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MEDIA COVERAGE OF MRFF CLIENT HARASSED BY RABBI SPREADS



MRFF Client Traci Moran
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THE FORWARD COVERS MRFF CLIENT

She Went To An Army Chaplain For Help With Her Rabbi's Harassment. Then He Betrayed Her.

By: Aiden Pink

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

(Excerpts from The Forward/Emphasis added by MRFF)

A Jewish woman living on a U.S. Army installation in Washington state confided with the only rabbi on the base that another rabbi was sexually harassing her - but the chaplain worked with the other rabbi to ostracize her and her husband from the local Jewish community, an Army investigation found.

[...]

"I have been victimized twice," Moran wrote in her official complaint this month. "First, by the rabbi who sexually harassed me, and then by the chaplaincy of JBLM."

[...]

Heber returned to his pulpit last month. Harari was not disciplined for banning the Morans from the base's Jewish events, but is still being investigated for allegedly having "violated confidentiality, exceeded his authority by implementing a bar to JBLM facilities and services, and made false official statements," according to an Army document. Harari is still the rabbi on base.

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THE FRIENDLY ATHEIST ON PATHEOS COVERS MRFF

Rabbi Accused of Sexually Harassing Soldier's Wife via Text Message

By: David Gee

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

(Excerpts from The Friendly Atheist on Patheos/Emphasis added by MRFF)

One rabbi was accused of sexually harassing a soldier's wife via text message, while a second one allegedly ignored her complaints and ostracized her family.

The wife in question is Traci Moran, who is married to a soldier at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington. She says a Tacoma rabbi harassed her for months, but when she reported the alleged misconduct to a second rabbi, stationed at the base, he didn't take her seriously.

[...]

And yet Harari hasn't acted on this in any meaningful way. No wonder Moran eventually reached out to the Military Religious Freedom Foundation for help. Founder Mikey Weinstein, who never holds back, let it all out...

[...]

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MAJOR MILITARY PUBLICATIONS PICK UP MRFF CLIENT'S STORY

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(Tacoma News Tribune reprint)

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(Tacoma News Tribune reprint)

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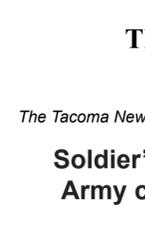
TASK & PURPOSE

(Seattle Times reprint)

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MRFF Founder and President Mikey Weinstein's Statement on Traci Moran's Case

Monday, July 29, 2019



"The Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) expresses pride and support for our courageous client, Traci Moran, and her brave family. The United States Army at Fort Lewis and related JBLM agencies have completely and shamefully failed the Morans at their time of most critical and dearest need. The Army has had eight MONTHS to complete appropriate investigations and take appropriate actions here and they have done neither. The best evidence of this abject failure is that the victims here – Traci Moran and her family – have been told absolutely NOTHING as to what has happened to the perpetrators against them. MRFF demands that the Army authorities at JBLM immediately take all appropriate action to expeditiously investigate and visibly punish all of those, especially Army Chaplain (Capt). Michael Harari, who have contributed to the pernicious malfeasance and misfeasance which has befallen Traci Moran and her family."

THE TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE COVERS MRFF

The Tacoma News Tribune is the second largest newspaper in the state of Washington

Soldier's wife accused a rabbi of harassment. Army chaplain then ostracized her, she says

By: Craig Sailor

Monday, July 29, 2019

(Excerpts from The Tacoma News Tribune/Emphasis added by MRFF)

Two local rabbis — one a chaplain at Joint Base Lewis McChord, the other the leader of a civilian congregation in Tacoma — are under fire for their alleged treatment of an Army soldier and his wife, both Jews living in Pierce County.

Jared and Traci Moran contend Capt. Michael Harari and Rabbi Shneur Zalman Heber tried to ostracize them from their Jewish community after Traci Moran accused Heber of sending her inappropriate messages last summer.

Traci Moran said the messages were of a sexual nature and that she considered them harassment, allegations Heber has denied through his lawyer.

[...]

Frustrated by what they see as stonewalling and obfuscation on the part of the Army and Chabad of Pierce County, Jared Moran, 31, and Traci Moran, 30, reached out to the Military Religious Freedom Foundation for help. The nonprofit group is dedicated to civil rights advocacy for active duty military personnel.

"Traci and her family were forced to come to our foundation," foundation president Mikey Weinstein told The News Tribune. "The Army has massively failed Traci."

[...]

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THE SEATTLE TIMES COVERS MRFF

After a rabbi sent her explicit messages, JBLM soldier's wife says she was targeted and betrayed

By: Katherine Khashimova Long

Monday, July 29, 2019

(Excerpts from The Seattle Times/Emphasis added by MRFF)

When Traci Moran, an observant Jewish woman living at Joint Base Lewis-McChord with her enlisted husband, came to Army Chaplain Capt. Michael Harari in August 2018, she was looking for spiritual guidance, she said.

A Tacoma rabbi, Zalman Heber, had been sending her sexually explicit text and voice messages for almost a month despite Moran asking more than once that he stop, the messages showed.

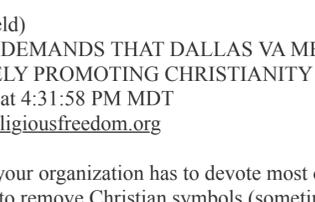
[...]

"The Army failed her," said Mikey Weinstein, president of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, which highlights cases of what it says is religious overreach in the military and is helping advocate for Moran.

"In over 65,000 cases, it's one of the worst we've seen," Weinstein said.

[...]

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"MRFF DEMANDS THAT DALLAS VA MEDICAL CENTER STOP EXCLUSIVELY PROMOTING CHRISTIANITY"

From: (name withheld)
Subject: Re: MRFF DEMANDS THAT DALLAS VA MEDICAL CENTER STOP EXCLUSIVELY PROMOTING CHRISTIANITY
Date: July 29, 2019 at 4:31:58 PM MDT
To: info@militaryreligiousfreedom.org

It is such a tragedy your organization has to devote most of your resources and time to attempt to remove Christian symbols (sometimes referred to as bigoted) from government institutions and installations. I hear so much about how we are a secular nation. Only revisionist historians would make such a claim. Our roots are deeply embedded in Judeo-Christian heritage. It's just modern "Christian's, like the atheist claiming to once be a fundamental Christian that are turning the people against Christianity. Name one hospital an atheist has built. Name one home an atheist has built for the homeless (see Habitat for Humanity a Christian organization). Name one atheist response team or trailer that is yet to respond when communities are struck with disaster. You continue to attack and try to secularize the very people who are trying to make our society better. I just don't get it Mikey, why do you hate us so much? I almost feel like you would throw us to the lions if you could.

Sincerely,
(name withheld)

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