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Billie Goodman is a Program Officer for Asia at American Jewish World Service (AJWS), an organization dedicated to promoting the human rights of marginalized communities in the developing world. Billie oversees the strategy development and evaluation for AJWS's support to grassroots organizations in Sri Lanka and contributes to the organization's work in Burma. Her work regularly takes her to Sri Lanka and the Thai-Burma border to engage with and be informed by civil society organizations and human rights activists. Previously, Billie has worked with civil society organizations in the occupied Palestinian territories and at Ashoka, an organization supporting social entrepreneurs.

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