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Jewish man jailed for eight years over child sex assaults

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A Manchester Jewish man has been jailed for a series of “sickening” sexual and physical assaults against children.

Isaak Goldschmidt, from Castlefield Avenue, in Salford, was sentenced to eight years and three months in jail at Manchester Crown Court today.

Goldschmidt, 49, abused boys and girls, aged eight to 14 years old, for 11 years between 2003 and 2014.

A female victim also told police officers he had beaten her with “various weapons” including a walking stick and a belt.

Goldschmidt was convicted of three counts of sexual assault of a boy; four counts of sexual assault of a girl; three counts of sexual activity with a girl under 16; four counts of causing or inciting a girl under the age of 13 to engage in sexual activity; three counts of causing or inciting a girl under the age of 16 to engage in sexual activity; and one count of child cruelty.

He admitted each count.

An investigation was launched in March last year after police received information that Goldschmidt had sexually and physically assaulted two young people over a number of years.

Detective Chief Inspector Alan Clitherow of Greater Manchester Police's Salford borough, said: "The persistence Goldschmidt has shown in carrying out his crimes, undiscovered for a number of years, is truly sickening.

"It is only down to the courageous decisions the victims in this case have made that we have been able to remove him from society and do everything we can to protect and support them.

"I'd like today's result to send a message to those who are victims of abuse that it does not matter when or where abuse happened or by whom.

"We treat every report with the utmost severity to ensure the right people are behind bars and their victims are freed from the shackles of their crimes."

Det Ch Insp Clitherow told the *JC* that the police had received a "flurry of information" after the investigation and conviction of Todros Grynhaus, a member of Salford's Charedi community who was jailed for more than 13 years in 2015 for molesting two teenage girls.

David Glausiusz was jailed for 22 years in April 2017 for sexual abuse and beatings against children as young as seven.

A wider investigation into abuse in the Manchester Jewish community, Operation Parachute, was opened in the wake of Grynhaus' trial.

Information can be reported to Greater Manchester Police on 101, or alternatively people can refer themselves to St Mary's Sexual Assault Referral Centre on 0161 276 6515, whether or not victims wish make a police report.