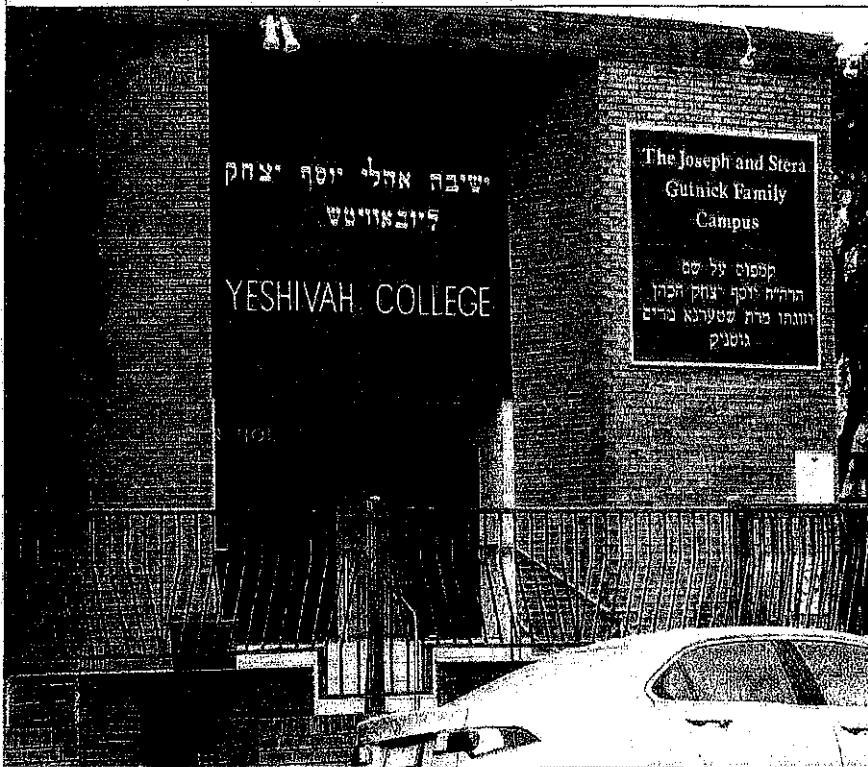


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orne's East St Kilda.

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confirm this. Din, a significant Chabad leader, said in a ruling this week that people of child sex-

remain silent.

Stable Dwyer investigating allegations against Israel, he said, is

to anyone else come forward."

for concerns is Stoppers on rabbin Sexual (03) 9556 6128.

Community response

BOTH the lay leadership and the religious leadership in Victoria responded to Waks's allegations this week. Here are edited extracts of those responses:

Rabbinical Council of Victoria

"The Rabbinical Council of Victoria (RCV) is deeply concerned about allegations of abuse recently made by former students of a local Jewish day school ... the RCV recognises that the suffering endured by victims does not necessarily dissipate with time and is vigilant in its efforts to encourage victims to come forward. As part of its push to combat abuse, the RCV works closely with the Jewish Taskforce Against Family Violence, which over the past two years has run two courses on domestic violence tailored specifically for members

of the Victorian rabbinate ... The RCV is continuing to campaign tirelessly against child and domestic abuse, and urges victims of abuse to contact relevant authorities without delay."

Jewish Community Council of Victoria

"We abhor the abuse of children in any way, be it physical, sexual, emotional or psychological, and particularly when it is perpetrated by those in positions of trust and authority at our communal institutions ... We strongly encourage anybody with information about the alleged abuse to contact the police so that justice can be achieved for all ... The JCCV has already made offers of support to both the Yeshivah Centre and victims, and will continue to do so as long as is necessary."