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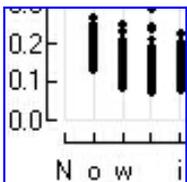
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Rambam should view the Court of Appeal as susceptible to his unsubtle incitement to passion and prejudice.

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The Legislature finds and

declares that there has been a disturbing increase in lawsuits brought primarily to chill the valid exercise of the constitutional rights of freedom of speech and petition for the redress of grievances. California CCP 425.16(a)

09 Aug Prytulak to Court of Appeal: Appellant's Opening Brief

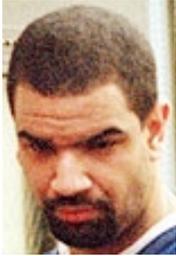
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been collecting from Canadian consumers in

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Lubomyr Prytulak

01 Jul Hartley T. Richardson: CANOLA HARVEST trade mark infringement

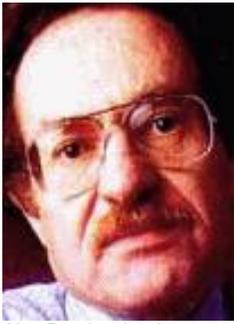


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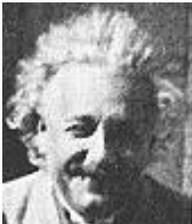
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Alan Dershowitz: Are you sure about John Demjanjuk?



Alan Dershowitz: John Demjanjuk show trial 2001



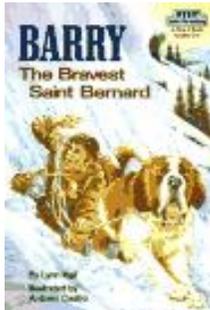
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Court for a copy."

Lubomyr Prytulak

28 Jun James R. Dunn: Kurtz controls all extant copies



"I

think Rubin and Rombom went to Levy's to rub him out."

Well-known Jewish militant quoted by Robert I. Friedman

18 Jun Steven Rambam: You sanitized the Bleecker Street shoot-out



"SHE HAD TO ACTUALLY GO ON THE STAND AND

TESTIFY THAT SHE HAD NEVER BEEN A PROSTITUTE, IF YOU CAN IMAGINE THAT."

Steven Rambam testifying about Mrs Rombom

15 Jun Steven Rambam: Why did you drag Mr and Mrs Rombom into *Rambam v Prytulak*?

"I strongly doubt whether the material he claims to have found is anywhere near as incriminating as he would have us all



Anne McLelland:
Japanese Rape
of Nanking



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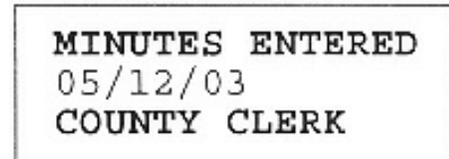


60 Minutes:
Mainstream broadcasting's
greatest fiasco



**believe."
Efraim
Zuroff
speaking
of Steven
Rambam**

11 Jun Steven Rambam: Efraim Zuroff doesn't believe you either



**"My reading of the
California Code of Civil
Procedure indicates that
such removal is
unauthorized."**

Lubomyr Prytulak

07 Jun Gary Kurtz: Please send me a copy of the Rambam Book of Exhibits



**"After
the filing
of a
notice of
appeal,**

**the failure of any court
reporter or clerk to
perform a duty imposed
on him by statute or these
rules which delays the
filing of the record on
appeal is an unlawful
interference with the
proceedings of the**



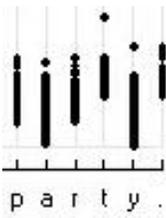
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Keyboard Anonymity
and Security
You May Have Less
than you Think!



AI Arm-And-Hammer Gore



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Jerzy Kosinski:
Grand Calumniator
of Poland



Simon Wiesenthal:
He also forges

reviewing court."

California Rule of Court

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07 Jun James R. Dunn: Unlawful interference with the reviewing court



**"Perhaps
Rombom's
tough guy
obsession
began in**

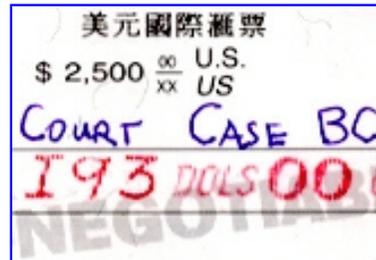
**psychiatric institutions
where he spent eight years
of his youth, according to
court documents.**

**Rombom denies he has
ever been**

institutionalized."

Robert I. Friedman

05 Jun Steven Rambam: Why didn't you sue Robert I. Friedman?



**Please return two missing
money orders**

05 Jun James R. Dunn: Please return two missing money orders

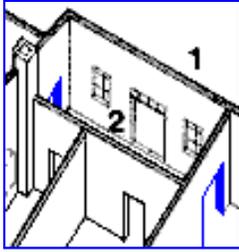


**Gary
Kurtz
sues
Lubomyr
Prytulak**

07 May Gary Kurtz sues Lubomyr Prytulak



Is Simon Wiesenthal ready to confess?



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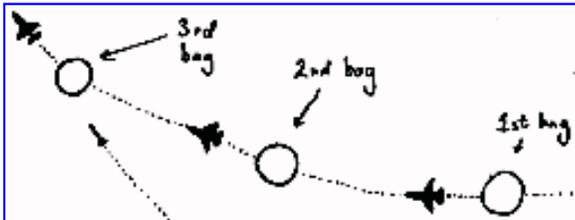
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Robert Friedman: Another Ukrainian Jew makes good



Yuri Shapoval: Jewish conquest of the Slavs



Lubomyr Prytulak: Tips balance of power in Middle East



TIME Magazine:
Traditions of Disinformation



"I protest the severe disadvantage under which your denying me a copy of your

judgment places me."

Lubomyr Prytulak

23 Apr James R. Dunn: You think you can sabotage my appeal?



"In my many complaints of prejudicial treatment by the Los Angeles Superior Court,

the unanimous reply has been that my remedy lay in appeal." Lubomyr Prytulak"

21 Apr Robert A. Dukes: Can the Los Angeles Superior Court sabotage appeals?



21 Apr Robert A. Dukes Index



"In casting about for a name to describe such proceedings, the best-fitting that I



Philip Roth:
On Diasporism



George Soros
buys Ukraine



Edgar Bronfman broke 48-year ban



Edgar Bronfman: Bringing
the Seagram Holocaust to
Ukraine

і горлом карати

Matvy Shestopal: One arenda
contract



F. David Radler:
Flunking the lousiness test



Canadian Guinea Pigs in an
American Experiment

can come up with is *Kafkaesque.*" Lubomyr Prytulak

16 Apr James R. Dunn: I've been waiting 27 days!

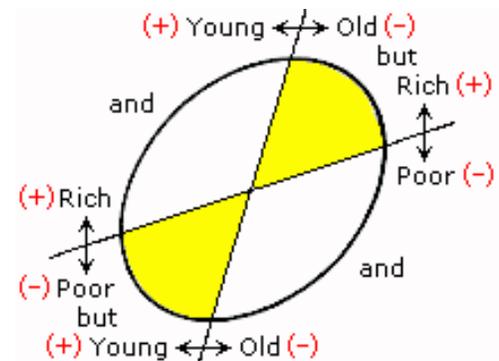


"It would be
like saying to
a party,
Appear and
you shall be
heard; and,
when he has

appeared, saying, Your
appearance shall not be
recognized, and you shall
not be heard." Mr.

Justice Field

11 Apr James R. Dunn: Appear and you shall not be
heard



What had been written at
the time of interruption
a first draft of most of the
book is being made
available.

04 Apr Lubomyr Prytulak: Companion to Correlation

"In view of Lubomyr
Prytulak's total
expurgation of all material
complained of by plaintiff



Israel Asper: They left their hearts in Tel Aviv



Mike Wallace: Eating the shark god



in *Rambam v Prytulak* BC271433, further action against UKAR by

the instant Court is unwarranted." Lubomyr Prytulak

28 Mar James R. Dunn: All complained-of material has been removed



"Moses Maimonides was a scholar, codifier,

philosopher, and physician, whereas your reputation, by your own admission, is that of a head-breaker."

Lubomyr Prytulak

27 Mar Steven Rombom: Did you get permission to call yourself "Rambam"?



"Prior to my eye-opening experience in *Rambam v Prytulak*, I would have thought that

a Canadian untrained in law would have had no chance in a California courtroom besting a

California lawyer allied with a California judge because of how much law the two of them knew."

Lubomyr Prytulak

26 Mar James R. Dunn: Your \$25,000 error



"Rather than revising your position, however, or explaining or justifying it, you merely reiterated it because a Saddam Hussein meeting this small was unprecedented, it must have taken place prior to the commencement of the bombing." Lubomyr Prytulak

21 Mar Janice Stein: Why are you on television?



"I mean, fellas, are you kidding? Beatings of people by soldiers to make examples of them? Breaking the hands of men and women so they can't throw stones?" Woody Allen

18 Mar Philip Roth misreads Woody Allen



18 Mar Philip Roth Index

Carolyn B. Kuhl: But
what about those
missing documents?

**"It is
disingenuous
and
cynical to
invite me
to carry**

**my complaint to an
appellate court when my
complaint is that James R.
Dunn destruction of
documents leaves me with
a trial record too
expurgated to support an
appeal." Lubomyr
Prytulak**

14 Mar Carolyn B. Kuhl: But what about those
missing documents?



14 Mar Carolyn B. Kuhl Index



**"My own
information,
however, is that
James R.**

**Dunn's military service
covered not eight years,
but only four, in fact
beginning 06-Aug-1962
and ending 05-Jun-1966."**

Lubomyr Prytulak

12 Mar Carolyn B. Kuhl: Judge James R. Dunn
Misrepresents His Military Record

"Stigmata, I understand,



are marks of supernatural origin resembling the wounds on the crucified body of Christ."

