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For the very apparent why I asked him to leave, because I've traveled around the world and I've seen problems that Jewish people have that don't get to discussed [00:01:00] in national magazines, and in newspapers, and all around the world. That (inaudible) what we have to learn about the Jewish problems in the world, and you're never going to see in print what I'm going to tell you tonight, and it doesn't go outside the truth, so tell it to your friends that didn't get published anywhere, and you're never going to see it published anywhere. But first, before I go into what I really want to talk about, I just want to give you a little bit more background of myself before I say all the bullshit about where I go to school and everything that really doesn't matter. I was born in the city and I was educated in the Medical Assembly schools that we had, and I went to Hebrew school and all of that, and have you (inaudible). I came away from bad things (inaudible) not really feeling very much like a Jew, and there was a very word, but you see, we came to this world, we really don't have a choice of whether or not we want to be Jewish because there are not (inaudible) had when I was a little [00:02:00] kid, like three or four years old.

(inaudible) they didn't bother asking whether I felt Jewish or not. (inaudible) a Jew, and say if I'm a Jew. I ask these types of people (inaudible). OK, thank you. So therefore, what I'm saying is that even then, when I was (inaudible), I did not feel Jewish, I was told I was a Jew. And this is a very, very confusing to me when I was little, and as years progressed, and I was around 17 years old, about three years ago, I wanted (inaudible), to have this (inaudible) come and speak.

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(inaudible) Jewish (inaudible) the problems and the (inaudible) we all were, and the problems the Jewish people throughout the world, and how [00:03:00] only Jewish help other Jewish people, nobody else [has the Jewish people.

And that one little day, I learned an awful lot. I learned that the Jews in our (inaudible) who had to be fought for freedom. I learned that the Jewish state of Israel was in desperate need of money and aid, and nobody was doing it except the Jews in this country, and Jews in the world. And I got so pissed off that day, that my Sunday school and most of the rabbis and all those people didn't do a damn thing to educate me (inaudible) what is going on with Jews in this world, that (inaudible) when I found that. (inaudible) tonight, I want to tell you something about Mr. Steinberg, he's one of the finest people of this (inaudible)

city. (inaudible) I said, "Listen, I heard this guy speak about Israel (inaudible)" executive director of the federation, and tell him (inaudible), tell me what's really going on, and we sat for hours and hours, week after week, and he just told -- he kept lecturing, telling me what was going on. And that led [00:04:00] to my going on a trip about two years ago to the Eastern European countries, the European countries (inaudible) Israel. And that's really what I want to focus on, the things that I've learned, the things that I've seen.

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The very first thing that you've got to understand is that
Jewish people have a history of about 4,000 or 5,000 years. And
30 years ago, there was this crazy thing called the Holocaust,
it was (inaudible) the nightmare for 6 million Jewish were
murdered, and you've got to understand it. You've got to
understand that 30 years of 4,000 years of Jewish history is
like a needle in a haystack -- nothing. And I went to Munich,
where the lives of the Nazi regime began, and I walked the
streets where Hitler walked, and I sat in the beer garden where
he lived, stood up on tables and made his (inaudible) arousing
speeches, and I sit at the square where Hitler would feed his
troops. But worst of all, I went to (inaudible) concentration
camp. [00:05:00] I went to a death factory. And I would've
(inaudible) in (inaudible) who was on General Eisenhower's

committee to liberate the concentration camps, and he showed up (inaudible) the day that the camp was liberated, because you go there today, and it's like a (inaudible) beautiful national park, the (inaudible) very likely, (inaudible) who paint it every year, but by the nice pretty museum, the floors are waxed, the whole bit. But 30 years ago, Jews were murdered there. They were murdered only because — the only primer is that they're Jewish. That was their prompt. I sit in that camp, I closed my eyes and I imagined what the hell it was like, and it's a nightmare. I don't know how people who lived through that period made it, I just don't know how the survivors make it today. I don't know how they can live. But you better never forget it, it happened, and it's happening today. The same goddamn thing is happening today.

In 1967, [00:06:00] after the Six Days War, Nasser said, "All Jewish males don't (inaudible)," and I met a kid in France 19 months ago who doesn't (inaudible) two weeks before I got there. And I sat next to this 22-year-old kid, who lived in a village outside of (inaudible), (inaudible) very assimilated, he didn't feel Jewish, he didn't feel anything towards Israel, he was the only Jew in the community that went to that college, that he won't do anything -- didn't feel Jewish at all, (inaudible), no, nothing. In 1967, Nasser said, "All Jewish men go to jail,"

dammit, he went too. And he was there for two years, about a year-and-a-half. And for the first six months he was there, living in a room (inaudible) half the size of this room, with 60 people, and one bathroom, where you're feeding twice a day, and you had one meal a day (inaudible). And it happens today -there's Jews still in Egypt, there's Jews in Syria today, there's Jews in Iraq, there's Jews in Lebanon, and Jordan, all those countries [00:07:00] have all seen (inaudible), we're all getting beaten, Jewish men walk within a Jewish (inaudible), bank accounts are frozen, if a guy dies in Syria, he can't leave his money to his children, it's got to go to the state, which in turn turns it over to (inaudible) Jewish children, and Jewish men are even doing it. That's how fuckin' (inaudible) they are. And I don't like it. And if I want to tell you that we can't sit back anymore. (inaudible) We're not in that image anymore, we're very strong people.

