centre Street, 8th Fl. boardroom, NYC. For info and to RSVP, email CivilCourtsChairs@nywba.org. See notice p. 5.

Criminal Law Committee will meet **May 15** at 6:15 p.m. at The Hoffinger Firm, 150 East 58th St., 16th Fl., NYC. Email CrimLawChairs@nywba.org for info and to RSVP.

Diversity and **International Women's Rights Committees** together with WBASNY'S International Women's Rights and Diversity Committees, Arab American Bar Association, Muslim Bar Association of New York, and the National Association of Women Judges present a screening of the documentary **The Judge** on **May 8** from 6: 30 – 8:30 p.m. at Blank Rome LLP, 405 Lexington Ave. NYC. RSVP IntlChairs@nywba.org. See notice p. 2.

International Women's Rights Committee will meet **May 29** and **June 26** at 6:30 p.m. at Le Pain Quotidien, 85 Broad St., NYC. To RSVP, email IntlChairs@nywba.org.

Legislation Committee will host its monthly meetings on **May 21** and **June 18** at 6:15 p.m. at Cardie & Edgar LLP, 2 Park Ave. 19th Fl., NYC. For conference call info or to RSVP contact Joseph Caputo at 212 481-7770 or jcaputo@cardiedgarlaw.com by May 17 and June 14 respectively.

LGBT and **Women's Health and Reproductive Rights Committees** present a **CLE: Surrogacy in New York: Is it Time?** on **June 5** at 6:00 p.m. at LoPreto + Levy, LLP, 565 Fifth Ave., NYC. Email Reproductiverights@nywba.org for info and to RSVP.

Program & Events Committee will meet **May 15** and **June 27** at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of Kirkland & Ellis, 601 Lexington Ave., NYC. RSVP events@nywba.org.

Solo and Small Law Firm Practice Committee will meet at the Law Offices of Maxine Park, 300 E. 42nd St., 14th Fl., NYC on **May 17** at 8:30 a.m. Topic: "**Websites Key to Business: Reviewing Bios.**" For more info or to RSVP email SSFchairs@nywba.org. The Committee together with Women Owned Law present a **CLE: The Ethics of Law Firm Collaboration** on **June 6** at 6:00 p.m. at the American Arbitration Association, 150 East 42nd Street, 17th Fl., NYC. For more info go to <https://bit.ly/2qFuGKc>.



Safe Spaces No More: ICE Arrests Inside Our Courthouses

By *Jessica Horani*

Tina Luongo, Attorney-in-Charge of the Legal Aid Society's Criminal Defense Division, spoke at the March 13, 2018 meeting of the NYWBA's Criminal Law Committee concerning the issue of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in our criminal courthouses. Although courthouse ICE arrests have occurred previously, Luongo stated that under the new federal government administration the number of removals inside our criminal courthouses has skyrocketed and created a cause for concern for many stakeholders within the criminal justice system. Tied closely to the federal government's aggressive policy on immigration as a whole, the news of ICE arrests in our courthouses has been rapidly increasing since the beginning of 2017. According to Luongo, the increased numbers of removals are not, as ICE claims, removals of only 'dangerous' individuals. Many of the people removed do not have a criminal history and many are women who have previously been viewed as victims themselves. These, Luongo stressed, are people who were released by the criminal courts on their own recognizance and trusted to return on their own to address the charges against them. Defense counsel, prosecutors, and judges alike see returning to court on a required date to be a sign of compliance with court directives; yet, as Luongo discussed with the committee, it is these compliant individuals who are now at increased risk of sudden arrest by ICE inside our courthouses.

According to Luongo, the Regional Director of ICE is a proponent of removals occurring inside courthouses because they offer a safe and controlled environment to apprehend individuals. But a growing coalition of defenders, prosecutors, and victim/witness advocates are denouncing the practice, which they say encroaches on the sanctity and integrity of our criminal courtrooms and has a widespread chilling effect on victims and witnesses coming to court as well. It is precisely because this practice also has an adverse effect on the ability of prosecutors and judges to seek and administer justice that Luongo and others in the defense community have garnered growing support within the otherwise adversarial system. In February of this year, Luongo was joined by Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark, Manhattan District Attorney Cy Vance, and Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez at a press conference where they all asked the federal government to stop the courthouse immigration arrests.

Luongo pointed out the anomaly that defendants on Rikers are more protected by the City's detainer law than those released on their own recognizance. Under the current detainer law, enacted in 2014, in order to detain a person in City custody, ICE is required to have a warrant from a federal judge establishing probable cause that the individual is in fact subject to arrest by ICE. This is in comparison to the civil administrative detainer used to arrest a person who is otherwise at liberty and voluntarily appearing for their court date. This judicial warrant requirement is a more meaningful check on the power of ICE which, according to Luongo, has at times relied on old or incomplete information to arrest individuals who are later found out to not be deportable after all.

NYWBA's LGBT and Women's Health & Reproductive Rights Committees

present the following CLE Program:

"Surrogacy and New York Parentage Laws, Time For a Change?"