Lubomyr Prytulak

04 Mar Pope John Paul II: Does the Deceased Padre Pio Continue to Practice Medicine Without a Licence?



"A little further up State Street was

to be seen the pillory with three or four fellows fastened by the head and hands, and standing for an hour in that helpless posture, exposed to gross and cruel jeers from the multitude, who pelted them constantly with rotten eggs and every repulsive kind of garbage that could be collected."

Samuel Beck

26 Feb Alan Dershowitz: Here's How They Get You in Los Angeles

"Connor refused to permit the presentation of five witnesses to one of the

**alleged frame-ups,
asserting that they were
introduced too close to the
trial date." Charles**

Rappleye

20 Feb James A. Bascue: Knee-Jerk Impulse to
Cover Up?



19 Feb James R. Dunn Index



**Your refusal
to either
satisfy
Lubomyr
Prytulak's**

**instant request for
audiotapes and
transcripts, or to inform
him why you refuse to
satisfy it, will add to the
accumulation of evidence
that the Court unlawfully
obstructs his ability to
challenge jurisdiction in
Rambam v Prytulak
BC271433, and unlawfully
obstructs his ability to
prepare his appeal.**

18 Feb John A. Clarke: Fourth Request for
Transcripts

**Those responsible for
Rambam v Prytulak
BC271433 have not only
excluded Lubomyr**



Prytulak from meaningful participation, but have now ventured so

far as to deny him the right to know what has been going on in proceedings that bear his name.

13 Feb John A. Clarke: Third Request for Transcripts



"Judge Trammell told my wife if she wants me home

early, then she must pay the price. And then he put his hand down into her clothes and touched her breast, then kissed her."

Ming Jin

04 Feb Prytulak to Klausner: Twenty Worst Judges: Estimating the Lower Limit



"Lubomyr Prytulak requests that you either supply the

requested transcripts, or cite authority for refusing to do so." Lubomyr

Prytulak

03 Feb John A. Clarke: Lubomyr Prytulak is Denied



**"Los Angeles
Superior Court
judge Patrick
Couwenberg**

**had fabricated an
expansion of his interval of
higher education so that it
would overlap, and thus
cover up, the years he had
spent taking the bar
admission examination six
times, failing the first
five." Lubomyr Prytulak**

29 Jan Prytulak to Bascue: Eight Puzzling Years in
James R. Dunn Biography



Nazis kill Slavs during WW II

**"Rambam
lawyer
Gary
Kurtz
understands
litigation**

**as slinging at his opponent
a stream of deceptions in
the hope that a few might
not be deflected, and on
the expectation born of
experience that the many
that are deflected will
bring him no penalty."**

Lubomyr Prytulak

20 Jan Prytulak-to-Dunn-01: Three Documents Call
for a Reply

**"I bring to your attention
again not for the first**



time that the suppression or destruction of the several payments and submissions listed above has never been explained or justified, and may expose you, perhaps along with others, to civil action and to criminal prosecution." **Lubomyr Prytulak**

10 Jan John A. Clarke: Transcript Order



"If I hear that word again, somebody is going to be in jail over the weekend."

Lance Ito reacting to Marcia Clark using the word "matched"

05 Jan Gary Klausner: Does Lance Ito Define the Upper Limit? *People v OJ Simpson* throws light on *Rambam v Prytulak*



Unlocking the secret of meaty hands (under construction)

Alan Dershowitz: Unlocking the secret of meaty hands



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Specter New York Times Jan 11/98 Slave trade in Slavic women

Traffickers' New Cargo: Naive Slavic women

CONTRABAND WOMEN

A special report

The New York Times

Sunday, January 11, 1998

By MICHAEL SPECTER

RAMLE, Israel – Irina always assumed that her beauty would somehow rescue her from the poverty and hopelessness of village life. A few months ago, after answering a vague ad in a small Ukrainian newspaper, she slipped off a tour boat when it put in at Haifa, hoping to make a bundle dancing naked on the tops of tables.

She was 21, self-assured and glad to be out of Ukraine. Israel offered a new world, and for a week or two everything seemed possible. Then, one morning, she was driven to a brothel, where her boss burned her passport before her eyes.

"I own you," she recalled his saying. "You are my property, and you will work until you earn your way out. Don't try to leave. You have no papers and you don't speak Hebrew. You will be arrested and deported. Then we will get you and bring you back."

It happens every single day. Not just in Israel, which has deported nearly 1,500 Russian and Ukrainian women

like Irina in the past three years. But throughout the world, where selling naive and desperate young women into sexual bondage has become one of the fastest-growing criminal enterprises in the robust global economy.

The international bazaar for women is hardly new, of course. Asians have been its basic commodity for decades. But economic hopelessness in the Slavic world has opened what experts call the most lucrative market of all to criminal gangs that have flourished since the fall of Communism: Eastern European women with little to sustain them but their dreams. Pimps, law-enforcement officials and relief groups all agree that Ukrainian and Russian women are now the most valuable in the trade.

Because their immigration is often illegal – and because some percentage of the women choose to work as prostitutes – statistics are difficult to assess. But the United Nations estimates that 4 million people throughout the world are trafficked each year – forced through lies and coercion to work against their will in many types of servitude. The International Organization for Migration has said that as many as 500,000 women are annually trafficked into Western Europe alone.

Many end up like Irina. Stunned and outraged by the sudden order to prostitute herself, she simply refused. She was beaten and raped before she succumbed. Finally she got a break. The brothel was raided, and she was brought here to Neve Tirtsa in Ramle, the only women's prison in Israel. Now, like hundreds of Ukrainian and Russian women with no documents or obvious forgeries, she is waiting to be sent home.

"I don't think the man who ruined my life will even be fined," she said softly, slow tears filling her enormous green eyes. "You can call me a fool for coming here. That's my crime. I am stupid. A stupid girl from a little village. But can people really buy and sell women and get away with it? Sometimes I sit here and ask myself if that really happened to me, if it can really happen at all."

Then, waving her arm toward the muddy prison yard, where Russian is spoken more commonly than Hebrew, she whispered one last thought: "I'm not the only one, you know. They have ruined us all."

Traffic Patterns: Russia and Ukraine Supply the Flesh

Centered in Moscow and the Ukrainian capital, Kiev, the networks trafficking women run east to Japan and Thailand, where thousands of young Slavic women now work against their will as prostitutes, and west to the Adriatic Coast and beyond. The routes are controlled by Russian crime gangs based in Moscow. Even when they do not specifically move the women overseas, they provide security, logistical support, liaison with brothel owners in many countries and, usually, false documents.

Women often start their hellish journey by choice. Seeking a better life, they are lured by local advertisements for good jobs in foreign countries at wages they could never imagine at home.

In Ukraine alone, the number of women who leave is staggering. As many as 400,000 women under 30 have gone in the past decade, according to their country's interior ministry. The Thai Embassy in Moscow, which processes visa applications from Russia and Ukraine, says it receives nearly 1,000 visa applications a day, most of these from women.

Israel is a fairly typical destination. Prostitution is not illegal here, although brothels are, and with 250,000 foreign male workers – most of whom are single or here without their wives – the demand is great. Police officials estimate that there are 25,000 paid sexual transactions every day. Brothels are ubiquitous.

None of the women seem to realize the risks they run until it is too late. Once they cross the border their passports will be confiscated, their freedoms curtailed and what little money they have taken from them at once.

"You want to tell these kids that if something seems too good to be true it usually is," said Lyudmilla Biryuk, a Ukrainian psychologist who has counseled women who have escaped or been released from bondage. "But you can't imagine what fear and real ignorance can do to a person."

The women are smuggled by car, bus, boat and plane. Handed off in the dead of night, many are told they will pick oranges, work as dancers or as waitresses. Others have decided to try their luck at prostitution, usually for what they assume will be a few lucrative months. They have no idea of the violence that awaits them.

The efficient, economically brutal routine – whether here in Israel, or in one of a dozen other countries – rarely varies. Women are held in apartments, bars and makeshift brothels; there they service, by their own count, as many as 15 clients a day. Often they sleep in shifts, four to a bed. The best that most hope for is to be deported after the police finally catch up with their captors.

Few ever testify. Those who do risk death. Last year in Istanbul, Turkey, according to Ukrainian police investigators, two women were thrown to their deaths from a balcony while six of their Russian friends watched.

In Serbia, also last year, said a young Ukrainian woman who escaped in October, a woman who refused to work as a prostitute was beheaded in public.

In Milan, Italy, a week before Christmas, the police broke up a ring that was holding auctions in which women abducted from the countries of the former Soviet Union were put on blocks, partially naked, and sold at an average price of just under \$1,000.

"This is happening wherever you look now," said Michael Platzer, the Vienna, Austria-based head of operations for the U.N.'s Center for International Crime Prevention. "The Mafia is not stupid. There is less law enforcement since the Soviet Union fell apart and more freedom of movement. The earnings are incredible. The overhead is low – you don't have to buy cars and guns. Drugs you sell once and they are gone. Women can earn money for a long time."

"Also," he added, "the laws help the gangsters. Prostitution is semilegal in many places and that makes enforcement tricky. In most cases punishment is very light."

In some countries, Israel among them, there is not even a specific law against the sale of human beings.

