

OHEL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY REPORT: 11/15/2022

WITNESS/CONTACT INFO	CRIMES	TIME FRAME
<p>Ms. Juby Shapiro, President and Director of TAFKID Incorporated (advocacy organization for Orthodox families with special needs children) 718-252-2236 646-302-9880 (the second number might be easier for reaching the witness)</p> <p>Witness helped the Government with their sting operation in the Rabbi Mendel Epstein investigation, which resulted in a successful prosecution.</p> <p>Witness has access to current Ohel residents; one, in particular, comes to her home for the Sabbath.</p> <p>History: Witness successfully recouped a large sum of money that Ohel illegally withheld from forty families of disabled children under the Medicaid Waiver Program. Witness described a “pattern of lies and deceit” as well as “constant stonewalling” in her interactions with Ohel’s executive director David Mandel who tried to steal this money that was designated for these 40 families of disabled children. Ohel used the names of those families to obtain the funds in the first place. This case was from a number of years ago but the paperwork shows Ohel’s attempted theft of substantial federal funds (subsidies for 40 families).</p>	<p>FRAUDULENTLY STRUCTURED BUDGET FOR LIFETIME CARE FOUNDATION – Ohel purportedly invests the money of this pooled trust in their own investments and doesn’t appropriate the funds to the residents’ needs.</p> <p>COLLUSION WITH SHALOM TASK FORCE OF NEW YORK (recipient of federal awards from DOJ for civil legal services for domestic violence victims in the Orthodox community)</p> <p>History: please see audit of Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Justice: Audit of the Office on Violence Against Women Awards to Shalom Task Force, New York, New York GR-70-15-004 (justice.gov)</p> <p>Audit found that Shalom Task Force, “lacked drawdown procedures, charged the awards based on estimated personnel expenses, did not adequately monitor consultants and contractors, submitted inaccurate financial reports, and did not comply with all of the award special conditions.”</p> <p>Witness can show a pattern of Shalom Task Force wreaking havoc with families (using lawyers and social workers) so as to generate cases for Ohel, which in turn generates consultations/caseloads for Shalom Task Force. Witness will provide specific cases/witnesses. These practices observed by witness seem to conform to the audit findings against Shalom Task Force. Witness has identified a staff attorney at Shalom Task Force who is also one of Ohel’s largest donors. This same staff attorney/Ohel donor purportedly suborned perjury by threatening an innocent mother and lying to the mother’s therapist: see <i>The Shonda Report</i>, pg. 67. (This occurred circa 10/2021).</p>	<p>CONTINUING AND CURRENT</p>

	USE OF BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTERS TO RUN A GREEN CARD MILL (please speak to witness)	
Henny Kupferstein, Ph.D., autism researcher and psychologist; former member of the Hasidic community who broke away after a brutal divorce in which Ohel suppressed evidence of sex abuse and paid for a rabbinic court to force the mother to give up custody in exchange for a Get (a Jewish divorce): 718-781-3259; Rabbinic Court was headed by convicted felon Rabbi Mendel Epstein before his arrest.	<p>OHEL SHAKING DOWN BATTERED WOMEN RESIDING IN THEIR SHELTER FOR CASH PAYMENTS TO OHEL'S ATTORNEY, HARVEY JACOBS, UNDER THREAT THAT THEY WILL LOSE THEIR CHILDREN AND BE PUT OUT ON THE STREET</p> <p>Witness has collected about four or five cases and wrote up a brief case summary (I have a copy, and would be happy to supply upon request).</p>	2012-2014
Asher Lovy, sex abuse survivor advocate; Founder of Project ZA'AKAH: 347-799-7836. Lovy spoke with the Ohel staff member, referred to in the next column.	DOCUMENT FRAUD: Ohel's executive director, David Mandel, instructed his staff member to suppress a report of physical assault by one resident toward another. By law, these incidents must be reported. When the staff member implied to Mandel that he would bring a lawsuit against Ohel, Mandel backed down and allowed the report to be filed.	Circa June 2022
Ms. Soya Radin, childcare manager of group residence home for disabled adults at a facility other than Ohel; lost her own child to Ohel: 646-285-5315; 347-777-0644	<p>MISAPPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL MONIES: According to Ms. Radin, her daughter (Hanna) often asks her for food/clothing money even though Ohel receives adequate SSI money to be used for the child's expenses. According to the mother, Ohel also admonishes daughter that she will lose her Section 8 public housing if she were to leave Ohel and go to another facility.</p> <p>As part of this picture of misappropriation of federal monies, the child had back-owed SSI monies sitting in her bank account (>6K) which was taken by Ohel once the child was removed from the mother and placed in their care. Ms. Radin states she has not been able to get Ohel to account for the back-owed SSI monies.</p>	Circa from 2018 – to Present
Sharone Shlomo, former counselor at Ohel group home (1664 41 st Street, Brooklyn): 929-206-9839. Caveat: witness suffered an injury while serving in the Israeli army; he has a diagnosed PTSD. This causes depression and some erratic behavior. However, what he notated while working at Ohel up until	<p>PROFITEERING FROM FAMILY MEMBERS OF THOSE IN THEIR CHARGE</p> <p>Ohel's area manager, Alex Mintz, who is a defendant in a CVA (Crime Victims Act) lawsuit, accused of acts of repeated sodomy and rape, (NY Jewish social services organization accused of papering over sexual</p>	2017 –to present (witness left Ohel in 12/2017; however, this is a common pattern.)

<p>his resignation in December 2017 might be an important lead.</p>	<p>assault suit The Times of Israel) has purportedly pressured parents of residents to use his kosher food catering company for their private affairs such as weddings and bar mitzvahs.</p> <p>Witness also saw parents of disabled children pressured to do fundraising for Ohel. In one case, once the parents were no longer able to fundraise, their adult disabled child was shifted out of his apartment under Ohel's auspices and "demoted" to a group home with 12 residents on the floor. The name of that resident is Eli Zdanowitz</p> <p>POSSIBLE KICKBACKS FROM POMEGRANATE PREMIER KOSHER FOOD SUPERMARKET</p> <p>Witness saw a repetitive pattern of Alex Mintz's purchasing of spoiled and expired food from this exclusive food emporium. Since Ohel's budget provides for safe food at market value, the purchase of expired food from this premier supermarket may involve a kickback to Ohel since the clientele who shop at Pomegranate are discerning shoppers and therefore would not be buying expired food items. The food that would ordinarily be discarded would then be sold to Ohel in a kickback arrangement. (Employees working under Mintz years ago told EDNY of his instructing his staff to use residents' own food stamps to buy food for Ohel's office staff meetings –photographic evidence was supplied at that time.)</p>	
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