



Holocaust victim assets litigation

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Korman, Chief Judge:

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Hereby I will start to cite you "All funds received from the Settlement Fund for purposes of distribution to needy nazi victims shall be used solely to augment and not replace funds the JDC, Claims Conference and IOM currently receive or are scheduled to receive from other sources".

So far I agreed with you and your staff to 100%, It is absolutely right.
But what is further more right? Somebody had a question for a couple thousand years ago"
what the truth? What is right?

My name is Lars Demetri, I am a Pastor in Stockholm, Sweden and not only a pastor who are working with the Roma, I work and co-operate with non-roma people and churches. I have many good friends who are Jews, and I working with them also very much here in Sweden. I really don't like to speak about myself it is greater and real (and divine) when somebody else speak and tell about yourself. So therefore I will cite a very good friend to me who is a Jew and lives in Jerusalem," Lars Demetri has many years experience of Church-Community partnership work here in Sweden and in Europe. The foci of Mr Demetri's work is both to improve the integration of the Romani communities in Sweden and abroad, and to combat racism and discrimination by increasing awareness about their situation to the wider society.

The Church has provided the framework for some activities while their association Stockholm Zigenarförening (Stockholms Roma association) and The Romernas Riksförbund (The Roma National Union) who is an umbrella organisation in Sweden and there Mr Demetri is the vice President, and this organisation have have a lot of Roma people from all Europe, have been used other things for the Roma people here in Sweden. Mr Demetri is already engaged in international partnership work through his mission on behalf of Stockholm Zigenarförening, Romernas riksförbund, as Pastor (international missionary) and representative in the European Roma Forum. He is also one of the Swedish government's leading consultants on Romani issues."

This a little bit for my representation done by my Jewish friend Jonathan Freud, and of course to controlled in which way you liked. Therefore I rather will wait for to send you my reference letters until you Judge Korman and your staff let me of also you have understand our (my) intuition how important this is for us from the Church to be involved of this distribution of the "for allocation of excess and possible unclaimed residual funds".



So hopefully we hope that you will decide to listen to us and how we will work whit our roma people in the future.

We the Roma church already have the largest network in the world since almost 50 year now. Nobody church or church organisation or congregations have helped us Roma to try to "save" or to bring us in theirs Bible school to learn us how be "saved" like they have done for several of hundred years now. We have for our selv worked and traveld around the whole world and to try to learn them first the bible and after that our romas they like for them selv to be educaded, not whit forces.

We the church network know our roma best selv, we already how many organsations and associations have cheat and swindled many governments,authories and good organisations in our Romas peoples names. So therefore is our goal and mission to help our roma-people selv.

The best thing to help from the churches all over the world, but our problem is that we dont have our churces or bible school for our selv and in our own laanguage.

I can not find out or understand how we can help our roma who stil are in live from holocaust and are victims or targets whit **humanitarian assistance to needy, if we dont can do it** from our church-organisations. We all the church leaders whit a new comit'e specially for the needy victims or targets of nazi persecution, then I dont belive nobody can help the roma people in the world.

What I mean to stop here is that we the roma are all "**living targets**", even me who doesn't where persnally in the second world war and also when tomorrow a new roma-child is born are a target for the neo-nazist. There is no money in the whole world to make compensations for those who where murdered in second world war, but we all who lives today and I realy mean the whole world **can help now today** whit humanitarian help. And I am sure that only the church can be the one to help in this case, beacuse this is our "mission". If we the roma try to get some economic support from others sources for this purpose like "holocaustvictims" then Iam sure nobody will help in this case. They are going directly to tell us about this money from the Settlements Funds.

As you know there are not so many roma survivors from the naziwar but there is a lot of relatives and families. There in nowhere in the world so many Roma-nationality like we have in Sweden, we belive about 25-30 thousands from all over the Europé East, West and central.

But as I told we are a very big network and I work since about 20 years now whit our roma, whit the church, bibleschool and now for 10 year whit humans right and whit politic for roma.

We have just started the first Roma Christian Socialdemocratic organisation there I'am the chairman, and our goal is to have this in others country in Europé.



What we do need is Bible school there we can teach our romas to be educated and now I don't mean to learn only from the Bible NOT I know this school will be such an organisation for everybody like for christian also for catholic jews, muslims, buddism, hindu and for everybody.

I like to stop here because there is so much to tell and to explain for you all so will rather stop here and wait for your comment and hopefully to here from you that you are interested to help the Roma people not only for the moment but for ever.

I'm writing this in the very last day or minute because we in the whole have been seeking it is so cold here in Sweden today we have 25- below zero, and tomorrow there is Sylvester Evening and I wish you all luck and a Happy New Year and that our God in heaven will give you divine wisdom.

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P.S. SOME MORE FOR YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

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Prefatory

It is obvious that Roma have a solid and deep knowledge of divine presence in this world throughout the ages. It is also obvious that from that divine platform God is acting together with and for Roma today.

This interpretation of reality can help us to create order in our existence. With help of this interpretation many things in life become understandable.

An understandable world is a controllable world, a world experienced as a meaningful world, where everyone has his given place. Here there is no unbridgeable gap between the religious and profane world.

The experience of the divine presence is that when we open ourselves for its influence our deepest destiny reaches its accomplishment. This also means a solid experience of liberation from destructive tendencies in and outside ourselves.

The divine presence can help us to see why things happen to us. We get options of choice to decide why it happens. We get tools to make decisions.

The religious dimension does not develop a certain and fixed policy but can permeate and improve most systems of society.

A religious belief is not only an intellectual point of view it is also a way of communication where activity, action is in its centre. All life is activity, even if it is a rhythmic changing between exterior and inner, recovery and giving.

The divine strategy seems to be focused on to strengthen the front on those places where it has been weak. That is probably why we witness a social and religious revival among Roma of today. But there is plenty of room for individuals willing to become tools in this change. In this religious process there is an interaction between the individual and the collective.

The process can be derived from the energy based on a deep experience of God's presence in the universe, in the society and in the depths of the human soul.

The religion gives man a meaningful spot in the universe. From there man has possibility and the great advantage to express worries in front of, solidarity with and tenderness towards every thing of existence. He is in dialogue with Reality. It is no longer an unpersonal thing. Here can man's worries and joy in the encounter between the human and the divine create integrity which nothing else can create.

To stay in communication with the vital and uniting powers in the creation, in short God Himself, and to have a door open to the world is in itself a healing factor to the worldwide society.



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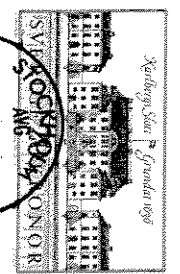
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