

# Man pleads guilty to molesting Hasidic teen in ritual bath

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**Mordechai Jungreis was shunned by his ultra-Orthodox Hasidic community for reporting his son's sexual abuse.**

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A Brooklyn father who's been ostracized from his Hasidic community because he reported his son's sexual abuse claimed victory Thursday after the man who violated the teenage boy pleaded guilty.

"Justice was done," said the father, Mordechai Jungreis. "I'm happy to show the community that the game is over — if you do the crime, you need to do the

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time."

Meir Dascalowitz, 29, will get five years in prison after pleading guilty to having sex with the boy, who is now 17. He'll also have to register as a sex offender upon his release.

The admitted perv was arrested in May 2010 for the abuse, which took place in a ritual bath, and his case slogged slowly through psych exams and other delays.

"After schlepping for three years, thank God he took a plea," Jungreis said following the hearing in Brooklyn Supreme Court. "It hurts what happened to my child."

The dad described enormous pressure from his insular ultra-Orthodox community: He was kicked out of his apartment, his kids were expelled from private school, and the family was shunned, all because he filed a police report on a fellow Jew.

"What we went through is unbelievable... the torture," he said. "But I didn't give up."

Jungreis, 38, had spoken out about his struggles before, becoming one of a handful of victims' kin to stand up against what prosecutors called systemic harassment of those who lodge complaints without pre-approval from rabbis.

Defense attorney Israel Fried said it was time to bring the case to an end.

"It will bring closure to the family, we hope," he said.

Jungreis said "it would have been very hard" for his son, who's disabled, to take the stand.

Victim advocate Mark Meyer Appel, who runs an organization called Voice of justice, said he's pleased with the outcome.

"I'm happy that the boy who went through hell over the past three years was spared the agony of testifying in a court of law," he said.

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Who protects a child rapist and harass the victim's family what savages, who behaves in such a despicable manner. Good for the father, he is true man and hero to his family. I hope the victim gets the help he needs to heal.

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You fail Reading Comprehension 101 - that's the victim's father.

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