With Speakers:

Alexis Cirel
Denise Seidelman
Nina Rumbold

Moderated by *Hon. Ellen Gesmer*,
Appellate Division, First Judicial Department

Date: Tuesday June 5, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

CLE: Credit pending*

Place: *LoPreto + Levy, LLP*
565 Fifth Ave., NYC

Cost: Free for NYWBA members

Info &

RSVP: Email ReproductiveRights@nywba.org

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Luongo explained that the reaction from those who have witnessed an ICE arrest in the criminal courthouses is far different from those who witness a person being arrested on a new criminal charge inside the courthouse. Advocates against this practice have been told that judges feel powerless when immigration arrests occur and stakeholders from all sides have said they lose out on the opportunity to seek justice in a defendant's case when that person is suddenly taken by ICE. Neither defenders, prosecutors nor judges are notified beforehand that a person appearing in court is going to be arrested by ICE. In some instances, Luongo said, it appeared that court officers may have been alerted to the presence of ICE and advised ICE of a person's arrival in order to help facilitate the arrest.

One way to help the situation might be a directive from OCA to address the current ICE practices. In addition to seeking such a directive prohibiting court staff from assisting with ICE arrests, Luongo and other advocates are also looking at legal challenges to the practice in order to stop ICE arrests in our criminal courthouses completely.

Jessica Horani is a co-chair of the NYWBA Criminal Law Committee. She is an attorney in the Special Litigation and Juvenile Defense Units of New York County Defender Services, having worked previously as a public defender in Miami-Dade County and in private practice in NYC. She also currently serves on the Board of the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers as a Vice President.

Building a Wardrobe at AYSHA Studio

By Dena Wurman

On March 28, 2018, a group of NYWBA members and their guests attended an event sponsored by the NYWBA Events Committee entitled **“How to Build a Wardrobe.”** The event was hosted by fashion designer **Aysha Saeed** at the eponymous AYSHA Studio which is located at 109 West 38th Street, and serves both as an atelier and a showroom, and co-hosted by **Tania Sterl**, a personal stylist.

Many attendees were already wearing Aysha dresses, jackets and jewelry. Events Committee member **Andrea Vacca**, the organizer of the event, modeled a sleeveless black dress with turned-down detail at the collar. Committee member **Jennifer P. Brown** wore a jacket in a beautiful shade of blue, and committee co-chair **Diana G. Browne** wore a bold Aysha necklace. A number of staff were wearing identical Aysha jackets, paired with different skirts, dresses or pants to create entirely different looks, showing the versatility of the pieces.

The event began with a meet and mingle in the studio, with light refreshments. While I was sipping white wine, Tania demonstrated an app she uses to lay out outfits piece by piece on a cell phone. She helps her clients edit their wardrobes or add strategic pieces, or just helps them shop. To demonstrate the value of a strategic piece, Tania selected an Aysha skirt for me from a nearby clothing rack. The skirt had a band of contrasting textural detail at the waistline, with a softer stretchy fabric to the knee. She held it up against her own skirt and suggested that it would be a nice “anchor piece.”

A presentation, structured as an interview, followed. Aysha and Tania were introduced by Andrea, and Jennifer acted as emcee. Aysha talked about why she loves designing for professional women. Her story began with her work at Dior, and she continues to draw on European influences in her clothing, with practical twists and turns that make the clothes more wearable by the professional woman, and more flattering than many mass-produced designs. For example, her blouses are modestly and strategically snapped closed at the bustline, and her skirts are cut to a length that flatters the calf. Jackets are cut to reveal the slender part of the forearm, perfect for women (like Aysha) who like to stack bracelets. Tania then spoke about her background as a professional stylist, and discussed the services she performed in helping clients enhance their wardrobes in a way that is particularly valuable to professional women. She demonstrated, while seated in front of the room on a tall stool, the way in which her skirt was cut just at the right point at her knee, to be attractive while not revealing too much leg. A Q & A session followed the presentations.

Discount coupons were then given to everyone, and we were set loose to explore the racks of clothing that lined the room, and to shop!

It was this writer’s first time visiting a showroom in New York, and first experience at an NYWBA event. I was not familiar with the designer or the stylist and was not acquainted with any of the other attendees, so the event was a great ice breaker for me. In all, the event was a great way to immerse oneself in the designer’s and stylist’s world, while getting to know women in the group. It was a wonderful, no pressure change of pace from the usual law-related programming. Thank you to the NYWBA Events Committee for your time and effort in planning this event. I am looking forward to exploring other designer showrooms and learning more about how to fine tune my wardrobe.

NYWBA’s Advance Status Committee “Meet & Mingle” Event Hosted by Greenspoon Marder LLP, April 12, 2018



Back row (L to R): Jennifer Abelaj, Laurie Furdyna, Ndidi Igboeli, Kelechi Acholonu (Speaker), Kerry Smith (Speaker), Patricia Gannon (Speaker), Hon. Eileen N. Nadelson (ret.), Eroide Alphonse
Front row (L to R): Susan Akina, NYWBA Committee Co-Chair Ilana J. Marcus, Michelle Fox, and Elizabeth K. Friedrich

NYWBA thanks Michelle Fox at
Greenspoon Marder LLP for organizing and hosting.

