



# The Yeshiva Centre – Chabad NSW HQ

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Tony Giugni  
Solicitor assisting  
Royal Commission into Institutional Responses  
to Child Sexual Abuse

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Dear Mr Giugni

## **Summons to Produce Documents - S -NSW 300**

Thank you for your letter of 3 November 2014 and Summons. I respond to the summons received, using your numbering, as follows: -

1 I am responding on behalf of Sydney Talmudical College Association (STCA) which holds the business name Yeshiva Centre and its affiliated entities and divisions, and on behalf of Yeshiva College Bondi Ltd which was incorporated in 2008 and operates a school at our premises at 36 Flood Street Bondi.

To the best of my knowledge we do not hold any personnel file in respect of any person against whom any complaint or allegation of child sexual abuse or inappropriate conduct with a child has been made.

Your summons refers to Daniel Hayman. I am not aware that he was ever the subject of a personnel file as he had no official role. He was an occasional casual volunteer at summer camps. If any paperwork relating to him exists (which I must say seems unlikely) it would have been created in the 1980s or 1990s and would not be in my possession or control but would have passed into the possession of Kesser Torah College. As you are aware the control of the original Yeshiva College passed to the current management of Kesser Torah late in 2003 and they subsequently renamed the entity

2 To the best of my knowledge there are no such documents in my possession or in the possession or control of STCA and that of Yeshiva College Bondi. However and as an exception to this, my son Rabbi Eli Feldman recently spoke to Daniel Hayman. I understand that a journalist from the Australian Jewish News had been contacting Eli asserting that evidence existed that I knew of Hayman's activities at some level when they were going on. As a result Eli contacted Hayman and had a conversation with him. This conversation did not confirm the allegations that the journalist was touting, and Eli asked Hayman for written confirmation. Hayman emailed my son Eli and I attach a copy of that email and its attachments.

3 I attach a document responding to paragraph 3 of the Summons.

4 I attach a copy of a document headed "abridged staff handbook essentials". This document is provided to all paid and volunteer staff who may have a supervisory role with children. If they become full time staff members they receive a more lengthy staff manual which incorporates this document's contents.

Education Department guidelines call for "inservice" staff training on these issues to be conducted at least

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once in every two years. It is the policy of Yeshiva College Bondi to do so once every year.

All camps, courses et cetera operated under my aegis, whether through the Yeshiva, Yeshiva College Bondi, Chabad Youth or otherwise are conducted under the umbrella of Yeshiva College Bondi.

Working with children checks are carried out on all supervisory staff and non supervisory staff in according with state government procedures.

I also attach a copy of our past (2012-3), current (2013-4), and proposed guidelines for use of the Mikveh (ritual bath). As appears in the most recent document, dated 3 November 2014, we are at present planning to add a CCTV camera to the Mikveh entrance, and to install an electronic card access system as a safety measure.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pinchus Feldman', written over a horizontal line.

Rabbi Pinchus Feldman OAM