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1 attorney, the reasons I'm not represented by
2 an attorney, I didn't want to get into at
3 this point, but basically it is related to
4 the judge, several attorneys were informed
5 by the judge that I had to lose the case.

6 So what happens is would you like an
7 attorney who says I can't bring this to
8 court because I don't want to offend the
9 judge?

10 I made the -- those are others
11 complaints which I told you I don't want to
12 get into at this point.

13 Because I want -- everybody I know
14 wants to go home, but I'm asking your help
15 to do this.

16 Are there any other questions, Senator
17 Sampson? I promised to be very brief.

18 SENATOR SAMPSON: No more questions,
19 thank you very much. Next individual Ms.
20 Weisshaus. Ms. Weisshaus, good seeing you
21 again, Ms. Weisshaus.

22 MS. WEISSHAUS: Thank you, Senator
23 Sampson.

24 I didn't prepare a speech for myself

1 because they told me yesterday I'm not
2 scheduled to speak, so I'll speak from my
3 heart a little bit.

4 I am a Holocaust survivor and a victim
5 of the Holocaust, I was 14 years old when .
6 everything changed and my whole family, I am
7 the only survivor from my family, but I
8 didn't think that I am going to be a victim
9 in the United States, too.

10 It's unbelievable what I'm going
11 through for the last 20 years.

12 They drag me into a rabbinical court
13 decision because my fault was I didn't want
14 to get welfare when I was short the money,
15 and I had a house and I helped out, I always
16 worked even I had six children, and I am a
17 -- I was short, I couldn't pay my mortgages,
18 so they told me I should go to the welfare.

19 I told them I didn't come to the United
20 States to come for welfare.

21 They told me well, all the black people
22 are doing it, everybody is doing it, I says
23 I'm not listening to the other people what
24 they are doing it.

1 And I sold the top half of my house,
2 legally, everything without any dividends,
3 but I got the wrong people there who are a
4 bunch of crooks and they are all connected
5 with the rabbis.

6 How can this be in the United States
7 where there is a Constitution, how to make a
8 loan the that they update they have come out
9 with wrong decisions, they wanted even to
10 arrest me.

11 I went to the judge and I produced my
12 tax return and I told them I don't have the
13 money that they want I should pay them up
14 and including \$65,000 cash. And that's
15 happening in the United States.

16 All of a sudden I became very famous, I
17 became the one who filed a lawsuit against
18 the Swiss banks.

19 They are stealing money there in the
20 millions and that's why they made me a
21 victim, they took everything that I worked
22 in the United States.

23 I'm here -- 59 years ago I came here
24 and they took everything illegally, there is

1 no due process, they make a mockery of the
2 whole system of the court system and I'm
3 sorry, I just had an accident I had -- my
4 neck is hurting me, but I want to bring out
5 they claim I signed an arbitration contract,
6 they put in a false arbitration contract,
7 the rabbis are doing all these things, they
8 supposedly have nonprofit organization, they
9 don't exist.

10 And I went to -- in the court and I
11 have everything documented to prove it, I'm
12 not making up the story.

13 Then I saw I can do nothing in the
14 state courts, I went to the federal courts
15 and it's the same thing, I would like one
16 thing, Senator Sampson, he was involved with
17 my Defendants 14 years ago, he should ask
18 them they should bring the arbitration
19 contract.

20 A complete false and so many false
21 documents, I just don't believe it happened,
22 I can't do it.

23 SENATOR SAMPSON: I just want to keep
24 you concentrated on where do you think the

1 misconduct or if any existed with respect to
2 you, Ms. Weisshaus?

3 MS. WEISSHAUS: I am telling you why,
4 because they don't like I speak up against
5 them.

6 And I mean not only that they did to me
7 personally and with my properties, each of
8 my children has different problems with the
9 rabbis.

10 They just want -- I lost two sons, one
11 of them was killed by them and I mean there
12 is a bunch of orthodox hoodlums, young
13 people, they don't work, they make all kind
14 of claims, and they live out of my work.

15 And they think -- they just think they
16 can do this in this country because nobody
17 wants to stop them.

18 They have their connections, the rabbis
19 have some judges who are ruling in their
20 favor, even it's against the Constitution,
21 but why should they care about the
22 Constitution if they don't care for the Ten
23 Commandments.

24 Some of the rabbis have large deposits

1 in Switzerland, and I was the one who filed
2 the lawsuit and they made me the victim and
3 now they still, I know what happened in
4 Switzerland, I was there three times, and I
5 had all the documentation there and I worked
6 for the whole case.

7 And I still became a victim because
8 they don't want to have the truth out here.

9 So that's why I came here, I would like
10 just to try to get an arbitration contract,
11 it was translated by my partner, her
12 son-in-law's uncle, a false translation,
13 everything and I'm suffering and they took
14 away everything I had. Due process that
15 doesn't exist here.

16 I was a peasant when I came here, a
17 factory, when I had a business, 25 years,
18 making braiding there, and they remodeled
19 and they took away -- the factory wasn't
20 even in the question, only the building,
21 they took the building, now somebody instead
22 is modeling it, they put in \$8 million, the
23 other one my partners took out a fraudulent
24 mortgage for close to \$5 million, without

1 title insurance so I couldn't claim from the
2 title insurance company, they told me we
3 didn't do it, there is a lawyer by the name
4 of Roy Cohen, whatever his name, he is doing
5 it, I find him in many cases, they have
6 their corrupt lawyers and they have their
7 corrupt judges and the one of the lawyers
8 who is falsifying the signatures of the
9 lawyers, of the judges, he has stamps from
10 the courts, even from the Second Circuit, he
11 rules with the false stamps and I have to
12 abide by them, what can I do?

13 If you go there, they just shut you up.

14 So that's why I want a little bit, if
15 you are going to open up a little bit, the
16 whole system is going to change.

17 SENATOR SAMPSON: Ms. Weisshaus,
18 thank you very much.

19 I think your issue has always been the
20 transparency and the accountability with
21 respect to the judges and the attorneys.

22 MS. WEISSHAUS: Why did it take 12
23 years? They didn't do anything, I have many
24 complaints with the DDC, they just don't

1 care, not only not care, they always told me
2 oh, they investigated and I have no claim.

3 SENATOR SAMPSON: I've got you, Ms.
4 Weisshaus.

5 So I see your suggestions and that's
6 something we are going to look very closely
7 into what you're talking about, the
8 disclosure and form and everything else.

9 MS. WEISSHAUS: The truth, the whole
10 thing the scam will come out, they cannot do
11 nonprofit organizations, collect money and
12 when the money goes into their pockets, and
13 one of the rabbis, I just went to the
14 Supreme Court and they checked me and there
15 is no such an organization.

16 SENATOR SAMPSON: Right, correct.
17 All right, Ms. Weisshaus.

18 MS. WEISSHAUS: Thank you.

19 SENATOR SAMPSON: Thank you very
20 much.

21 MS. WEISSHAUS: Thank you, and I hope
22 you will help me and a lot of people.

23 SENATOR SAMPSON: Thank you, Ms.
24 Weisshaus.