Platzer said that although certainly "tens of thousands" of women were sold into prostitution each year, he was uncomfortable with statistics since nobody involved has any reason to tell the truth.

"But if you want to use numbers," he said, "think about this. Two hundred million people are victims of contemporary forms of slavery. Most aren't prostitutes, of course, but children in sweatshops, domestic workers, migrants. During four centuries, 12 million people were believed to be involved in the slave trade between Africa and the New World. The 200 million – and many of course are women who are trafficked for sex – is a current figure. It's happening now. Today."

Distress Calls: Far-Flung Victims Provide Few Clues

The distress call came from Donetsk, the bleak center of coal production in southern Ukraine. A woman was screaming on the telephone line. Her sister and a friend were prisoners in a bar somewhere near Rome. They spoke no Italian and had no way out, but had managed, briefly, to get hold of a man's cell phone.

"Do you have any idea where they are, exactly?" asked Olga Shved, who runs La Strada in Kiev, Ukraine's new center dedicated to fighting the trafficking of women in Eastern Europe and the countries of the former Soviet Union.

The woman's answer was no. Ms. Shved began searching for files and telephone numbers of the local consul, the police, anybody who could help.

"Do they know how far from Rome they are?" she asked, her voice tightening with each word. "What about the name of the street or the bar? Anything will help," she said, jotting notes furiously as she spoke. "We can get the police on this, but we need something. If they call back, tell them to give us a clue. The street number. The number of a bus that runs past. One thing is all we

need."

Ms. Shved hung up and called officials at Ukraine's Interior Ministry and the Foreign Ministry. Her conversations were short, direct and obviously a routine part of her job.

That is because Ukraine – and to a lesser degree its Slavic neighbors Russia and Belarus – has replaced Thailand and the Philippines as the epicenter of the global business in trafficking women. The Ukrainian problem has been worsened by a ravaged economy, an atrophied system of law enforcement, and criminal gangs that grow more brazen each year. Young European women are in demand, and Ukraine, a country of 51 million people, has a seemingly endless supply. It is not that hard to see why.

Neither Russia nor Ukraine reports accurate unemployment statistics. But even partial numbers present a clear story of chaos and economic dislocation.

Federal employment statistics in Ukraine indicate that more than two-thirds of the unemployed are women. The government also keeps another statistic: employed but not working. Those are people who technically have jobs, and can use company amenities like day-care centers and hospitals. But they do not work or get paid. Three-quarters are women. And of those who have lost their jobs since the Soviet Union dissolved in 1991, more than 80 percent are women.

The average salary in Ukraine today is slightly less than \$30 a month, but it is half that in the small towns that criminal gangs favor for recruiting women to work abroad. On average, there are 30 applicants for every job in most Ukrainian cities. There is no real hope; but there is freedom.

In that climate, looking for work in foreign countries has increasingly become a matter of survival.

"It's no secret that the highest prices now go for the white women," said Marco Buffo, executive director of On the Road, an antitrafficking organization in northern Italy. "They are the novelty item now. It used to be Nigerians and Asians at the top of the market. Now it's

the Ukrainians."

Economics is not the only factor causing women to flee their homelands. There is also social reality. For the first time, young women in Ukraine and Russia have the right, the ability and the willpower to walk away from their parents and their hometowns. Village life is disintegrating throughout much of the former Soviet world, and youngsters are grabbing any chance they can find to save themselves.

"After the wall fell down, the Ukrainian people tried to live in the new circumstances," said Ms. Shved. "It was very hard, and it gets no easier. Girls now have few opportunities yet great freedom. They see 'Pretty Woman,' or a thousand movies and ads with the same point, that somebody who is rich can save them. The glory and ease of wealth is almost the basic point of the Western advertising that we see. Here the towns are dying. What jobs there are go to men. So they leave."

First, however, they answer ads from employment agencies promising to find them work in a foreign country. Here again, Russian crime gangs play a central role. They often recruit people through seemingly innocuous "mail order bride" meetings. Even when they do not, few such organizations can operate without paying off one gang or another. Sometimes want ads are almost honest, suggesting that the women can earn up to \$1,000 a month as "escorts" abroad. Often they are vague or blatantly untrue.

Recruiting Methods: Ads Make Offers Too Good To Be True

One typical ad used by traffickers in Kiev last year read: "Girls: Must be single and very pretty. Young and tall. We invite you for work as models, secretaries, dancers, choreographers, gymnasts. Housing is supplied. Foreign posts available. Must apply in person."

One young woman who did, and made it back alive, described a harrowing journey. "I met with these guys, and they asked if I would work at a strip bar," she

said. "Why not, I thought. They said we would have to leave at once. We went by car to the Slovak Republic where they grabbed my passport. I think they got me new papers there, but threatened me if I spoke out. We made it to Vienna, then to Turkey. I was kept in a bar and I was told I owed \$5,000 for my travel. I worked for three days, and on the fourth I was arrested."

Lately, the ads have started to disappear from the main cities – where the realities of such offers are known now. These days the appeals are made in the provinces, where their success is undiminished.

Most of the thousands of Ukrainian women who go abroad each year are illegal immigrants who do not work in the sex business. Often they apply for a legal visa – to dance, or work in a bar – and then stay after it expires.

Many go to Turkey and Germany, where Russian crime groups are particularly powerful. Israeli leaders say that Russian women – they tend to refer to all women from the former Soviet Union as Russian – disappear off tour boats every day. Officials in Italy estimate that at least 30,000 Ukrainian women are employed illegally there now.

Most are domestic workers, but a growing number are prostitutes, some of them having been promised work as domestics only to find out their jobs were a lie. Part of the problem became clear in a two-year study recently concluded by the Washington-based nonprofit group Global Survival Network: Police officials in many countries just don't care.

The network, after undercover interviews with gangsters, pimps and corrupt officials, found that local police forces – often those best able to prevent trafficking – are least interested in helping.

Gillian Caldwell of Global Survival Network has been deeply involved in the study. "In Tokyo," she said, "a sympathetic senator arranged a meeting for us with senior police officials to discuss the growing prevalence of trafficking from Russia into Japan. The police insisted it wasn't a problem, and they didn't even want the concrete information we could have provided. That didn't surprise local relief agencies,

who cited instances in which police had actually sold trafficked women back to the criminal networks which had enslaved them."

Official Reactions: Best-Placed To Help, but Least Inclined

Complacency among police agencies is not uncommon.

"Women's groups want to blow this all out of proportion," said Gennadi Lepenko, chief of Kiev's branch of Interpol, the international police agency. "Perhaps this was a problem a few years ago. But it's under control now."

That is not the view at Ukraine's parliament – which is trying to pass new laws to protect young women – or at the Interior Ministry.

"We have a very serious problem here, and we are simply not equipped to solve it by ourselves," said Mikhail Lebed, chief of criminal investigations for the Ukrainian Interior Ministry. "It is a human tragedy, but also, frankly, a national crisis. Gangsters make more from these women in a week than we have in our law-enforcement budget for the whole year. To be honest, unless we get some help we are not going to stop it."

But solutions will not be simple. Criminal gangs risk little by ferrying women out of the country; indeed, many of the women go voluntarily. Laws are vague, cooperation between countries rare and punishment of traffickers almost nonexistent. Without work or much hope of a future at home, an eager teen-ager will find it hard to believe that the promise of a job in Italy, Turkey or Israel is almost certain to be worthless.

"I answered an ad to be a waitress," said Tamara, 19, a Ukrainian prostitute in a massage parlor near Tel Aviv's old Central Bus Station, a Russian-language ghetto for the cheapest brothels. "I'm not sure I would go back now if I could. What would I do there, stand on a bread line or work in a factory for no wages?"

Tamara, like all other such women interviewed for this

article, asked that her full name not be published. She has classic Slavic features, with long blond hair and deep green eyes. She turned several potential customers away so she could speak at length with a reporter. She was willing to talk as long as her boss was out. She said she was not watched closely while she remained within the garish confines of the "health club."

"I didn't plan to do this," she said, looking sourly at the rich red walls and leopard prints around her. "They took my passport, so I don't have much choice. But they do give me money. And believe me, it's better than anything I could ever get at home."

Yitzhak Tyler, the chief of undercover activities for the Haifa police, is a big, open-faced man who doesn't mince words.

"We got a hell of a problem on our hands," he said. The port city of 200,000 has become the easiest entryway for women brought to Israel to work as prostitutes — though by no means the only one. Sometimes they walk off tour boats, but increasingly they come with forged documents that enable them to live and work in Israel. These have often been bought or stolen from elderly Jewish women in Russia or Ukraine.

"This is a sophisticated, global operation," Tyler said. "It's evil, and it's successful because the money is so good. These men pay \$500 to \$1,000 for a Ukrainian or Russian woman. Do you understand what I am telling you? They will buy these women and make a fortune out of them."

To illustrate his point, Tyler grabbed a black calculator and started calling out the sums as he punched them in.

"Take a small place," he said, "with 10 girls. Each has 15 to 20 clients a day. Multiply that by say 200 shekels. So say 30,000 shekels a day comes in to each place. Each girl works 25 days a month. Minimum."

Tyler was busy doing math as he spoke. "So we are talking about 750,000 shekels a month, or about \$215,000. A man often owns five of these places. That's a million dollars. No taxes, no real overhead.

It's a factory with slave labor. And we've got them all over Israel."

The Tropicana, in Tel Aviv's bustling business district, is one of the busiest bordellos. The women who work there, like nearly all prostitutes in Israel today, are Russian. Their boss, however, is not.

