

## Debunking the Myth That Israel Shields Jewish Sex Offenders

### THE LIE

Israel is a safe haven for Jewish Americans who commit sex crimes.

### THE TRUTH

Israel routinely extradites sex offenders to the United States to face justice, and actively works with U.S. authorities to track down suspects who flee Israel to evade prosecution.

### BACKGROUND

- On the May 1, 2026 episode of *The Joe Rogan Experience*, comedians Joe Rogan, Shane Gillis, and Ari Shaffir claimed that Jewish Americans who commit sex crimes can simply relocate to Israel and escape justice. ([Joe Rogan](#))
- The claim has been amplified by anti-Israel commentators like Tucker Carlson, who has accused Israel of sheltering "dozens and dozens" of accused American sex offenders, making the United States "unsafe." ([Tucker Carlson](#))
- Tucker's marquee example is Tom Alexanderovich, an Israeli cybersecurity official arrested in Nevada in 2025 for allegedly attempting to meet a 15-year-old for sex. After posting bail, Alexanderovich flew to Israel.
- In February 2026, Tucker pressed US Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee on the Alexanderovich case, framing it as proof that the U.S. and Israeli governments are colluding against the American people.

### TRUTH EXPLAINED

- Israel and the United States have had a formal extradition treaty since the 1960s. The claim that Jewish Americans can simply relocate to Israel and escape prosecution ignores a binding legal agreement that explicitly covers sexual offenses. ([Congress](#))
- The Alexanderovich case actively disproves the "safe haven" narrative. Alexanderovich is still being prosecuted in Nevada. His bail conditions were standard. A jury trial is currently scheduled for May 18, 2026. If convicted, he will serve time in an American prison. The case Tucker held up as evidence of a cover-up is an American prosecution proceeding normally. ([Jerusalem Post](#)), ([X](#))
- Israel has repeatedly extradited accused and convicted sex offenders to the United States. Gershon Kranczer fled to Israel from Brooklyn and was extradited to the U.S., where he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to nine years in prison. Stefan Colmer fled to Israel for refuge and was sent back. Mordechai Yom-Tov escaped to Israel on a fake passport, was arrested, and is currently being extradited. These are not exceptions. They are how the system works. ([Brooklyn DA](#)), ([Jerusalem Post](#)), ([Jerusalem Post](#))
- Some accused sex offenders flee *from* Israel to escape its justice system. Yechiel Yehoshua Farkas ran to New Jersey in 2024 after Israel issued a warrant for his arrest on child sex abuse charges. Israel requested his extradition from the US. American agents arrested him in April 2026. Israel doesn't coddle predators. It hunts them down—even across the Atlantic. ([Jerusalem Post](#))
- Extradition cases look like evasion because they take years—but the delays are structural, not conspiratorial. Coordinating two sovereign legal systems means diplomatic requests, judicial review in both countries, evidentiary thresholds, and rounds of appeals that courts are legally obligated to hear. Due process is slow. That slowness creates a window where an accused person is living abroad and visibly unpunished.

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### QUOTES

“Tucker's question wasn't because he was concerned about a child being solicited for sex. He was playing 'gotcha.' But considering how easy it was for me to get the facts and how FAR OFF Tucker was about them, no reasonable person can believe his motive was the victim.” – Ambassador Mike Huckabee

### TAKEAWAY

Joe Rogan, Shane Gillis, Ari Shaffir, and Tucker Carlson are peddling a lazy, evidence-free myth. The US and Israel have a working extradition treaty that covers serious sex crimes, and Israel has repeatedly arrested and shipped offenders back to face American courts. Delays happen in extraditions everywhere because courts must follow due process, not because Israel runs a predator resort. The reverse is also true—Israeli offenders flee to the US to escape Israeli justice. The "safe haven" story is recycled anti-Israel propaganda that collapses the moment you check actual cases.