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Cantor Stephen Merkel
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Dear Cantor Merkel,

I was touched and uplifted by your letter to the Governor, a copy of which my daughter joyously discovered in her box at school on Monday.

You are the first and, thus far, the only religious leader to speak out on my behalf. Ironically, my case offers a modern day parallel of what took place fifty years ago in Nazi Germany when Jewish lawyers were, by edict, barred from practicing law and ultimately expelled. Such dictatorial and draconian action was taken to ensure that those who knew that the Weimar Constitution was being shredded in the courts would not be around to protest. Yet, the legal community there and elsewhere permitted these heinous acts, eventually resulting in cataclysm for the entire world, to go unchecked and unheeded.

Long before the Nazis gained control and shortly after the turn of the century, Elena's grandparents on both sides fled Austria-Hungary to escape the pogroms and persecution in those environs and search for a better life in this country. As a first generation American, who lived the American dream and has seen it turn into a living nightmare, I have been shocked and disappointed by the complete silence and indifference of the legal community, a large proportion of who here in New York are Jews, as well as the Jewish community at large, which has failed and refused to address the serious issues I have raised over the past five years.

May there be more like you to speak out and urge that "the truth in this unfortunate scenario" be investigated and brought to light!

You may be interested to know that I and Elena have been working for several years to build an organization to deal with the kind of judicial lawlessness described in The New York Times ad. I enclose a copy of the mailing we are sending out for that purpose and invite you to be an honorary member of the Center for Judicial Accountability--as one who had the initiative and "menschlichkeit" to already take meaningful action.

Cantor Stephen Merkel

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Again, my deepest appreciation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doris L. Sassower".

DORIS L. SASSOWER

Enclosures