"Israelis love Russian girls," said Jacob Golan, who owns this and two other clubs, and spoke willingly about the business he finds so "successful." "They are blonde and good-looking and different from us," he said, chuckling as he drew his hand over his black hair. "And they are desperate. They are ready to do anything for money."

Always filled with half-naked Russian women, the club is open around the clock. There is a schedule on the wall next to the receptionist – with each woman's hours listed in a different color, and the days and shifts rotating, as at a restaurant or a bar. Next to the schedule a sign reads, "We don't accept checks." Next to that there is a poster for a missing Israeli woman.

There are 12 cubicles at the Tropicana where 20 women work in shifts, eight during the daytime, 12 at night. Business is always booming, and not just with foreign workers. Israeli soldiers, with rifles on their shoulders, frequent the place, as do business executives and tourists.

Mr. Golan was asked if most women who work at the club do so voluntarily. He laughed heartily.

"I don't get into that," he said, staring vacantly across his club at four Russian women sitting on a low couch. "They are brought here and told to work. I don't force them. I pay them. What goes on between them and the men they are with, how could that be my problem?"

Deterrent Strategies: A System that Fails Those Who Testify

Every once in a while, usually with great fanfare and

plenty of advance notice, Golan gets raided. He pays a fine, and the women without good false documents are taken to prison.

If they are deported, the charges against them are dropped. But if a woman wants to file a complaint, then she must remain in prison until a trial is held. "In the past four years," Betty Lahan, prison director of Neve Tirtsa here, said, "I don't know of a single case where a woman chose to testify."

Such punitive treatment of victims is the rule rather than the exception. In Italy, where the police say killings of women forced into prostitution average one a month, parliament tried to create a sort of witness protection program. But it only allowed women to stay in the country for one year and did nothing to hide their identities.

"The deck is just so completely stacked against the women in all this," said Daniella Pompei, an immigration specialist with the community of Sant'Egidio, the Catholic relief agency in Rome. "The police is the last place these women want to go." She said that only 20 women had ever used the protection program.

It is not clear who will stop the mob. On a trip to Ukraine late last year, Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke out about the new slave trade that has developed so rapidly there. The United States and the European Union have plans to work together to educate young women about the dangers of working abroad. Other initiatives, like stays of deportation for prisoners, victims' shelters and counseling, have also been discussed.

"I don't care about any of that," said Lena, a young Latvian, one of the inmates waiting to be deported here. "I just want to know one thing. How will I ever walk down the street like a human being again?"

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EDITORIAL: A modern form of slavery

(January 13) - Prostitution is often euphemistically called the world's oldest profession, but it has become the newest business of choice for organized crime. Modern Western culture has at times even glorified prostitution and given the debate over it a tinge of civil rights versus religious morality. Such civics lesson-style dilemmas must be set aside in order to address the problem in its current incarnation, in which prostitution is often a modern form of slavery, pure and simple.

This Sunday's New York Times reports that the "selling [of] naive and desperate young women into sexual bondage has become one of the fastest-growing criminal enterprises in the robust global economy." Recently, this trade has shifted and expanded from Asia, where it has been going on for years, to the former Soviet Union, which experts call "the most lucrative market of all to criminal gangs that have flourished since the fall of Communism."

Israel, of course, is not the only country where this market is flourishing, but circumstances have conspired to make Israel a prime destination for traders in human beings. An extensive report soon to be released by the Women's Lobby - based on dozens of interviews with police, government officials, prostitutes, and local diplomats - paints a daunting picture of the scope of the problem. According to the report, a sophisticated network of gangs is taking advantage of Israeli immigration laws to import Ukrainian and Russian women, promising them work as waitresses or dancers, and instead forcing them into prostitution.

A woman called Irina, interviewed in Neveh Tirza Prison by The New York Times before being deported, had been lured to Israel by an advertisement in a small Ukrainian newspaper. She slipped off a tourist boat in Haifa, and planned on making a bundle doing nude dancing here. Upon arrival, her Israeli contact drove her to a brothel and burned her passport before her eyes, saying that she was now his property and would have to earn her way home through prostitution.

The country's 250,000 foreign workers, most of them men who are single or without their families, provide a ready-made clientele for the imported prostitutes. Each prostitute earns her "owners" \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year, resulting in a \$450 million industry in Israel alone. Of this, the women themselves receive almost nothing, and their only hope becomes a police raid that will lead to their deportation. In the meantime, smugglers play a cat and mouse game with police, disguising their victims as nuns, or circus performers, or any other ruse that will get them into the country.

The police, trying to stop the flow, have at times become overzealous, stopping one medical student from St. Petersburg on the way to visit her family and sending her back home. The Absorption Ministry ended up apologizing to her and inviting her back, after which she told reporters that the Israeli authorities evidently thought "every blond woman from Russia is a prostitute." Removing the terribly unfair stigma of prostitution that haunts Russian immigrants is, in fact, one of the many reasons why this scourge must be fought. The problem, however, has

largely been met with complacency by the authorities. Since prostitution itself is not illegal, and both the victims and the users of the system tend to be foreigners, it has been easy not to attach too great a priority to addressing the problem. Prostitution rings, however, should not be considered purely a criminal menace, but a moral challenge to Israeli society: can we tolerate a burgeoning slave trade in our midst?

According to the Women's Lobby, part of the problem is that there is no law against slavery in Israel. Though a shortage of legal authority is probably not the major problem in combating the trading of women into prostitution, whatever legal holes that exist should be filled. In addition, the law and its enforcement should not be focused on the prostitutes themselves, who are after all usually the principal victims. Though deporting the victims does provide them a semblance of freedom and deprive the criminals of income, it is those who keep these women in bondage who deserve to be hunted, caught, and jailed.

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Women's groups battle sex slavery

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They work in massage parlors, strip bars and sex clubs from Israel to the Orient. Lured away from the boredom and poverty of small towns in Ukraine and Russia by promises of employment and a chance to travel abroad, they are duped or abducted by pimps and gangsters, often while law enforcement officials look the other way.

They are smuggled abroad; their passports are stolen. They are beaten, raped and forced to work as prostitutes to pay back "travel expenses" incurred by their abductors and employers. They are terrified, easily cowed, and highly prized for their Slavic features by sex merchants and bordello owners. If they refuse to work or manage to escape, they are recaptured and punished, sometimes tortured and killed.

If it sounds like Thailand or the Philippines, it's no coincidence. Thanks to lax legislation, complacent enforcement agencies, rampant unemployment and a mafia given virtual free reign over half a hemisphere, Ukraine and Russia have become the new capitals of the booming global trade in sex slaves.

A Jan. 11 cover story in The New York Times painted a horrific picture of innocents abroad, young Ukrainian women leaving the country in droves seeking employment and ending up abroad virtual prisoners, working in brothels and sex clubs against their will and subject to physical

abuse and in some cases murder at the hands of gangsters and employers.

Statistical estimates are difficult to obtain, as border crossings are often illegal, and women who return home alive are often too scared or embarrassed to give detailed information. Still the article cites statistics from Ukraine's Interior Ministry that give some idea of the scope of the problem: more than 400,000 women under the age of 30 have left Ukraine in the last decade.

Some of them are aware of the sexual nature of the jobs waiting for them when they begin their journeys. They respond to advertisements seeking topless dancers, waitresses in sex clubs, and even prostitutes, but are woefully naive about the true nature of the work they are expected to perform.

Other young women apply for jobs as au pairs or housemaids, or expect to meet a potential husband from a rich Western country. At border crossings their passports are confiscated, and they soon find themselves stranded in a country where they do not speak the language and few laws exist to help them.

The Times recounted the story of one young Ukrainian woman who answered a newspaper ad seeking topless dancers in Israel, a country with a thriving sex trade involving women from former Soviet countries. A week or so into her stay, she was driven to a brothel, where her new boss burned her passport before her eyes.

"I own you," she told The Times her boss said. "You are my property, and you will work until you earn your way out. Don't try to leave. You have no papers and you don't speak Hebrew. You will be arrested and deported. Then we will get you and bring you back."

That young woman was one of the relatively lucky ones. The club where she worked was raided by police and she was sent to a women's prison, where she awaits deportation back to Ukraine. Others who resist, try to contact rescue organizations or escape sometimes end up paying with their lives.

The Times report cited Ukrainian police investigators who said that last year in Istanbul, Turkey, two women were

thrown from a building and killed while six friends looked on helplessly. Another woman who defied her pimps was beheaded in Serbia last year, The Times quoted an escaped Ukrainian woman as saying.

The stories are painful to hear. But law enforcement and rescue agencies in Ukraine and abroad are thankful that they are starting to be told. While they wait for legislation to protect women and hamper traffickers, their only real weapon is public awareness of the growing problem.

Draft laws are still on the drawing boards in Ukrainian. A bill to protect women from trafficking is slated for parliamentary debate in March, but a spokesman from the Ministry of Family and Youth Affairs said no specific information was available about what measures the bill provides for.

Ukraine's current criminal code provides for the prosecution of pimps and brothel owners, but in 1996 only 24 individuals were convicted, according to La Strada, an anti-trafficking organization funded by the European Union. Meanwhile, La Strada's hotline, which operates just one day a week for nine hours, receives up to 15 calls each day it is manned.

Ukrainian investigators say they are simply outnumbered and outmaneuvered by slick, well-financed trafficking rings. "We have a very serious problem here, and we are simply not equipped to solve it by ourselves," Mikhail Lebed, chief of criminal investigations for the Ministry of the Interior told The Times. "It is a human tragedy, but also, frankly, a national crisis. Gangsters make more from these women in a week than we have in our law-enforcement budget for the whole year. To be honest, unless we get some help we are not going to stop it."

