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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Class Action Settlement in Case No. 2014 CA 8073 B: *Jane Doe 2, et al. v. The Georgetown Synagogue-Kesher Israel Congregation, et al.*

Important Notice to any Woman who was Videotaped by Rabbi Freundel and/or who disrobed, either partially or completely, in the ritual bath and/or associated facilities operated by the National Capital Mikvah, Inc.

WASHINGTON, DC—September 25, 2018—At the request of Plaintiffs' counsel in a class action lawsuit, *Jane Doe 2, et al. v. The Georgetown Synagogue-Kesher Israel Congregation, et al.*, Case No. 2014 CA 8073 B (consolidated with Case No. 2015 CA 7814 B), NVRDC was asked to post Notice about a settlement in the lawsuit. More information is below. **NVRDC cannot provide any possible class members legal advice on their rights under this settlement, please see the information below regarding who to contact if you have questions about this Settlement.** If you have experienced trauma and are seeking mental health assistance, please contact any of the following resources: DC Rape Crisis Center at (202) 333-7273; the Wendt Center for Loss & Healing at (202) 204-5021; and/or the Women's Center at (202) 293-4580.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ANY WOMAN WHO WAS VIDEOTAPED BY RABBI FREUNDEL AND/OR who disrobed, either partially or completely, in the ritual bath and/or associated facilities operated by the National Capital Mikvah, Inc.:

Several years ago, a DC rabbi was convicted of filming women without their consent and, as a result of his crimes, a class action lawsuit was filed in DC Superior Court. The case, *Jane Doe 2, et al. v. The Georgetown Synagogue-Kesher Israel Congregation, et al.*, Case No. 2014 CA 8073 B (consolidated with Case No. 2015 CA 7814 B), has reached a proposed settlement, subject to the Court's approval.

As part of the settlement, NVRDC, along with several other Washington, DC area non-profit organizations, has been asked to distribute this Notice in order to help reach any women who were videotaped by Rabbi Freundel **AND/OR** who disrobed, either partially or completely, in the ritual bath and/or associated facilities operated by the National Capital Mikvah, Inc (***regardless of whether they were videotaped***) between **July 1, 2005 and October 14, 2014** (the day when Freundel was arrested).

It is important that possible Class Members review the linked Notice to be informed of their rights and obligations under this settlement. There are several important deadlines, including but not limited to the following: To be eligible to receive a Base Payment, Class Members must submit a timely, complete, and responsive Registration Form by November 13, 2018. If you want to object to the Settlement, in whole or as to any part, you must send your objection in writing with a postmark of no later than October 15, 2018, to the Settlement Administrator and Class Counsel at the addresses listed in Section 13 of the attached notice. **To learn about all important deadlines and your rights as a Class Member, please review the Notice and Registration Form at the links below.**

Class Action Settlement in Case No. 2014 CA 8073 B

This Notice contains only a summary of the terms of the Settlement. The complete terms of the Settlement are set out in the Settlement Agreement and Release. You may obtain a copy of the Settlement Agreement and Release, and additional information pertaining to the Settlement, by visiting the websites listed below or by contacting Class Counsel or the Settlement Administrator using the contact information below.

[Notice of Class Action Settlement](#)

[Confidential Registration Form](#)

If you have further questions about the Settlement and how to receive benefits under the Settlement, you can get free help by contacting Class Counsel or the Settlement Administrator using the contact information below:

Class Counsel: [Sanford Heisler Sharp, LLP](#) 1350 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 3100 New York, NY 10019
[P]: (646) 402-5650 [F]: (646) 402-5651 email: mikvahsettlement@sanfordheisler.com

Settlement Administrator: [RG/2 Claims Administration LLC](#) P.O. Box 59479 Philadelphia, PA 19102-9479
[Toll-Free]: (866) 742-4955 [F]: (215) 827-5551 email: mikvahsettlement@rg2claims.com

PLEASE DO NOT CALL OR CONTACT THE COURT, THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT, OR THE DEFENDANTS WITH QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS NOTICE. PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT NVRDC WITH QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS NOTICE.

NVRDC is not a party to this case and is simply posting this notice as a courtesy to help reach as many possible class members as possible. Possible class members seeking more information should read the linked Notice, Registration Form, and contact Class Counsel and/or the Settlement Administrator whose contact information is listed in this Press Release.

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The Network for Victim Recovery of DC's mission is to empower victims of all crimes to achieve survivor-defined justice through a collaborative continuum of advocacy, case management and legal services. By providing wraparound services that address the totality of an individual's needs, NVRDC prioritizes holistic, multidisciplinary approaches to serving victims of all types of crime in Washington, DC. To learn more about NVRDC, please visit www.nvrdc.org.