

I, Leah ....., being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I am making this affidavit in support of the applications for adjustment of status and employment authorization that were filed, on behalf of my husband Yaakov ..... as the applicant, and of myself as the petitioner, by our attorney, Oscar Abraham Jaeger, with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), on December 18, 2006. More specifically, I am making this affidavit in response to the request for additional evidence (RFE's) that was issued by the USCIS Missouri Service Center on January 9, 2007. A copy of this RFE is attached to this affidavit as Exhibit 1 and made a part hereof.

2. On the Form G-325A that I signed under penalties of perjury and filed with USCIS in support of my husband's applications, I listed my employment history for the past 5 years, and I reiterate this information here. I am currently a full-time college student at Brooklyn College, in Brooklyn, N.Y., where I have been enrolled and attending classes since January of 2005. Immediately prior to my studies at Brooklyn College, and beginning in September of 2001, I was a student at Rockland Community College, in Suffern, N.Y. During the above 5-year period of time, I did not file any tax returns because I did not have any income to report: by definition, my income was below the filing requirements of the IRS. In declaring this to be the fact here, I am also reiterating assertions to the same effect that I made on the Form I-864 that I likewise signed under penalties of perjury and filed with USCIS in support of my husband's applications.

3. I would like to clarify a statement I made on the above Form I-864. In Part 6, in reply to Question 25, which requests "Federal income tax return information," I stated: "No returns filed, no income to report: I was a full-time college student." This was indeed the case, but I should clarify what I meant by full-time, to avoid possible misunderstanding. A careful reader of my Form G-325A, and of the instant affidavit, will notice

that I have been a college student for the past 5 and ½ years but have still not obtained my degree. The reason for this extended course of study is a chronic and debilitating illness from which I suffer, which has made it necessary for me to take a reduced courseload during some semesters, and at one time even to take off an entire semester on medical leave. Essentially, I was diagnosed with a serious case of Crohn's disease when I was 15 years old. Since then, I have been on and off medication; at times I am in remission and feel perfectly healthy, while at other times, when the illness has flared up, I do not feel well, sometimes to the point of not even being able to get out of bed. Whenever I was not feeling well enough to be taking a full courseload, I was certainly not feeling well enough to be gainfully employed. Even when I was feeling well enough to be a full-time student, I did not have enough energy left over to work. With that clarification, I repeat my characterization of myself as a full-time student for the past 5 years, and I repeat my assertion that, during these years, I have not been gainfully employed and so have had no income to report.

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Leah .....

Sworn to before me this  
day of January, 2007

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Notary Public