

## **One Woman's Fight Against The American Family Court System:**

"American Jewry was not speaking about child abuse in the 1980s. In fact, the status quo was one that typically supported the abuser and shunned the victim. There was virtually no support for mothers who were losing their children. Neustein was written about in Lilit and Moment Magazines, both progressive Jewish publications, but there was no continual or systematic implementation of abuse awareness and activism. On the whole, people were reluctant to admit that abuse existed within the Jewish community, because that would challenge the existing social structure. No one was brave enough to upend the status quo, and those who wanted to did not have enough resources to do so. Even within secular sociological, mental health, or legal arenas, there was little to no discourse about child abuse and family court corruption because the pattern of mothers losing their children was nascent.

**This vicious cycle had only just begun, and American communities – Jewish and secular alike – were woefully unprepared."**

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