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HYNES HIT FOR 'LIP SERVICE'

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Brooklyn DA Charles Hynes announced a new initiative yesterday to combat sexual abuse in the Orthodox Jewish community — even as a new book hit the market trashing his handling of those cases.

“Sexual abuse is not only a horrific nightmare for the victims, but an agonizing experience for their parents,” he said.

The DA cited an increased flow of sexual-abuse cases out of the Orthodox community in recent years. The office currently has 19 pending cases.

But Amy Neustein, an academic and editor of the forthcoming “Tempest in the Temple: Jewish Communities and Child Sex Scandals,” called the initiative “lip service.”

“There’s two decades of seriously mishandled cases,” she said. “Why is case after case subverted rather than prosecuted?”

The DA’s office declined comment on the book, saying officials had not seen it.