But there's more, (inaudible) in (inaudible) countries, you read every day about this new thing Russian Jewry. What is this whole Russian Jewry thing? I met a girl, a week ago Thursday, and it was one of the most touching moments of my life. She got out of Russia in November. Two weeks ago, she came over to this country from Israel. [00:08:00] When she left Russia, what happened is (inaudible) an exit visa, and maybe, just maybe, she'd get it.

About 2,000 she'll get of the year, out of three and a half million Jews that want to leave, a couple thousand trickle out every year. And she applied for that visa, and she got it, but she got it two weeks after she got married, and you think about it for a minute. You think about if you were in a country, you marry somebody, you really love them, you have an opportunity to leave or not, but he didn't leave, and if you leave, the implications of that is that that country stinks. When I talk about a (inaudible), I don't mean it's not (inaudible) what happened during the Nazi (inaudible) they just murdered thousands of Jews, and millions of Jews. What happens there is (inaudible) a kid for like, in high school and under, when the young kids are taught "don't (inaudible)," everything was (inaudible). She didn't know she was a Jew. And then she went to apply to college when she was 18 years old, they said to her, "Well, look, you know, you're a [00:09:00] Jewish girl, so you've got to get grades far superior to everybody else so you can get into college," she said, "(inaudible) this Jew business," "Well, you're a Jew, you've got a Jewish mother, you've got to be better than everybody else." And that's where she found the beginning that she was a second-class citizen, that's the key phrase. Second-class citizen. That's what she lived like in Russia.

And I don't know if you remember, but a few months ago, there was that hijacking trial. You know what that hijacking business was? The Russian people told Jews that they can get out of the country if they wanted to. They said, "Go down to this airport, and we'll get you a plane and we'll get you out." So what the hell do you think the Jews did, they couldn't wait for this, and they go down to the airplane, and the stupid Russians are standing there, they arrest them, and they say, "You're trying to hijack a plane and you're illegally trying to leave Russia without an exit visa, so we're going to try you, and we're going to try you and murder you." But the Jews of the world made a little bit of noise, and the (inaudible) stood up and he finally said something, so they didn't get the death sentence. You know what they got instead (inaudible)? They got 15 years hard [00:10:00] labor. They got 15 hard labor with half of the normal (inaudible) action. And that's what's happening to Jews in Russia today, and you're sitting here and that's what's happening to them. And it's more (inaudible), from Russia, it doesn't matter who they are. But they're part of the media, (inaudible) listen, because I've seen it in Romania. I was Romania airport. And when I talk about a (inaudible), I mean Romania was this man, but I met [Trenton?] for the first time that year, the person (inaudible) left this country, or this state, and I went to Romania and I turned off (inaudible), and

(inaudible). Because the Jews in Romania were the same
(inaudible) they do in Russia, and because the day that I left
Romania, I had a (inaudible), I can't forget it. A (inaudible)
18 years old, I'm leaving, I've got to say goodbye, and she [was crying, and she said frightened, she said, "Get me out of my country, I want to leave." [00:11:00] And you think about it.

Here I am, [Mitchell Gold?], standing (inaudible) with the
(inaudible) Romania, all of 18 years old, and then I (inaudible) from Trenton, "This chick's asking me to get her out of her country." Now what the hell would you do? I said, "Yeah, that's right, I'll do anything I'll tell you," and this is a girl that asked me to get her out of her country. And Jews want to leave these countries.

