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Blogger Exposes Sexual Abuse in Orthodox Jewish Community

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Debbie felt forced to marry this man because she states an Orthodox Jewish person must follow a Rabbi's instructions. The man sexually abused her while she was married to him. He [anally raped her](#), and Debbie writes that she would cut her arms afterward. He urinated on her after [he ordered her to urinate on him](#). Debbie eventually divorced this man after a year and a half, and she married another man who was also very abusive.

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Debbie stated that she felt isolated because she felt she couldn't tell any one about the horrors she had experienced; and the abuse she faced at the hands of her current husband. She argues that if she told



would be removed. Debbie wrote an article on sexual abuse and sent it to some Jewish publications. The article was rejected.

"And at that time, I went online to try and reach out to try and find some support from people," Debbie said. "And I did find support online."

Debbie starting exchanging emails with Asher Lipner Ph.D., a licensed clinical psychologist who has been working in the Orthodox community. Mr. Lipner accuses Rabbi Moshe Eisemann of groping him when he attended Ner Israel Rabbinical College in [Baltimore](#). Mr. Lipner states that Mr. Eisemann counseled him on religious matters because Mr. Eisemann was the dean of men and the school's Mashgiach, or spiritual advisor. Mr. Lipner trusted and looked up to Mr. Eisemann for guidance because his parents were in California, and they had sent him to boarding school at the age of 15. Mr. Lipner started to feel uncomfortable when Mr. Eisemann started to hug, kiss him, and repeatedly tell him that he loved Mr. Lipner.

"And when he finally went over the line, and one time, he started groping me," Mr. Lipner said. "He put his arm around me and started groping me; he made a pass at me. At that point I realized, I needed to get the hell away from him, but I didn't know where to turn. I was too scared of making an accusation."

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A friend who was a minor and younger than Mr. Lipner was groped by Mr. Eisemann while staying at Mr. Eisemann's house. Mr. Lipner's friend told other members of the school's administration, and he was asked to leave the school. After [several accusations of sexual abuse by minors](#) later followed, Mr. Eisemann retired from his administrative position in Ner Israel.

Mr. Lipner became a very vocal figure in his aim to expose sexual assaults in the Orthodox community. People who saw him cited in the media emailed him questions. Mr. Lipner collected the emails of 300 people. The emails were addressed to the people who asked him questions or made comments on his citations, influential Rabbis, and community leaders. Mr. Lipner stated that at one point, he was sending out an email every day or every other day aggregating news stories exposing sexual assaults in the Jewish community.

Debbie states that she had been reading Mr. Lipner's emails for about two years when she met him.

"One day, I decided to try and communicate with him because I was in a very bad place, and I wanted to reach out to some one,"

Debbie states that Mr. Lipner encouraged her to start the website. Mr. Lipner told her how to name her pages, like the [Wall of Shame](#), which lists images of sexual predators. Debbie also aggregated news stories exposing sexual assaults in the Jewish community and elsewhere.

Debbie syndicated the shocking case of twin girls who were raped by their brother and father. [Debbie embedded Oprah's segment](#) reporting on this case.

On her most recent post, boys who were molested in an Orthodox Jewish summer camp were told to [avoid telling their parents about the sexual abuse](#).

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