In other countries, such as Israel, forms of prostitution are legal, which makes convicting traffickers extremely problematic. Trijntje Kootstra, the Holland-based director of La Strada in Eastern Europe, said that traffickers evade prosecution by claiming the women knew what they were getting into, and that prosecutors generally have a hard time establishing the line between voluntary and enforced prostitution.

"Women are really like goods for [traffickers]. It's more

profitable for them to sell women because they hardly ever get caught," said Kootstra.

Other concerned aid workers called for harsher sentences for convicted pimps and traffickers. "Often sentencing is minor and doesn't prevent them from continuing in this line of business," said Natalka Kocan, coordinator for a new information and prevention program run in Ukraine by the International Organization for Migration. "Some sort of disincentive for these people is needed."

Convincing women who are rescued or return to testify is nearly impossible. Victims fear reprisal, and some are reluctant to talk because they were recruited by people they and their families knew personally.

The words of Angela, a Russian woman trafficked to Germany and interviewed by the Washington-based Global Survival Network as part of their 1997 report on trafficking, are typical.

"When I come back to Russia, [the mafia] will simply kill me. They know my family very well."

Dangers aside, many Ukrainian women are simply ashamed of what has happened to them and prefer to keep silent.

"It is taboo in Ukrainian society to talk about prostitution openly," said Oksana, a manager of La Strada in Ukraine who declined to give her last name.

La Strada's hotline provides counseling and emergency help in finding and rescuing captive women, but its plans to open shelters have so far come to nothing. No shelters exist for women in Ukraine, and there are only two crisis centers nationwide.

Complacency on the part of government and law enforcement officials is as much to blame as financial difficulties, according to Katerina, another La Strada coordinator. "It isn't only a problem of money," she said. "Our government bodies cannot understand that it is very, very important for women."

One high level enforcement officer said the problem had been exaggerated.

"Women's groups want to blow this all out of proportion," said Gennadi Lepenko, chief of the Kyiv branch of Interpol, in a Times interview. "Perhaps this was a problem a few years ago. But it's under control now."

Other aid for victims of trafficking is being channeled to Ukraine via the International Organization for Migration program, funded jointly by the European Union and the United States. Launched in September at the request of the U.S. State Department, the first stage of the program consists of nationwide surveys and discussions researching women's ideas about work in the West. The second stage is an information campaign to begin in April.

The program is aimed at "giving women an informed choice," said coordinator Kocan.

She said the government ministries involved in the issue had been "receptive" to the program.

"There is now an interest ... at least we've come that far," she said. "Now new legislation and victim support is needed."

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Lubomyr Prytulak ABC TV *Prime Time* 18-Mar-1998 Impossibilities of a TV documentary

Jacob Golan's vice empire is possible only because Slavic women are poor. Jacob Golan makes money only because the economies of Ukraine and Russia have collapsed. Jacob Golan will continue to make money featuring Slavic sex slaves only as long as these economies stay collapsed. Thus, Ukraine's weak economic performance is in the interests of Jacob Golan and his fellow criminals....

Unanswered Questions Concerning
Girls for Sale

A Comment on an
American Broadcasting Corporation Television Network
Prime Time documentary

by Lubomyr Prytulak

A most curious television documentary, *Girls for Sale*, was broadcast on 18 March 1998, over the ABC television network, by the investigative-journalism show, *Prime Time*. The host of the show was Diane Sawyer, producer Beth Osisek, editor Ed Delgado, and investigator Cynthia McFadden.

The focus of the story was the use of Former Soviet Union (FSU) girls in prostitution in Israel, where in fact 80% of the prostitutes are from the FSU. It appears that the majority of these girls were lured to Israel with false promises, are not paid, are treated brutally, raped, drugged, beaten, strangled, locked in a room without food or water, and are bought and sold by their owners, essentially slaves without rights and outside the protection of the law. Their situation is so dire that "prostitution" is a less appropriate description for it than is "white slavery," and the girls themselves are less accurately described as "prostitutes" than as "sex slaves."

What distinguishes the documentary in my mind is the questions that it implicitly raised but failed to answer.

Why Did Jacob Golan Grant the Interview?

The first question is why Jacob Golan gave the interview to *Prime Time*. Jacob Golan is the owner of the Tropicana brothel in Tel Aviv. Fortunately for Jacob Golan and unfortunately for his sex slaves, both prostitution and slavery are legal in Israel; but unfortunately for Jacob Golan, the Slavic sex slaves are in Israel illegally, for which reason one might have expected that he would have learned over the course of building his criminal empire certain habits requisite for survival. One of these habits would be to avoid attracting attention, to not draw the spotlight onto himself, to avoid getting splashed onto the front pages. Another habit would be to plead poverty, to proclaim that his little family business (his son pimps as well) brought him next to nothing, barely covered expenses, in fact often fell short of meeting expenses so that it was for him a losing proposition. That is what we would expect Jacob Golan to plead because that helps keep away the police and the tax authorities, because it helps to dissuade other criminals from muscling in on his action, because it helps to portray the volume of sin as so small that it is unworthy of attention by anti-vice activists.

And yet that is not at all what Jacob Golan does. What he does do is to brag that his is one of the busiest and most profitable brothels in Israel. He estimates that he services 30,000 visitors yearly. On a good day, he reports grossing \$20,000. Jacob Golan does not at all seem to shy away from notoriety. He has no fear of the police. No fear of the taxman. No fear of other Israeli mobsters. No fear of having his brothel closed down. No fear of losing his lucrative income. In Israel, apparently, public confession by a prominent criminal places him in no appreciable jeopardy.

But Jacob Golan went even farther than that. Jacob Golan actually disclosed to the world that he is able to function only because he has a contact within the Interior Ministry whom he bribes at the rate of one thousand dollars per FSU sex slave for fake Israeli identification papers.

A Long String of Impossibilities

Jacob Golan not only draws attention to his own criminal empire, but brings discredit on the State of Israel, and guarantees the arrest of the bribe-taking contact within the Interior Ministry. Given this demonstration of Jacob Golan's inability to keep his own counsel, he guarantees that no other Interior Ministry official will ever take his bribes in the future. Having confessed his own criminal activities, Jacob Golan invites the raiding of his brothel, the deportation of his sex slaves, the closing down of his business, and his own imprisonment. If the *Prime Time* story is taken at face value, then Israeli police should have held correspondent Cynthia McFadden, and her crew, as witnesses, and ABC tapes of the Jacob Golan interview should have been confiscated and held as evidence. These

are among the many things that one might expect if the *Prime Time* story was the investigative journalism documentary that it purports to be.

And yet none of these things happen. Even as part of this same documentary, Cynthia McFadden flaunts her information in the face of the Israeli government – she confronts an Interior Ministry official with "We interviewed a man who operates a very large brothel here in Israel, and he told us that he has a source inside the Ministry of the Interior – for which you work – who he can pay a thousand dollars and get false papers to bring girls in." The Interior Ministry official listens with an unperturbed perturbation, and says "This is just unbelievable!" without evincing surprise. Perhaps this scene had to be rehearsed a few times before he got it right, and by the final take he was getting bored. Carrying to perfection his duty of flak catcher, he shows the spontaneity of reading from a prompt card when he offers the following assurance: "I am certainly ready to check this information. And I promise that if this information is indeed accurate, we will do everything – and I mean *everything* – to check this and deal with this in order to stop it at its roots."

The American viewing public hears the flak catcher's promise, but having a short memory, neglects to wait for its fulfillment. We do not hear of Jacob Golan being stopped in his roots. The naive viewer – the viewer asking to be manipulated, begging to be gulled – at whom this program seems to be directed does not stop to ask whether an enterprise one of whose outlets grosses \$20,000 on a good day can possibly be unknown to Israeli authorities; whether a story that has travelled across the Atlantic to reach the ears of American television producers can be unknown to Israeli intelligence and to Israeli police; whether it is possible for a single individual within the Interior Ministry to issue false papers, or whether internal cross-checks would necessitate the cooperation of a number of such officials.

Our best bet is that nothing will happen to Jacob Golan as a result of his public confession. For having bribed a government official, we may venture to expect that he is today neither in jail, nor a fugitive from Israeli justice. His criminal enterprise has been disclosed to the Interior Ministry, but the cameras do not show us any ensuing raid on the Jacob Golan brothel, and do not show us Jacob Golan being led away in handcuffs. In his public confession Jacob Golan shows as much anxiety over the safety of his criminal enterprise as the Interior Ministry Official shows sincerity in intending to bring it to a halt. No, when Jacob Golan looks to the future, it is to a bright, unperturbed, and expanding future. Just as his government boldly builds settlements to house the flood of Ukrainian and Russian scientists and engineers who come to help build the Israeli state, so Jacob Golan boldly expands his brothel to house the flood of Ukrainian and Russian sex slaves who come to satisfy Israeli lusts. Just as television news shows us Prime Minister Netanyahu proudly overseeing the construction of new settlements, so *Prime Time* shows us Jacob Golan proudly

leading investigator Cynthia McFadden through the construction of expanding facilities: "Jacob Golan is doing so well, he is expanding his operation, which means soon he will be buying even more young women, he hopes from the Former Soviet Union."

Why Did the State of Israel Allow Jacob Golan to be Interviewed?

