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A Rood Awakening Torah Council:

I am an Independent Contractor, Licensed as a Life/Health Consultant in the State of Oregon and a Certified Peachtree Accounting Software Consultant. I have extensive experience with numerous accounting software packages: QuickBooks, Great Plains, Solomon, Timberline, AccPac, MAS 90, MAS 200, to name a few. I have 30 years experience in Accounting with a college level education in Business Management. I have worked with numerous CPA's and Network Engineers.

I started working as a Bookkeeper's assistant in High School. My first position was with Farmers Insurance Group, Personnel Services/Payroll in 1979. I then worked with Pacific Coca-Cola in Accounts Receivable. I went to work for accountemps in 1985; I held different positions in the Finance Department, I filled in as Finance Manager in various companies throughout the Portland Metropolitan area. During this period I worked for Profit and Non-Profit organizations; I assisted on a team that audited The United Way located in Portland, OR. I chose to take my strengths, which are numbers and people skills and start my own Consulting Company in 1996. I install, train and consult with Accounting Software. I specialize in reconciliation of accounts. Presently I am designing a report that will assist all business owners in identifying embezzlement.

I was contacted by a staff member from A Rood Awakening this last summer. After I spoke with the staff member, Jamie contacted me and suggested I also speak with Debby. I met with both of them and listened to their concerns and need for an outside source to look at their books before proceeding with a CPA firm. I shared with Jamie and Debby my strengths in this area and years of experience. I have worked with many non-profit organizations since 1985.

I performed a spot audit, picked a period of time and checked on the audit trail for A Rood Awakening. I didn't see anything alarming about the audit trail. I did have some suggestions on reallocating expenses. I did share that an audit trail was the most important detail. All receipts were accounted for and expenses. It appeared that Michael Rood did not want to turn in an expense sheet for his travel costs, etc. Therefore, Debby the bookkeeper at the time didn't know where to allocate the funds. Even if Debby had a good idea, the bookkeeper is not to take responsibility for appropriating expenses; she is held to a Professional code of ethics. A bookkeeper records information that they are given. A CPA has to go to the source (person) and ask where the receipts are; the IRS code states you must have receipts to deduct business expenses. I met with Jamie and his staff to go over a work flow, audit trail. I found the procedures to make good sound business sense. I also saw that, any deposit that went into their bank had a deposit slip

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and their bank keeps a copy of the deposit slip and the checks that accompany it. It would be next to impossible for a person to take a check or misappropriate funds into their own personal account without seeing it. I am aware that Michael Rood has made accusations of embezzlement; I do not understand on what grounds he alleges this, and I see no evidence. I am not a CPA, however, I know when funds are missing, I use an audit trail that goes back to the source documentation, usually bank statements, bank deposits, copies of checks. I found no evidence of embezzlement. I also do not believe Jamie or his staff has the sophisticated knowledge of accounting to know how to “hide” or “take funds” without someone noticing it on the Profit/Loss statement. Transactions that were brought into question are Tour Income that was donated in September-November 2006. I have found a total of \$315,000 deposited and booked in Quickbooks; also at this time the Organization showed a Net Income of \$197,524.92. I then looked at the Miscellaneous Expense account to see if large withdrawals were taken. There were withdrawals that were taken and spent on the tour. I found entries that were booked into miscellaneous expenses that should have been allocated elsewhere; however, I did not see any alarming transactions that led me to believe any type of embezzlement took place. An example of my concern with Michael’s accounting transactions is a credit card payment of \$7,000.00 that Debby had to allocate in Miscellaneous Expenses because he would not turn in receipts. Also bank charges were a little excessive, \$1700.94 & \$2722.84, which Michael Rood had incurred writing checks without the funds to cover them.

Jamie shared with me that he had agreed to obtain a CPA hoping to settle differences with himself and Michael. There were other conditions that Michael needed to meet, but refused. I shared with Jamie I could contact different CPA’s that I have worked with in the past. Two of the three CPA’s I met in a Professional manner only; they have all shared with me that there has been changes for Non-Profit reporting and auditing. The CPA’s all stated to me that rules have changed; they would have to hold a separate license in this area do to liability issues. They shared with me they could not sign off on my independent audit; they would have to perform an extensive audit that could cost between \$4,000-\$10,000 dollars. Another issue is finding a CPA who could perform this in a timely manner. I believe Jamie would have to hire someone out of state, and then travel/lodging costs would also be incurred. I spoke with three CPA’s who have over 25 years experience and work with many companies in the Portland Metropolitan area. I feel very comfortable with my finding. I have no basis; I did not know anyone before I was contacted.

Sincerely,
Connie Mosier, Owner
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