

Protecting the unholy sinners

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There exists in this city a group of unparalleled perverts that's wrapped in Teflon — more resistant to charges of sexual exploitation than John Travolta.

I'm not talking about Hollywood nimrods or Catholic priests, but a sect not generally associated with serious crime — ultra-Orthodox Jews.

A scandal of epic proportions is brewing in Brooklyn as District Attorney Charles Hynes uses kid gloves to handle creeps and demons charged with, or convicted of, sexual abuse that too often brutalizes children.

While monsters of other faiths are paraded in shame through the public square, Hynes this week refused to reveal the identities of Hasidic scumbags.

Some of the deviants committed crimes from rape to sodomy to incest in sex attacks on kids.

Some have enjoyed sweet plea deals. Others are out there as we speak — preying on the weak in blessed anonymity.

“We're talking about thousands upon thousands of victims,” said Ben Hirsch, co-founder and president of Survivors for Justice — and a Brooklyn-bred Orthodox Jew.

“He is very reluctant to prosecute these cases and only does it when forced to by the media spotlight.

“He's made a pact with the devil.”

So mothers — are your babies at risk from men wearing yarmulkes and side curls?

Hynes, who enjoys lavish support in the ultra-Jewish community, admits he treats people of the chosen faith differently.

“I departed from the policy of identifying defendants,” Hynes told me. “The reason is that, within days, people within this relentless community would identify the victims. Then, the intimidation would start.”

Sexual-assault victims, especially kids, said Hynes “would be thrown out of summer camp, arranged marriages would be stopped. Kicked out of the yeshivahs. It's the only community that has this kind of problem.

“If the Amish were living in Brooklyn,” he said, “maybe I'd have something like that.”

Hynes' chief of sex crimes against children, Rhonnie Jaus, said her office has prosecuted 97 Jewish perverts since instituting Kol Tzedek — or “Voice of Justice” — three years ago.

“We treat these cases very aggressively,” Jaus said.

But advocates for victims call that politically motivated rubbish.

Awarding perpetrators anonymity “runs counter to the fundamental concept of Megan's Law” — which requires sex offenders to be identified publicly, said Hirsch.

“Society can only protect itself from child molesters if it knows their names,” Hirsch said.

One such deviant is Michael Sabo, a 38-year-old nurse who got a 20-year-to-life sentence this week after he admitted molesting a Hasidic boy and girl over several years. The girl's family was threatened in synagogue by Sabo supporters, who vowed to pack the courtroom if she testified.

Still, Sabo's name became public only after he was hauled into court. Why did Hynes protect the perv?

Here's a real head-scratcher: Hynes declined to give out the name of a sex offender — who failed to register as a sex offender! This negligence deprived the Orthodox community of a tool to protect its young.

The media rooted out the man's name anyway.

The Orthodox community is alone in policing itself — sometimes to horrifying results. Last year, 8-year-old Leiby Kletzky disappeared in Borough Park, but his mom didn't call the cops. She called Brooklyn South Shomrim, an unarmed and untrained civilian patrol.

Cops were finally called by the boy's dad nearly three hours after Leiby vanished. It was too late. Leiby's dismembered body was found in the freezer of mad man Levi Aron, and in a nearby Dumpster.

"This is a community that operates under a parallel justice system right under Charles Hynes' nose, with Shomrim in place of the police and religious tribunals/rabbinical courts in place of the criminal-justice system," said a source within the Jewish community.

The only way to thwart crime is with daylight. Orthodox Jews cannot be allowed to live in shadow.