Israel must have known in advance of the visit of the *Prime Time* investigative journalism team, and must also have known what topic this team intended to cover, and who they intended to interview, and so was in a position to deny the team entry, or to interfere with its work, or at least to warn interviewees as to the dangers of being too candid. Also, the Israeli government could have monitored the taping of the Jacob Golan interview. Or, if the Israeli government found out the contents only after the taping had taken place, it could still have confiscated the tapes prior to their leaving Israel. Finally, even if uncensored tapes had been smuggled out of Israel, there would still be ample opportunity to suppress them during production or prior to broadcast. Why, in short, did Israel permit this story to be filmed?

The damage to Israeli prestige was substantial. Israel was portrayed as "One of the biggest markets per capita for women from the Eastern Block." The Israeli sex slave trafficking was portrayed not as the work of a few isolated individuals who had managed to elude Israeli justice, but rather as being large scale, as being conducted in a vile and reprehensible manner, as involving the complicity of the Israeli government, and as even being not entirely illegal, as Israel has no statutes prohibiting either prostitution or slavery. Nor did the documentary make any effort to deflect responsibility at the consumer end – that is, we are not told that the customers are foreign workers, forced to seek satisfaction in a brothel because they are far from homes and families. No, the only mention of Jacob Golan's customers is "His best customers may surprise you – Orthodox Jews!" This documentary is not going out of its way to help Israel save face.

Hypotheses

I offer the following hypotheses which might help explain the mysteries concerning *Prime Time's* documentary *Girls for Sale*. To many, these hypotheses will be unfamiliar, and for that reason alone will seem to be implausible. However, perhaps these unfamiliar hypotheses will seem less implausible than that Jacob Golan was gratuitously risking the loss of a business that grossed him \$20,000 on a good day. Perhaps these unfamiliar hypotheses will seem less implausible than that Israeli authorities had overlooked a vast criminal enterprise under their very noses which, however, came to the attention of American television producers across the Atlantic ocean. Perhaps these unfamiliar hypotheses will seem less implausible than that Israel has been unable to arrest Jacob Golan

following his public confession because it failed to find any evidence of his wrongdoing.

The unfamiliar hypotheses which perhaps are not so implausible after all are: That Jacob Golan knew in advance that his public confession would not threaten his income and his personal safety. That Jacob Golan knew that his public confession was given under a blanket of immunity from prosecution. That Jacob Golan, in fact, was ordered to make this public confession. That this documentary, filmed in Israel, testified to by Israelis, broadcast over Jewish-influenced North American television, is in fact the only thing that it can be – an Israeli infommercial, commanded by the Israeli government.

Unless Jacob Golan was given a formal order by officials so senior that their authority could not be questioned, Jacob Golan's interview would have been suicidal, professionally and personally. Crime bosses do not ordinarily lay bare to the public the nature and the extent of their criminal activities. The circumstances of crime boss Jacob Golan's laying bare, therefore, must have been extraordinary, and must have included the extraordinary guarantee that his criminal activities would not be brought to a halt and that he would be immune from prosecution.

But how can such a situation arise? Two principles might help explain it: (1) Jewish ideology permits the exploitation of non-Jews, and (2) anti-Semitism promotes the immigration that Israel needs.

(1) Jewish Ideology Permits the Exploitation of non-Jews

The Israelis will not close Jacob Golan's brothel down in part because – despite what their legislation says – they cannot bring themselves to view its activity as terribly wrong. These are, after all, Slavic girls, and the men they are servicing are Jews. The Untermenschen give, the Ubermenschen take. That is God's law. That is no more than one of the rewards for being a Jew that his religion promises him.

Whether Judaism does contain such laws is a question addressed by Israel Shahak in his book *Jewish History, Jewish Religion: The Weight of Three Thousand Years*, Pluto Press, London and Boulder Colorado, 1994, ISBN 0 7453 0818 X. The reader can find an outline of these laws – which Shahak describes as the *Jewish religious laws against Gentiles* – in [my letter of 27 September 1997](#) to rabbi Yaakov Dov Bleich of Kyiv. Of particular relevance is the question whether the Jewish religious laws against Gentiles discussed by Shahak had to be dug up out of medieval tomes buried in forgotten archives – and are no more than the sort of vicious and benighted beliefs that once characterized all religions – or whether these are laws that find some application even today and which find no parallel in at least contemporary Christianity. Shahak argues that the latter is

the case, and provides several examples, of which the following is one:

I had personally witnessed an ultra-religious Jew refuse to allow his phone to be used on the Sabbath in order to call an ambulance for a non-Jew who happened to have collapsed in his Jerusalem neighbourhood. Instead of simply publishing the incident in the press, I asked for a meeting with the members of the Rabbinical Court of Jerusalem, which is composed of rabbis nominated by the State of Israel. I asked them whether such behaviour was consistent with their interpretation of the Jewish religion. They answered that the Jew in question had behaved correctly, indeed piously, and backed their statement by referring me to a passage in an authoritative compendium of Talmudic laws, written in this century. ... Neither the Israeli, nor the diaspora, rabbinical authorities ever reversed their ruling that a Jew should not violate the Sabbath in order to save the life of a Gentile. ... It became apparent to me ... that neither Zionism, including its seemingly secular part, nor Israeli politics since the inception of the State of Israel, nor particularly the policies of the Jewish supporters of Israel in the diaspora, could be understood unless the deeper influence of those laws, and the worldview which they both create and express is taken into account. (Shahak, 1994, pp. 1-2)

And that is why I – following Israel Shahak's lead – venture to suggest that one cannot understand the phenomenon of Israel's toleration of Jacob Golan – perhaps even Israel's protection of Jacob Golan – without an appreciation of the Jewish religious laws against Gentiles which permeate not only Jewish religious teaching, but also to some degree Israeli secular thinking as well. Below, I excerpt one of the many Israel Shahak quotations describing Jewish religious laws against Gentiles that I forwarded to rabbi Bleich for his comment in the above-mentioned letter. Although this quotation concerns sex laws, it does not address prostitution directly. Nor is the quotation offered as expressing laws that are followed in Israel today – such is obviously not the case. The relevance of this quotation, rather, lies in its demonstrating the superior rights which Jews have shown themselves capable of arrogating in the area of sexual behavior, and leads us to ask whether some weaker manifestation of this arrogation does not continue to this day:

Sexual intercourse between a married Jewish woman and any man other than her husband is a capital offence for both parties.... The status of Gentile women is very different. ... According to the *Talmudic Encyclopedia*: "... although a married Gentile woman is forbidden to the Gentiles, in any case a Jew is exempted."

This does not imply that sexual intercourse between a Jewish man and a Gentile woman is permitted – quite the contrary. But the main punishment is inflicted on the Gentile woman; she must be executed, even if she was raped by the Jew: "If a Jew has coitus with a Gentile woman, whether she be a child of three or an adult, whether married or unmarried, and even if he is a minor aged only nine years and one day – because he had wilful coitus with her, she must be killed, as is the case with a beast, because through her a Jew got into trouble." The Jew, however, must be flogged.... (Shahak, 1994, p. 87)

(2) Anti-Semitism Promotes the Immigration that Israel Needs

The bad publicity, the stain on the name of Jews and of Israel, which result from the *Prime Time* broadcast *Girls for Sale* are small prices to pay for the benefit of inciting anti-Semitism among Slavs. Inciting anti-Semitism among Slavs is a benefit? Yes, from the point of view of Israel, it may be indeed. How so?

Because the flow of immigrants from the FSU to Israel is insufficient to meet Israeli targets, it needs prods to augment it. Anti-Semitism is one such prod. The image of the Jew as pimp, as brothel owner, as slave master, as ravager of Christian girls – is incendiary. And that is precisely the image that this documentary – filmed in Israel and broadcast over the Jewish-influenced North American media – painted. As a result, anti-Jewish antagonism within the Slavic world is bound to increase. As a further result, Jews within the FSU are bound to feel themselves less welcome in what they until recently regarded as their own home. And as the end result, more Jews will emigrate to Israel. The last great colonial outpost of the West, increasingly beset with threats to its survival, Israel tries to attain the critical population mass which will indisputably raise it from the insecure category of "colonial experiment which can be aborted if unsuccessful" to the secure category of "nation state which is here to stay."

With a vast amount of effort, Israel managed a one-time augmentation of its population over a number of years by some one million immigrants from the FSU. However, in Egypt alone, one million new babies are added to the population every eight months. Thus, Israel must labor unceasingly to

increase its population in order to delay the day when it is swallowed up in a sea of Arabs. The day that the Israeli population stops growing, or even begins to shrink, is the day that Israel can begin the official countdown to its own demise.

The scientists and engineers which Israel acquires through immigration are enduring benefits. The damage to Israeli prestige of the *Prime Time* broadcast, in contrast, will be of short duration, and in any case brings no tangible loss. Jewish influence over the North American media guarantees that talk of Slavic sex slaves in Israeli brothels can be cut off as soon as desired. Soon, too, there must come a point at which no appreciable number of scientists or engineers remains in the Slavic world who are willing to come to Israel, and thus the benefit of Slavic anti-Semitism will be reduced, and at that time – if world opinion demands – Jacob Golan's brothel, and all the other Israeli brothels, can be shut down, or maybe just sized down, or at least asked to procure or abduct girls from some less complaining part of the world. Israel will then be able to step forward to take credit for having intervened in defense of the purity of Slavic womanhood. Israel will then be able to portray Golan's sex slave empire as an incongruous criminal operation within a largely non-criminal society, and not as a natural byproduct of Jewish ideology. The thousands – if not tens of thousands – of Slavic girls who have served as sex slaves in Jewish brothels or for Jewish pimps – well, every society has crime, every society has prostitution, so why should Israel be held to any higher standard?

An index of several articles on the sexual exploitation of Slavic women can be found by clicking on [PLUNDER WOMEN](#) either right in this sentence, or at the very bottom of the present page, or else at the very top.

