

A YIDDISH GUIDE TO LAWYER, SANFORD (SANDY) RUBENSTEIN

The Yiddish word meaning “to arrest” is “arestirn.”

The Yiddish word for “the apartment” is “di dire.”

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Sandy Rubenstein, the Jewish high-profile lawyer, is accused of raping a woman in his New York City apartment. He has said that he will no longer handle a planned wrongful-death lawsuit against the city by the family of Eric Garner, 43, who died after “di politsey” (the police) put him in chokehold during his arrest. (The city medical examiner’s office classified the death as a homicide.) Mr. Garner’s family is suing the city, the Police Department and various officers for \$75 million in damages. The family’s new lawyer is Jonathan C. Moore.

One newspaper headline read:

FLASHY NEW YORK LAWYER NOW FOCUS OF RAPE INVESTIGATION
The Seattle Times

Shown below is the Yiddish Guide to Rubenstein:

“legende” (legend)

Rubenstein has been described by the Melvin M. Belli Society of the American Trial Lawyers as one of the nation’s 25 top trial lawyers. Hamptons magazine said he was “One of America’s best-known lawyers.” Rubenstein has also been called a “legend” by TV personality, Wendy Williams.

“heyim” (home)

A 2006 tour of Rubenstein’s \$7 million penthouse apartment on E. 64th

Street, New York City, showcased his large collection of art, home gym, and view of the Manhattan skyline. His specialty was Haitian art. It has now become the “farbrekhn” (crime) scene.) Investigators are removing potentially incriminating evidence (“raye”).

“di bashuldikung” (the accusation)

“farlegnhayt” (embarrassment)

The person who has made the accusation against Rubenstein is a 40-year-old executive at a chain of department stores and serves on the board of Rev. Sharpton’s National Action Network. The woman has not been identified. A source said, “She is scared and embarrassed.” Rubenstein maintains he had consensual sex with the woman in his apartment.

“der tsibur” (the community/public)

Attorney Kenneth J. Montgomery said, “This victim is a mother. This victim is daughter. This victim is a pillar of her community, yet, reporters are camped outside of her home and trying to take pictures of her.”

Source: amNew York

“bruder” (brother)

Rev. Sharpton often referred to Rubenstein as “Brother Sanford.” Sharpton and Rubenstein forged an alliance in 1997 with the infamous Abner Louima police sodomy case. Rubenstein won an \$8.7 million settlement against the city and became Sharpton’s go-to lawyer.

The Rev. Al Sharpton pulled the plug on his longtime collaboration with Rubenstein in the wake of accusations that the civil rights lawyer was accused of rape. In an interview with the New York Daily News, Sharpton blasted Rubenstein, saying “he has no future.”

“leykenen” (to deny)

“di oysforshung” (the investigation)

Rubenstein denies any criminal conduct whatsoever in connection with the rape matter and is confident that when the investigation is completed, it will be closed without the filing of any criminal charges.

“di raye” (the evidence)

Detectives searched Rubenstein’s apartment, where the alleged rape

took place, and carried out nearly a dozen brown paper evidence bags and his “matrats” (mattress).

“ayln zikh” (to rush)

Prosecutors have placed a rush order on the DNA tests in the sordid case. Normally it takes 4 - 6 weeks to analyze (“funanderklaybn”) genetic samples, but because of Rubenstein’s notoriety and the stature of the alleged victim, they put a rush on it and the tests could be done in less than 2 weeks.

“balfaln” (to assault)

“ligner” (liar)

Rev. Sharpton said, “I have never seen anything in his [Rubenstein] character to suggest that he would assault a woman...But I don’t see anything to suggest she’s a liar.”

[second quote by Sharpton]:

“I don’t care how close we are - if he’s wrong, he’s wrong.”

“di pirsum” (the publicity)

Rubenstein has been described as the publicity-loving lawyer who got huge settlements and headlines, in some of New York City’s most notorious brutality cases.

