

KLAL YISRAEL HAS ITS HEAD IN THE SAND WHILE A SMALL PORTION OF US, THE
"[NECHASHALIM] ACHARAYCHA V'ATA AYAYF V'YAGAIA V'LO YAREI ELOKIM" HAVE OUR
HEADS HEARTS AND SPIRITS AND SOME OF US EVEN STILL OUR BODIES EXPOSED ABOVE
THE SAND.

I SPEAK OF THE ISSUE OF CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE AND INCEST, PARTICULARLY, BUT
BY NO MEANS EXCLUSIVELY, AT THE HANDS OF RABBIS, YOUTH LEADERS AND OTHER
TRUSTED MEMBERS WITHIN THE VAST MAJORITY OF COMMUNITIES THAT COMPRISE OUR
NATION.

WHO AMONG YOU, WILL PROTECT AND DEFEND US ? WHO WILL COMFORT US OR HELP US
HEAL ? WHO WILL TELL US WE NEED NOT SUFFER IN SHAME AND SILENCE ? WHO WILL
EVEN RECOGNIZE US FOR WHO WE ARE AND THE YISOORIM WE SUFFER AS A RESULT ?