TIPPING POINT

ORTHODOX COMMUNITY urged to vote as bloc

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Vote as bloc, Alliance tells Orthodox

Fallsburg's full-time residents concerned

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Fallsburg – What many folks in **Sullivan County** feared is now happening. **Ultra-Orthodox Jews from Brooklyn, with second homes in Sullivan**, are urging bloc voting for certain political candidates for county office and in Fallsburg, where most of the Orthodox live. "Your vote helps you, your family and **all Orthodox homeowners** in the Town of Fallsburg," says the postcard from the Catskill Homeowners Alliance mailed to its members. "We must vote a block, so please do not split your vote..." The group that says **it represents more than 1,000 voters** "strongly endorses" Democrat **Steve Levine** for Fallsburg supervisor, Democrats **Neil Gilberg** and **Mike Weiner** for the Fallsburg Town Board, Republican **Mike Schiff for sheriff**, Republican **Leni Binder** for county treasurer and Republican **Steve Lungen** for district attorney. Lungen is unopposed. **The call for a bloc vote worries residents in this county, where the growing presence of the Orthodox community turns up on everything from a kosher bakery's "Welcome to Fallsburg" sign to a billboard for a doctor with Hebrew words.**

Members of the ultra-Orthodox community have already given thousands of dollars to candidates, **with most going to Schiff**. Many say they're concerned that a group of residents who are in Sullivan for just two months could decide an election. The previous race for Fallsburg supervisor was **won by just 185 votes**. **Six hundred votes** won the previous county treasurer's race. **More than 1,000 Orthodox votes** could have meant the difference in any of those elections. **"It's a little bit frightening, quite frankly," says Arlen Brown, sipping coffee at Tilly's Diner in Monticello.** "I don't like it, because **they actually live in the city most of the time,**" says Bob Belcher, standing in line at Stewart's in Fallsburg. The Alliance members say they have every right to vote in Sullivan. They're backing their chosen candidates "because they're more responsive to our needs," **says Bernie Gips of Brooklyn.** He has a home in one of the growing number of upscale **second-home communities for the ultra-Orthodox in Fallsburg.** Those "needs" include

opposition to a building moratorium in Fallsburg, which is supported by some candidates. "We pay taxes, which support the schools our children don't use," he says. "We should be able to expand up there if we want to." Most of the politicians who've won the endorsement say the Orthodox Jews are like any group of voters – although Gilberg says "a voting bloc is scary," and he won't be influenced by it. "I don't look at it as different from Hispanics, seniors or unions," says Binder, one of several candidates who met with the Alliance in Brooklyn in September. "They're like any part of the community we've reached out to," says Schiff's wife, Christine. But there is a difference between an ultra-Orthodox voting bloc and the endorsement of a group like a union, says Tim Hill, Sullivan County Democratic elections commissioner. **A candidate can count on all of the ultra-Orthodox votes**, Hill says. That isn't true with a group like a union. In Monroe, votes from the Hasidic Village of Kiryas Joel decided the past two Town Board elections. The five incumbents lost in all areas outside Kiryas Joel. **But they ultimately won because of a Hasidic landslide.**

Tragic Incident in Fallsburg: How to Avoid a Repeat Situation

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An tragic unfortunate incident occurred this past Friday in the Town of Fallsburg, which many community organizations and local officials feel must be publicly addressed, so that such an incident can be avoided in the future.

At approximetly 6:15AM on Friday morning, a person driving a bicycle along Route 42 came across a dead body lying on the side of the roadway. The person called 911, and the Fallsburg Police arrived

on the scene. An intense investigation was launched by the Fallsburg PD, and detectives found evidence leading them to believe that the man was struck by a passing vehicle sometime between 1 and 2AM - with the driver along with the vehicle leaving the scene. It was a tragic accident indeed, but by the driver choosing to leave the scene, the incident turned into an unfortunate fiasco which could have been easily avoidable.

Detectives working aggressively on the case, had sufficient evidence to make an arrest, and early Friday morning arrested a man whom they believe was the driver of the vehicle in question. During questioning, the driver of the vehicle told police he was unaware that he had struck a pedestrian, but rather thought he had struck a deer on the roadway. Due to the July 4th Weekend, a judge was unavailable to see the driver, and the dreaded thought of a **Frum man spending Shabbos in the Sullivan County Jail set in.** Numerous **Askonim** - including **Special Assistant to the Superintendent of the New York State Police Rabbi Bernard Freilich,** representatives of **Misaskim** - along with the **newly appointed Fallsburg Police Chief Simmie Williams** - began diligently working to resolve the situation.