“aparat” (camera)

Rubenstein has been called flash, brash, and always camera-ready, with slicked-back hair and anything-but-conservative suits.

“maskin zayn” (to consent)

Investigators are treating the case as a possible third-degree rape, meaning the alleged victim was incapable of giving consent.

“imigrant” (immigrant)

Rubenstein got \$5 million for a family of a woman who died in childbirth as a result of medical malpractice at a Bronx hospital. And he got \$3 million for the family of an African immigrant wrongly shot and killed by a police officer (“politsyant”) during a raid on a warehouse in Chelsea. He also represented the family of a victim (“korbn”) who died as a result of the American Airlines Flight 587 crash.

“vebzaytl” (website)

The website for Rubenstein & Rynecki advertises:

INJURED. NO RECOVERY--NO FEE. CONTACT US TODAY!

800-447-HURT

Operators are standing by 24/7.

His firm has more than 30 years of experience fighting for maximum awards for victims of New York car accidents.

“advokat” (attorney)

Rubenstein has hired Benjamin (“Ben”) Brafman as his attorney. Brafman is an American criminal defense attorney, the founder of the Manhattan-based firm, Brafman & Associates, P.C. He is known for representing many high-profile defendants, including celebrities, accused Mafia members and political figures. He grew up in Belle Harbor, Queens, New York, and was the son of Holocaust survivors.

Brafman’s client list included Michael Jackson, Sean Combs (“Puff Daddy”), crime boss, Salvatore “Sammy the Bull” Gravano, online gambling figure, Jay Cohen, Rabbi Menachem Youlus, and NFL star, Plaxico Burress. Brafman helped clear French Dominique Straus-Kahn of rape charges in 2011 - by dirtying up the accuser. Brafman is a “self-described short Jewish guy” standing no taller than five feet, six inches.

“Nit yeder iz tsufridn mit zayn ponim, ober mit zayn seykhil iz yeder tsufridn.” (Not everyone is satisfied with his looks, but everyone is satisfied with his intelligence.)

Brafman once played at bar mitzvahs and the Catskills as a youthful stand-up comic. In a multi-defendant bid-rigging case, Ben told “di zhuri” (the jury): “The prosecutor wants you to believe this story. I want to be six inches taller. But neither of us is going to get our wish.”

Some have said that Perry Mason had a gentler style than Brafman.

“sheynkayt” (beauty)

“ambulans” (ambulance)

“When he’s not chasing ambulances, Sanford Rubenstein is chasing Jamaican models. The embattled attorney has been a judge for a Kingston modeling agency’s beauty pageant the last two years.”

Source: New York Post, Oct. 12, 2014

“gliklekh” (happy)

The Daily News quoted an unnamed police source that said, “Everyone in [NYPD headquarters] could not be happier about [the investigation into the allegations against Rubenstein].”

“bukh” (book)

Rubenstein has written a book titled, “The Outrageous Rubenstein - How A Media-Savvy Trial Lawyer Fights for Justice and Chance.”

“di vund” (the injury) Slip-and Fall suit

“der veytik” (the pain)

“laydn” (to suffer)

“der kni” (the knee)

The Oct. 24, 2013 headline from the Daily News read: Prominent Civil Lawyer Sanford Rubenstein files suit after he slips and falls in his Brooklyn office building. Yes, Rubenstein took a spill on a freshly-mopped floor in the lobby of his downtown Brooklyn office. He tore the lateral and meniscus in his knee.

“Unbeknownst to me, there was a maintenance person mopping the floor, but there was no warning sign,” Rubenstein said. “If anything, it makes me a better lawyer because it puts me in the shoes of people I represent. It makes me appreciate the victim’s pain and suffering,” said Rubenstein.

Mayor Bill de Blasio wouldn’t speculate how the rape accusations would affect the case of NYPD chokehold victim, Eric Garner.

Marjorie Wolfe’s final words for all the parties involved in this case:

“A halber emes iz a gantser lign.” (Half a truth is a whole lie.)