

# Ep 27: Unregistered (illegal) schools with Eve Sacks

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In this episode, Emma Park discusses unregistered faith schools, particularly in the Hasidic community, with Eve Sacks of the Jewish anti-extremist organisation Nahamu.

Eve has spent years engaging with members of the ultra-orthodox community in London. They discuss issues in registered independent schools and the prevalence of unregistered schools where boys aged 13 to 18 are sent to receive religious instruction with little or no secular education. There is also evidence that boys who do not perform well in their studies receive corporal punishment. The result is that they leave school utterly unequipped to participate in civil society.

Efforts to tackle these 'schools' and similar abuses of children's rights in the registered independent sector have been slow going, while members of the Hasidic community who want a different education for their children often experience severe pressure to conform.

After the interview, Emma speaks to Alastair Lichten, head of education at the NSS, to reflect on the fascinating insights provided by Eve, and the NSS's position on unregistered and faith schools.

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- [NSS supports plans to regulate unregistered schools](#)
- [Corporal punishment still being used in Orthodox Jewish schools, inquiry hears – Telegraph, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020](#)
- ['The Missing?' by Eve Sacks, 11 July 2019](#)
- [Illegal Faith Schools](#)

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