PostScript: Is Ukraine's Weak Economic Performance in Anybody's Interests?

Jacob Golan's vice empire is possible only because Slavic women are poor. Jacob Golan makes money only because the economies of Ukraine and Russia have collapsed. Jacob Golan will continue to make money featuring Slavic sex slaves only as long as these economies stay collapsed. Thus, Ukraine's weak economic performance is in the interests of Jacob Golan and his fellow criminals, and all those whom he employs, and all those whom he bribes, and all those who directly and indirectly profit from his enterprise. For example, the Israeli electricians and carpenters and plumbers and painters who expand Jacob Golan's brothel profit, and so a weak Ukrainian economy is in their interests. Ultimately, the Jewish customers who satisfy their lusts on the Ukrainian sex slaves have the weak Ukrainian economy to thank for supplying them with such choice victims.

**Lubomyr Prytulak 07-Apr-1998 *Alphonsenpogrom:*
Unique or universal?**

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Alphonsenpogrom: Unique or universal?

by Lubomyr Prytulak
7 April 1998

In May 1905, Warsaw witnessed a pogrom that demolished forty houses, injured one hundred persons, and killed eight. This pogrom was called the *Alphonsenpogrom* for reasons that will be explained below. The *Alphonsenpogrom* is of particular interest because it initially gives the impression of being entirely different from other pogroms, but it nevertheless may merely make patent characteristics that lie hidden within all pogroms:

In Warsaw the Jewish involvement in prostitution so outraged the respectable portion of the community that in the revolutionary year of 1905, with all of the empire in political upheaval, Jewish workers there launched a murderous assault against their coreligionists' brothels, underworld dens, and cafes. This remarkable "*Alphonsenpogrom*" so named because local pimps were known as alphonses ... is an incident of the greatest value for the light it sheds on Jewish prostitution and its place in the life of the community.

There are many accounts of the Warsaw brothel riot. It was widely covered in the European press and it became part of Jewish folklore. ...

The exact origins are not important. In Warsaw and other cities throughout the Pale the Jewish working class had come to hate the underworld and any spark might have set off a conflagration. The underworld was powerful, well-organized, and supported by employers and the police. ...

... [E]vents soon got out of hand as the workers spontaneously seized the initiative. For three days they rampaged through brothels, looting and destroying furniture, knifing, beating, and defenestrating pimps and prostitutes. After visiting Krochmalna street, where Isaac Bashevis Singer spent part of his youth and saw the poor prostitutes whom he later depicted in his short stories, the rioters turned south to the fancier avenues off the city's major artery, the Marszalkowska. There was no single red-light district in the city and the rioters' destruction was visited upon ten widely scattered streets.

... Reuter, the British news agency, reported forty houses of ill fame demolished, eight persons killed and one hundred injured. Among the casualties was one dead prostitute.

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criminal brutality explains the mob's fury. So too does the violence which the underworld did the Jewish name. For there is no doubt that in Warsaw the wildest stories about Jewish vice were in circulation. One set of slanderous letters in the press, for example, stated that "most brothel owners are Jews with university education. All customers are Jewish. The girls are mostly servants – Christian." Reuter observed that "Jews became tired of hearing themselves called keepers of disorderly houses, thieves, usurers and other opprobrious epithets, and resolved, as the police were receiving bribes from these classes and protecting them, to take the matter into their own hands and resort to drastic measures."

There is an interesting footnote to the riot. Some of the dispossessed alphonenses fled Warsaw for the quieter confines of Lemberg [Lviv] across the border.

Edward J. Bristow, *Prostitution and Prejudice: The Jewish Fight Against White Slavery 1870-1939*, Shoken Books, New York, 1982, ISBN 0-8052-3866-2, pp. 58-61

Seven observations on the above *Alphonsepogrom*:

(1) Rational motives for some pogroms? Though this pogrom was directed at Jews and at Jewish property, it was not motivated by irrational anti-Semitism, and calls to mind the question of whether rational motives could be discovered for other pogroms.

(2) Some pogroms are not Christians attacking Jews, but good attacking evil. This pogrom was conducted by respectable Jews against criminal or destructive Jews because the latter were tarnishing the image of all Jews. This brings to mind the realization that events that may conventionally be depicted as Jewish-Slavic friction in fact may not divide participants cleanly along ethnic lines, but rather that the very elements within Jewish society that Slavs might object to might also be objected to by the majority of Jews. Perhaps, then, the friction is at least sometimes not one of Christians against Jews, but

rather Christians allied with the vast majority of Jews who are respectable against the minority of Jews who are destructive.

(3) Leaders of today's Alphonsenpogroms are Jews. That Jews are in fact divided in their willingness to defend the destructive elements in their midst is attested to by the observation that the best-documented and most-scathing attacks on these destructive elements have come from Jews themselves – for example, from Israel Shahak, Norman Finkelstein, Noam Chomsky, Akiva Orr, John Sack, William J. Wolf, Boaz Evron, Yoram Sheftel, and Philip Roth. (Readers are able to discover where these individuals are cited within the Ukrainian Archive by using the [Internal Search Engine](#) which is linked both within this sentence and on the Ukrainian Archive home page.) Noting the underlying similarity between the 1905 *Alphonsenpogrom* and the attack by Shahak, Finkelstein, Chomsky, Orr, Sack, Wolf, Evron, Sheftel, and Roth upon the destructive individuals among contemporary Jews, it is possible to view these seven – and others – as the leaders of a contemporary *Alphonsenpogrom*, where we understand "Alphonsenpogrom" to encompass criticism of Jewish misbehavior.

(4) Brothel owners in Slavic lands were mainly Jews. Bristow refers to the following statement as a "wild story" and as "slanderous": "Most brothel owners are Jews with university education. All customers are Jewish. The girls are mostly servants – Christian." However, Bristow does not mean that every part of the statement is untrue. In fact, Bristow documents that in the Slavic world, brothels were owned almost exclusively by Jews. The parts of the statement for which there is no evidence and which are implausible are that the brothel owners had university educations, and that all customers were Jewish. On the question of whether the prostitutes were mostly Christian, the evidence is mixed – often Bristow presents data supporting this view, but sometimes he presents data supporting the opposite view – that most of the prostitutes were Jewish.

(5) How Jews can reduce anti-Semitism. It is possible to imagine that some Slavic feelings of antipathy might be directed primarily toward the minority of Jews engaged in destructive activities, and might extend to Jews generally only upon the mistaken impression that Jews generally supported and defended these destructive activities. If this were the case, then a simple step

toward reducing anti-Jewish feeling would be for the majority of Jews to disown and renounce the activities of the destructive minority sheltering among them.

(6) Slavs caught repeatedly in the same traps? One wonders whether there might not be some application on a historical and inter-ethnic level of the aphorisms "Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me," and "He who is cheated twice by the same man is half as bad as the scoundrel." That is, if approximately one century ago Jews controlled prostitution in the Slavic world – which control, as Bristow documents, included the export of Slavic girls for sex slavery to foreign destinations – then perhaps it is symptomatic of a lack of historical awareness, or of a deficiency in the ability to avoid being caught twice in the same mistake, that the Slavs find themselves being victimized in a similar way today and by the same people.

(7) Will Jacob Golans ever become the victim of an Alphonsenpogrom? One wonders whether something resembling the 1905 *Alphonsenpogrom* could occur within Israel today with respect to the [Jacob Golans](#) of Israel – the brothel owners who currently offer Ukrainian sex slaves as their big draws. Might Israelis tire of having their image smeared by the criminal element among them? Might Israelis tire of waiting for a corrupt police force, and a corrupt government, to clean up the notorious Israeli brothels? Might Israelis participate in a contemporary *Alphonsenpogrom*, ride their Jacob Golans out of town on a rail, and emancipate the Ukrainian sex slaves? If such a thing happened, it would contribute greatly toward improving Ukrainian perceptions of Israel and toward ameliorating Ukrainian-Jewish relations.

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Brian Blomquist New York Post 08Jan2000 Hillary Rodham Clinton Soft on Trafficking in Women?

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'HOOKER' PANEL PUTS FIRST LADY ON THE SPOT

By **BRIAN BLOMQUIST**
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WASHINGTON — A powerful coalition of feminists is gearing up to fight an effort by members of Hillary Rodham Clinton's women's commission to weaken laws on international trafficking of prostitutes.

The coalition, which includes Patricia Ireland of the National Organization for Women and Ms. Magazine founder

Gloria Steinem, sent a letter this week to the White House to protest the United States' proposal to get the United Nations to drop its condemnation of those who deal in prostitution.

Although the feminists steered their complaint away from the first lady, some religious-conservative opponents have targeted Clinton. The three State Department officials behind the effort to change the U.N. policy on prostitution trafficking – Anita Botti, Theresa Loar and Stephen Warnath – all have ties to Clinton. Botti and Loar sit on the President's Interagency Council on Women, which is chaired by Hillary Clinton. Warnath, who is counsel to Clinton's women's council, is one of the lead negotiators in favor of what some feminists see as a pro-prostitution position taken by the United States.

Equality Now President Jessica Neuwirth, who formed the nine-member feminist coalition that's opposing the weakened policy on prostitution, said she's "interested" in Clinton's role. "I'd like to know where she stands on it," Neuwirth said. Planned Parenthood President Gloria Feldt, who signed onto Neuwirth's letter, also wants to know where Clinton stands. "This is an issue that I believe will become larger," Feldt said. "Sex trafficking robs women of their most basic and fundamental rights."