But you want to know something? There's 100,000 Jews in Romania today, a deal was made in (inaudible) to buy, to buy 40,000 of those Jews out for \$35 million, that's the name of the game, that's how Jews play in this world. If you want a Jew to have freedom, you pay for it. So we're paying \$35 million for 40,000 Jews, by leaving, you're never going to [move anywhere. You'll never need it anywhere. It's quite (inaudible) information. We know it, but nobody else does. Believe me. [00:12:00] And that's what we're doing for our Jews. Because if we don't do it, nobody else is going look the same. Do you think (inaudible), if your

parents and if you don't do it, it's just going to happen to them, it's as simple as that. (inaudible), the Jews can't wait to leave Morocco, they have (inaudible) with the king. When the king (inaudible) \$100 a head, (inaudible) the king, give him \$100, lets Jews out. When the king goes away on vacation for a month, they don't get Jews out for a month, it's as easy as that. But (inaudible), we're taking them out, but where are we putting them? And that's (inaudible) what I really want you to understand, and that visual. That's (inaudible) a country 6,000 miles away, (inaudible) don't even know (inaudible). So little countries surrounded by three or four Arab nations are trying to (inaudible), trying to wipe it right off the map, we're not going to let it happen, man. [00:13:00] The (inaudible), I told you, we're not weak anymore. We're very strong people. But so is this money, we've got to pay a lot of money for the weapons, and the (inaudible), they want to (inaudible) 67, and we're going win another war if it happens again, because in six days, our cease fire's up. In six days, there might be another war in Israel. A (inaudible), I'm not a pro-sentimental person, because then (inaudible) would have to (inaudible) there's not going to be another war there. Because the next (inaudible) next war, we'll win again, sure, I know we'll win again, but we're going to lose a lot more lives, and these words of wisdom, and I (inaudible) to leave (inaudible). (inaudible) to get away from

that little war game, we're in it to win it. Israel has to spend 83% of its budget on defenses. Now, I don't know if you can relate to that, but 83% of a budget that's spent on defense, as compared with the other states spending about 35% [00:14:00] or 40% of this budget on war games, you know like (inaudible) and Cambodia and Laos, and all of (inaudible), and spend 35% of their money on war. But Israel has to spend 83% of its money on war. And that means that there's no money left for the (inaudible) of the country, and the social needs of the country include getting more immigrants into the country. It means they need Jews out of Russia, out of Poland, out of Czechoslovakia, out of Yugoslavia, out of (inaudible) that are all over, and get them there and tell them, (inaudible) we don't have to get them. We get them an apartment. We have a (inaudible) on this war. Once (inaudible) you step foot on that (inaudible), (inaudible) they want to be.

And when those citizens of that country, they don't care if they're old, or whether they're young, whether they're sick, or they're healthy or not, no country in the world ever (inaudible) a system like that, no (inaudible) on anybody, but you can sick, you can be anything, we'll take care of you. If they come in five years old, (inaudible) Israel, [00:15:00] and we take you in, you get medical assistance, (inaudible), we can teach them,

we can talk (inaudible), we [can get them a phone, we treat them like people, like first-class citizens. That's what Israel's all about. (inaudible) Israel, the people (inaudible) in Israel, they don't have to, they are first-class citizens. And I will tell you one other truth that really made it for me. I stood at (inaudible) outside of Tel Aviv, the international airport. At the same (inaudible), 90 Russian and Polish Jews came into that country for the first time. The day before -- a couple days before the whole Russian (inaudible), living an oppressed life, and that night, three o'clock in the morning, 90 of these people came in. And it was the most beautiful sight of my life. I mean it, I have never seen anything so beautiful. These people come in, and they start crying, and (inaudible) and kissing the ground, there's an 86-year-old man who [00:16:00] (inaudible) watch his (inaudible) on the ground, dancing all over, couldn't be happier, he's free again. Finally. And you see the mother falling over, the children around, crying, because (inaudible) finally, their children can now live in freedom, and for God's sake, it's the most beautiful thing around, and we've got it. But we can't have it unless American Jews, and world Jews, cough up some blood this year. Many of them. National (inaudible) is (inaudible) \$400 million campaign to keep Israel alive. And let them all know the country (inaudible) the students have to do is best, the last (inaudible) they had been in three cities, and

(inaudible), but I want to do it. I want to do it because Israel's going to live, and that's what you've got to do. You've got one (inaudible), \$3, \$4, \$5, \$10 each (inaudible), you can give it to give it, because you're saving lives. You can become a member of a very, very special club, you can go to sleep at night thinking a hell of a lot better. [00:17:00] And I'll just close with one more note. This Russian girl that I met, I met her and then she went into a group of UJA people in New York, very, very lucky people. People are giving hundreds of thousands of dollars each, and she just sat down, all nice and quietly, and said, "I want to thank you. I want to thank you for getting me out of my country, I want to thank you for bringing me to Israel, I want to thank you for the food, the clothing, the shelter. I want to thank you." And that is something to believe in. In this country, our parents have this nasty habit (inaudible) establishment (inaudible) -- they've got this very nasty habit of conforming to shit like this. It's the [manly man (inaudible) he said it's how they advertise. They advertise, something to believe in, a brand new group, (inaudible) something to believe in. It's not for us, (inaudible) the kid, and we're going to put our stuff together, and we're going to save lives. Because that's something to believe in. Thank you. [00:18:00]

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