NYWBA also thank the speakers Kelechi Acholonu,
Patricia Gannon and Kerry Smith for their superb
comments and excellent advice and insights!

NYWBA’s Civil Courts Committee

presents

A Civil Court Express Lunchtime Series CLE Event

ENFORCEMENT OF MONEY JUDGMENTS AND RELATED ISSUES IN CIVIL COURT

Featuring speakers:

Todd Houslanger, Esq.

Massimo F. D’Angelo, Esq.

Moderator: **John Z. Wang, Esq.**

Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Time: 1:00-2:15 p.m.

Place: NY County Civil Courthouse
111 Centre St., Room 838, NYC
(must enter through White Street entrance)

CLE: 1 Credit pending*

Cost: Free for NYWBA members **

Info & RSVP: Email CivilCourtsChairs@nywba.org

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** Free NYWBA members, \$50, non-member: Full and partial scholarships based on financial need are available. For info on the guidelines and to apply, contact CLE Co-Chairs **Amy B. Goldsmith**, **Ariel Chesler** or **Elizabeth Shampnoi** at cle@nywba.org or 212-216-1135. All requests are confidential.

**NYWBA's Solo and Small Firm Committee
and Women Owned Law**

present a CLE Program:

The Ethics of Law Firm Collaboration

Speakers:

Nicole Hyland, Esq.
Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz PC

Kaylin Whittingham, Esq.
Whittingham Law

Moderator:
Kyle-Beth Hilfer, Esq.

Solo practitioners and law firms often collaborate on client projects. What are the ethical mandates associated with such collaborations?

In this 90 minute CLE, we will explore of counsel relationships, contractual relationships between law firms, fee structures, co-branding initiatives, and conflicts checks. Our speakers will explore relevant ethical rules and best practices for meeting ethical requirements, as well as provide an overview of current relevant case law.

- Date:** June 6, 2018
- Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Place:** American Arbitration Association
150 East 42nd St., 17th Floor, NYC
- CLE:** 1.5 Ethics Credits*
- Cost:** Free – NYWBA Members**
\$50 – Non-members
- RSVP:** <https://bit.ly/2qFuGKc>
- Info:** Email CLE@nywba.org

Beverages and Light Snacks Will Be Served

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SAVE THE DATE!

**The New York Women's Bar Association &
The New York City Bar Association**

***The Martha E. Gifford
Summer Program***

***WHAT IT'S REALLY LIKE TO
PRACTICE LAW AS A WOMAN***

Thursday, July 19, 2018

WBASNY NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Under WBASNY's By-Laws, President-Elect **Greta K. Kolcon** (*Rochester Chapter*) will be automatically become WBASNY President for 2018-2019. At its meeting on March 10, 2018, WBASNY's Nominations Committee nominated the following for the other 2018-2019 WBASNY Officer positions (Chapter name in parentheses):

- President-Elect:** **Deirdre L. Hay** (*Finger Lakes*)
- Vice Presidents:** **Kelly A. Pressler** (*Orange-Sullivan*)
Dawn Reid-Green (*Staten Island*)
Joy A. Thompson (*Brooklyn*)
- Treasurer:** **Deborah G. Rosenthal** (*New York*)
- Recording Secretary:** **Melissa H. Nickson** (*Western New York*)
- Corresponding Secretary:** **Lourdes M. Ventura** (*Queens*)

A vote on the above positions was held at the NYWBA Annual Membership Meeting on April 26, 2018. WBASNY By-Laws, Articles XIII and XV, posted at www.wbasny.org, contain additional information about WBASNY nominations and elections. All elected WBASNY Officers will be officially installed at the **WBASNY Convention** on Saturday, June 2, 2018.

**The Eva Kastan Grove Fellowship Program at
Hunter College, Sanctuary for Families,
the New York Women's Bar Association,
and the NYS Anti-Trafficking Coalition**

present

***An Evening of Arts and Activism
to End Child Sex Trafficking***

Friday, May 4, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Roosevelt House

47-49 East 65th St., NYC

Panel discussion to be moderated by Congresswoman **Carolyn Maloney**, a lead sponsor of the federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

The evening will start with a performance by The Arts Effect, an all-girl theater company, of two monologues from *A Day in the Life*, a one-act play about the impact of sex trafficking on girls. The performance will be followed by a screening of *I Am Little Red*, a 10-minute animated short aimed at children most at-risk for sex trafficking (e.g. foster-care, runaway, LBGTQ, and homeless children), with the goal of prevention and awareness. *I Am Little Red* is narrated by Academy Award nominee Jessica Chastain.

Also on display: the work of Freedom Ladder, a nonprofit organization that has developed Abolitionista!, a manga comic book with narratives and artwork to educate children about the dangers of child sex trafficking and empower them to protect themselves and their peers.

For more info and to RSVP, go to <https://bit.ly/2Hum9nN>

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