The policy backed by Clinton's allies would condemn trafficking in international prostitution only when it can be proved that the prostitutes were forced or coerced into their selling their bodies. Clinton's spokesman, Howard Wolfson, said he didn't know if she supported the weakened proposal.

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The Clintons Shrug at Sex Trafficking

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By William J. Bennett and Charles W. Colson

Over the past few months the Clinton administration has lobbied for the United Nations to adopt a protocol that would lend legitimacy to prostitution and hard-core pornography.

This effort has been spearheaded by the President's

Interagency Council on Women, a group whose honorary chairman is none other than Hillary Rodham Clinton. Although the proposal has drawn opposition from across the political spectrum, the administration is forging ahead with its plans. Whether it succeeds in these morally indefensible ambitions will depend on a crucial U.N. vote scheduled for later this month.

First some background. It's been estimated that each year some two million women and children world-wide are sent into lives of sexual bondage, usually as prostitutes. "Over the last 10 years, the numbers of women and children that have been trafficked have multiplied so that they are now on a par with estimates of the numbers of Africans who were enslaved in the 16th and 17th centuries," according to Laura J. Lederer of Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. What we are dealing with, then, is a huge number of human-rights violations.

Yet in Vienna a week from today – when the U.N. Convention on Transnational Organized Crime votes on its protocol to combat international trafficking in women and children – White House representatives will take the first step toward legitimizing the sexual-trafficking business. Negotiations on this Vienna Protocol have been going on for the past year and a half. Since December, however, the White House delegation has worked to narrow the definition of sexual trafficking, in a way that would allow certain prostitution rings to flourish. It has done so despite the objections of a majority of the G-7 countries and other developing nations, whose women are the principal victims of sex trafficking.

Existing U.N. Convention

To secure its goal, the Clinton administration must effectively repeal an existing U.N. convention that strictly forbids prostitution and requires punishment of any person who "procures, entices or leads away, for the purposes of prostitution ... even with the consent of that person." The Clinton group also believes that international actions against pornography rings should be restricted to pornographers who work without the "consent" of the women they use, thereby granting the international pornography "industry" the sort of legitimacy and legal status it has long sought. Hillary Clinton has been quite active as the honorary chairman

of the President's Interagency Council on Women, speaking out about the evils of sexual trafficking. In Reykjavik, Iceland, in October, she said: "No government and no citizen should rest until we stop this modern form of slavery, protect its victims and prosecute those who are responsible." But as is so often the case with the Clintons, what they do is at odds with what they say.

The White House position, should it prevail, would effectively ensure that prostitution and pornography would be treated as legitimate career options for women, as long as women "consent" to it and no force is involved. In defining the term sexual exploitation, the administration has supported using the phrase forced prostitution rather than simply prostitution. In this instance the adjective forced makes all the difference. If the administration's position is accepted, the focus of attention would shift from the profiteers who traffic in women to the supposed state of mind of the victimized women. It would create loopholes long sought by perpetrators, insulating them from criminal prosecution. "Practically speaking, this [new definition] is a virtual bar to prosecution," says J. Robert Flores, a former prosecutor with both the New York District Attorney and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Even if it were practical to distinguish between consent and force in such cases, the administration's position would still contradict common sense and decency. Prostitution and pornography inevitably exploit women, whether they consent to it or not. And it is not only conservatives who are opposed to the administration's policies in this matter.

In a stinging letter sent last week to Mr. Clinton, Gloria Steinem, Patricia Ireland, Eleanor Smeal and other feminist leaders wrote that "the definition of trafficking advocated by the administration would not cover some of the most common methods of sex trafficking which prey on and profit from the economic desperation of women, girls, and their families by securing their 'consent' to sale in prostitution." The letter goes on to explain why narrowing the definition of sexual trafficking will hurt, not help, potential victims.

These objections have been echoed by women's groups from Bangladesh to Ukraine, and by the European Women's Lobby, a human-rights coalition of more than 2,800 dues-

paying member organizations. They recognize what the Clinton administration does not: There can be no meaningful "consent" to one's own sexual exploitation — particularly when one lives in poverty and desperate circumstances.

The Clinton administration purports to be pro-woman. Nevertheless, in addition to its effort to weaken the Vienna Protocol, the administration has steadfastly opposed the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. This bipartisan legislation was passed unanimously by the House International Relations Committee, with the support of a broad coalition of religious, human-rights and women's groups. The legislation's definition of sex trafficking would include any "purchase, sale, recruitment, harboring, transportation, transfer or receipt of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act."

End to U.S. Subsidies

Mrs. Clinton's Council on Women has opposed the bill because it allegedly imposes "mandatory sanctions" on countries that do not prosecute the most severe forms of trafficking. This is a double standard; the administration supports sanctions against countries that do not adhere to other, far less important standards of commercial conduct. And it is dishonest. The bill requires that the president either end nonhumanitarian foreign aid to offending countries or provide such assistance pursuant to a waiver. The only "sanction" is an end to U.S. subsidies, and even this sanction is not mandatory.

What, then, needs to be done? First, the Clinton administration should see to it that the Vienna delegation's position is reversed forthwith, well before the final Jan. 17 vote. Second, Congress should uncover the reasons why the administration has taken the current position. Third, the administration should cease its opposition to the Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

The reasons for the Clinton administration's course of action are hard to fathom. What is certain is that if it does not reverse its course, its actions in Vienna will be counted as yet one more shameful act committed by this deeply corrupt administration.

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Stewart Bell [National Post](#) 18-May-2000 [Israel still enslaves Slavic women](#)

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Amnesty International

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Abuse of imported prostitutes ignored: Amnesty

Police should target pimps and not their victims, report says

Stewart Bell

National Post

ISRAEL - A new report by Amnesty International accuses Israel of failing to protect the human rights of women and girls imported from the former Soviet Union to work in the country's booming sex trade.

Recruited in Eastern Europe by underworld agents, the women are treated as commodities, bought and sold by pimps and traffickers for thousands of dollars and held in debt slavery, said the report to be released today.

"They are locked up in apartments and have their passports and travel tickets confiscated," it said.

"Many women are subjected to violence, including rape. Yet most of the people who commit such human rights

abuses are never brought to justice by the Israeli government."

Amnesty said it was concerned that governments are treating the global phenomenon of trafficking in women simply as a criminal and immigration problem rather than a human rights abuse.

Many women trafficked into Israel end up detained in police lock-ups or at the Neve Tirza prison following raids on brothels and massage parlours, and are rarely released on bail pending deportation, said the report.

Canada, which is playing an emerging role in the international human trafficking industry, has faced similar accusations. Advocacy groups want police to target the traffickers rather than the women and children, who are often coerced into prostitution and crime.

During a year-long operation called Project Almonzo, police in the Toronto area have laid more than 650 charges against women and club owners. The women are mostly from Eastern Europe, Asia and Latin America.

Authorities view the trade in women as a result of globalization, which has been accompanied by an increase in economic migration from poor to developed nations. A report published by the Central Intelligence Agency estimated up to two million women and children are trafficked around the world annually.

The Amnesty report cites the case of Anna, a 31-year-old Russian physics teacher "lured" to Israel to work in the sex industry for 20 times her teaching salary. Her passport was taken and she was locked in an apartment with six others, the report said. She was sold at auction twice, the second time for US\$10,000.

Tatiana, another woman cited in the report, came to Israel from Belarus to work in a hotel to help support her mother and six-year-old son, but was forced to work in a brothel until it was raided by police.

The human rights group acknowledges that Israel has taken steps to improve the situation, including the passage of legislation in March that states that all

women are entitled to protection from violence and trafficking. The justice ministry is also drafting a provision to criminalize the buying and selling of people, the report said.

But Amnesty says the government still fails to protect trafficked women from human rights abuses. The rights group said Israel should work more closely with the former Soviet bloc countries and needs a strategy to coordinate government agencies to combat abuses.

"Both the government and the traffickers are treating these women as if they do not have human rights. The authorities have a responsibility to take action to protect these trafficked women from enslavement, imprisonment and violence."

The United Nations Human Rights Committee warned in 1998 that "women brought to Israel for the purposes of prostitution ... are not protected as victims of trafficking but are likely to bear the penalties of their illegal presence in Israel by deportation."

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Four die in Tel Aviv brothel attack

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Suzanne Goldenberg in Jerusalem

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Police in Tel Aviv are hunting a serial arsonist attacking the city's sex industry after the horrific death of four women, locked inside a brothel which was set on fire overnight.

The attack, said by social workers to be the sixth of its kind in a week, added to the debate on the increasing traffic in women for prostitution by Russian and Israeli gangs, and the appalling treatment they suffer.

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The police said they were

investigating the possibility that the fire might have been started by ultra-Orthodox Jews opposed to the sex industry.

"We are pursuing a number of courses of inquiry, both the possibility of a dispute between operators of these businesses and ... that extremist ultra-Orthodox Jews are responsible," the chief of police, Shlomo Aharonishky, said.

Earlier this year Amnesty International reported that 10,000 women from the former Soviet Union had been virtually enslaved in Israel in the past 10 years. Many have forged documents identifying them as Jewish immigrants.

Promised earnings of \$1,000 (£665) a month, they are routinely confined to flats, deprived of their passports, beaten and threatened with arrest as illegal immigrants.

Women's organisations say the police have become more aware of their plight in the past six months. Until recently the authorities have been reluctant to prosecute the men involved, although 400 women are detained and deported every year.

Although most of them know they are coming to work as prostitutes, about 30% of the women arrive in response to job advertisements in Russian papers for waitresses and nurses, the Israeli Coalition against Trafficking in

Women says.

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