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Israeli-American law professor Amos Guiora probes complicity of “enablers” in sexual assault cases

“Armies of ENABLERS: Survivor Stories of Complicity and Betrayal in Sexual Assaults”

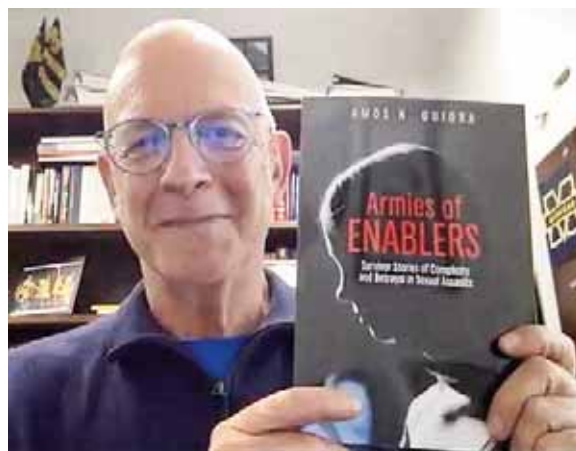
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Review/Interview By MARTIN ZEILIG

In his new book, Amos N. Guiora focuses on, as he writes, “the powerful men who have abused positions of trust to commit sexual abuse against hundreds of survivors have dominated headlines in recent years.”

It’s a searing and moving indictment.

From dozens of gymnasts who testified against



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former USA Gymnastics physician Larry Nassar, to the thousands of women and men who shared their encounters with sexual misconduct when the #MeToo movement broke in 2017, “the United States continues to reckon with how —and why —these types of assaults happen,” says the author. “Unless we act —each of us—the endless parade of survivors assaulted by a predator protected by an enabler will continue.”

This is a book that should be required reading in all law schools, legislatures, and law enforcement agencies. The general public will also benefit from Professor’s Guiora’s book.

Amos N. Guiora is Professor of Law at the S.J. Quinney College of Law, the University of Utah. He is actively involved in bystander legislation efforts in Utah and other states around the country.

Professor Guiora has an AB in history from Kenyon College, a JD from Case Western Reserve University School of Law, and a PhD from Leiden University. He has published extensively in both the United States and Europe on issues related to national security, limits of interrogation, religion and terrorism, the limits of power, multiculturalism, and human rights.

His books include “Populism and Islamism: The Challenges to International Law” (2019); “Earl Warren, Ernesto Miranda and Terrorism” (2018); “The Crime of Complicity: The Bystander in the Holocaust” (2017); and “Tolerating Intolerance: The Price of Protecting Extremism” (2014).

Professor Guiora is a Distinguished Fellow at The Consortium for the Research and Study of Holocaust and the Law (CRSHL), Chicago-Ken College of Law.

Prof. Guiora consented to an email interview with *The Jewish Post & News*.

JP&N: Why did you decide to write this book?

ANG: At my publisher’s suggestion, I decided to write a sequel to “The Crime of Complicity: The Bystander in the Holocaust”. After a Skype conversation with one of the survivors, I realized that the focus on this book would be the enablers (distinct from bystanders) who knew or should have known about the sexual assaults “on their watch”, but made the decision to protect the institution rather than the person in peril. It became very important for me to bring the survivors’ voices to the public in the context of the one question I asked them: “What were your expectations of the enabler”? The title of the book “Armies of Enablers” was not randomly chosen; rather it was at the insistence of some of the survivors who repeatedly made the argument that they confronted “armies” rather than an “army.” That is a critical point the public must understand.

We did not focus on the actions of the predator but rather on the survivor-enabler relationship. I was humbled-honored by the survivors who trusted me with their stories; in return, I made them two promises: that I would seek as many forums-venues-opportunities to speak on

their behalves and to be as involved as possible in whatever way to ensure this does not happen again.

JP&N: How long did it take to research and write?

ANG: The project was “born” at a dinner with my publisher in May 2018. I started mapping out the book that summer, met with what became my team (present students, former students, friends, colleagues) in the fall of 2018 with no clear vision-articulation of what the book would be. I wrote drafts but nothing really “clicked.” In March 2019, I Skyped with a survivor (we were introduced by a colleague) who made the critical point about enablers rather than bystanders. THAT was the critical moment. In May and June, 2019 (through a lawyer who represents some of the survivors) I flew to Lansing, Michigan and Irvine, California to interview some of the survivors and was simultaneously introduced to another attorney who represented other survivors. I spent the summer/fall 2019 interviewing survivors while writing the manuscript and submitted it Feb/March 2020.

JP&N: What sort of legislation would you like to see enacted to deal with enablers?

ANG: Akin to my active involvement with legislators, particularly Utah State Rep Brian King, and others regarding criminalizing the bystander, I look forward to engaging with legislators and others regarding criminalizing enablers.

JP&N: Are there also enablers in the numerous cases of those other men from other areas of society accused of egregious sexual misconduct over the past few years?

ANG: If we consider, for instance, Weinstein and Epstein (as but examples), it is clear that both were enabled by enablers. The horrors visited upon those survived their relentless attacks could not have happened absent enablers who enable the predator to act with full confidence and impunity.

JP&N: What else would you like to share with our readers?

ANG: The public MUST listen to the survivors’ voices.....THAT is the only way to understand the consequences of the actions of the enabler. I call upon your readers to join me in taking the fight to the enablers in order to defeat their armies. This must be a concerted, dedicated, and determined effort.....otherwise the perpetrator will continue to attack, unimpeded, thanks to the protection received from the enabler. The effort must focus on both criminalizing the enabler and engaging in an educational campaign to teach about the enabler.

Norway police arrest suspect in 1982 bombing of Jewish restaurant in Paris that killed 6

Sept. 9, 2020 (JTA) — Police in Norway have arrested a man living there who is a suspect in the 1982 bombing of a Jewish-owned restaurant in Paris that killed six.

The attack on the Chez Jo Goldenberg restaurant in the heavily Jewish Marais district also left 22 wounded. The restaurant closed in 2006.

Norwegian police did not disclose the identity of the suspect arrested Wednesday, according to the French newspaper *Le Figaro*, but Walid Abdulrahman Abu Zayed has lived in a small town south of Oslo since 1991. Abu Zayed is believed to have been a part of the Palestinian terror cell associated with the Abu Nidal organization that carried out the attack.

Police told the French news agency AFP that they were studying an extradition request from France for the suspect.

Five attackers threw a grenade into the restaurant in August 1982 before opening fire on some 30 diners and passersby.

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