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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Samuel Petro Abraham,

Plaintiff,

v.

Rabbi Moses Heinemann *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.

09 0207

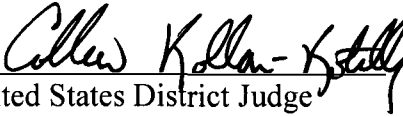
MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the Court on its initial review of plaintiff's *pro se* complaint and application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Court will grant the *in forma pauperis* application and dismiss the case because the complaint fails to meet the minimal pleading requirements of Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Pro se litigants must comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. *Jarrell v. Tisch*, 656 F. Supp. 237, 239 (D.D.C. 1987). Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires complaints to contain “(1) a short and plain statement of the grounds for the court's jurisdiction [and] (2) a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a); *see Ciralsky v. CIA*, 355 F.3d 661, 668-71 (D.C. Cir. 2004). The Rule 8 standard ensures that defendants receive fair notice of the claim being asserted so that they can prepare a responsive answer and an adequate defense and determine whether the doctrine of *res judicata* applies. *Brown v. Califano*, 75 F.R.D. 497, 498 (D.D.C. 1977).

Plaintiff, who claims to be homeless in Brooklyn, New York, sues a rabbi in Baltimore, Maryland, an organization in Brooklyn New York, and his “millionaire” wife, Complaint

Caption, but he has not set forth cogent facts from which a claim or the basis of federal court jurisdiction may be discerned. Accordingly, the case will be dismissed by separate Order issued contemporaneously.


United States District Judge

Date: January 10th, 2009