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Federal investigation

have a similar arrangement with “a synagogue and ASK, a program affiliated with the synagogue.” The Atlanta Jewish Times confirmed “ASK” to be the Atlanta Scholars Kollel.

Atlanta Scholars Kollel, which rents its building from Torah Day School, was asked by the school to also make its monthly checks out to Back Pain Fund, the indictment states.

“We were asked by our landlord to make out certain checks and that was it,” Atlanta Scholars Kollel attorney Harvey Linder said. “That’s all we ever did. We were never involved with Mr. Eppelbaum.”

Linder added that the Atlanta Scholars Kollel has never met Eppelbaum or associated with him in any fashion.

Linder stated the checks Atlanta Scholars Kollel wrote were not made out to Back Pain Fund, as the indictment suggests. Linder said the checks were made out to a 501(c)(3), but wouldn’t reveal this organization’s identity. After the federal investigation began, Linder said Atlanta Scholars Kollel was asked to write its checks to Torah Day School again.

“No one has come to us and told us we did anything wrong, which we haven’t,” Linder said.

Torah Day School is an affiliate member of the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, which means it is subject to review of how it operates as an organization.

“We are interested in the education of our children,” JFGA interim C.E.O. Elliot Arnovitz said. “No one wants to see a school listed where there are irregularities, but we only know what we’ve read in the paper. We’re proud of our day schools and the education they provide. We’re proud of our system.”

The Atlanta Business Chronicle was the first to report the indictment against Eppelbaum on March 28.

The indictment is very specific as to who the government believes committed the crimes . . .

Eppelbaum owns and operates the Atlanta Institute of Medicine and Rehabilitation (AIMR) and the Pain Clinic of AIMR.

Through the Back Pain Fund, Eppelbaum treats patients in Atlanta and before sending them to a hot spring in either Florida or North Carolina. After a week-long stay, patients return to Atlanta for further treatment. Between 2004 and 2009, Eppelbaum billed Medicare \$15 million for treatments.

According to the AIMR website, Eppelbaum is licensed to practice in Georgia, Alabama and New Jersey.

Torah Day School of Atlanta

Location: 1985 Lavista Road, Toco Hills
Affiliation: Orthodox
Year founded: 1985
Enrollment: 300+
Head of School: Rabbi Naphtali Hoff
General Studies Principal: Linda Rabinowitz

Diabetic who survived Auschwitz

The story of the only known man to survive the Nazi concentration camps with type 1 diabetes, Ernest Sterzer, will air on dLifeTV at 7 p.m. on Sun., April 10.

The dLifeTV segment recounts Ernest’s journey of survival, trading bread for insulin in one camp and later lapsing into a diabetic coma in Auschwitz.

Ernest was diagnosed with diabetes at age 3, a few years after the discovery of insulin. A decade later, in 1938, he and his parents, as well as his brother Fred, were forced from their Austrian home and sent first to the Jewish ghetto of Theresenstadt and then to Auschwitz, where their parents were murdered.

Throughout these years, Ernest kept a diary of the events, recounting

how he narrowly escaped death time and again. Although he survived the camps, he passed away as a result of his diabetes at age 47 in 1973.

Ernest Sterzer’s inspiring story is told in part by Fred Sterzer, who was with his brother throughout most of their time in both Theresenstadt and Auschwitz.

“The story of Ernest Sterzer is an intersection of two worlds I am personally intimate with,” says Howard Steinberg, CEO and founder of dLife. “I am living with type 1 diabetes, and my parents survived the horrors of the Holocaust. Ernest’s is one of the most amazing and moving stories in diabetes history.”

dLifeTV, dedicated to people living with diabetes, airs every Sunday on CNBC at 7 p.m. EST.

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