After much hard work, and the personal involvement of **Sullivan County Sheriff Michael Schiff - along with Undersheriff Eric Chaboty** - they were able **to secure his release** on Friday afternoon **in time for Shabbos.** **YWN spoke with the Fallsburg Police Chief Williams,** who explained that although a tragic death occurred, people must be made aware of a few points which can save innocent people much hardship.

#1- "If you are involved in an accident, you **MUST** stop and wait for the police. **THIS INCLUDES HITTING A DEER!** There are no exceptions to this law. This was nothing more than an accident", the chief told YWN. "All that was needed was a police report, and questioning, and he would have been on his way. Accidents unfortunately happen, and that's why they are called accidents. But leaving the scene is not an accident, and people must understand that if they are involved in an accident they **MUST** call and await the arrival of the police."

#2- "This tragic incident should be a wake-up call for the many folks who do their exercise, or take leisure-strolls along the country roads. This is not NYC, and there are no sidewalks," Williams said. "People need to use extreme caution while walking on roads, and reflectors should be worn during early morning, and evening hours". "Unfortunately, drivers are constantly swerving to avoid pedestrians walking carelessly on the roadways - and not on the shoulders where they belong".

#3- "Drivers should be extra cautious for pedestrians walking along the roadways, and should always maintain the posted speed limits." "I've instructed my officers to enforce the speed limits, and 'radar cars' are out there on patrol at all times.

Chief Williams then wished everyone in the Fallsburg area a safe and relaxing summer, and said he looks forward to working hand in hand with the summer community. **It is interesting to note, that during this entire ordeal, the police chief kept his previously scheduled meeting with representatives from Catskills Hatzolah, Misaskim, Rabbi Bernard Freilich and other community leaders - to ensure a great working relationship between the Fallsburg PD and the Jewish Community.**

YWN wishes Fallsburg Police Chief much success in his new position - which he earned after working diligently for the past 20 years at the Fallsburg PD.

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US CUSTOMS TODAY

Surge in "Ecstasy" seizures prompts fears of increasing abuse

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Organized trafficking

Today, authorities in several nations believe that Ecstasy suppliers in Europe may be capitalizing on increased demand for the drug in the United States. Citing the "rapid growth in Ecstasy trafficking from Europe to North America," the international police agency, **Interpol**, held a conference in May to discuss the Ecstasy trade. Attended by officials from nine nations, the meeting in France resulted in the creation of an Ecstasy desk at **Interpol** to collect and disseminate data on MDMA seizures and traffickers.

Authorities are especially concerned about the role of organized crime in Ecstasy trafficking. According to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Israeli **organized crime syndicates** -- some affiliated with Russian mafias -- have recently forged relationships with European traffickers and begun to dominate the global Ecstasy trade. These **Israeli syndicates are believed to be the primary suppliers of Ecstasy to U.S. distribution groups.**

In July, a probe by Customs and the DEA resulted in charges against seven leaders of one syndicate that used young, **Orthodox Jews as Ecstasy couriers**. Recruited from **Hasidic enclaves in New York**, the couriers allegedly imported roughly one million tablets into the United States from Europe. Couriers were given free, round-trip tickets to Europe, \$1,500 for their smuggling efforts, and \$200 for each new courier they recruited.

The profit potential of Ecstasy is huge for such traffickers. Ecstasy tablets can be bought in Amsterdam for as little as 50 cents to \$2 each. By the time the doses are sold in a rave or at a nightclub in the United States, they can fetch as much as \$45 per tablet.

Fears of increasing abuse

Given the surge in U.S. seizures, authorities believe that Ecstasy abuse is growing rapidly in this country. **Says U.S. Customs Commissioner Raymond Kelly**, "What we're seeing at our ports of entry is merely a reflection of what is going on in terms of use around the country. Ecstasy is a stealth drug that has quietly crept into the suburban youth culture. Parents need to know what's going on."

Since 1985, Ecstasy has been banned in the United States. It is classified as a Schedule I drug under the Controlled Substances Act. Other Schedule I drugs include heroin and LSD.