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## **Court nixes plea for leniency by pedophile**

The Supreme Court rejected yesterday an appeal submitted by a 21-year-old convicted pedophile from Ramle. Aryeh Goldman asked the court to reduce his 16-year jail term on the grounds that his personality disorder stems from genetic causes. The three-judge panel rejected this argument, and also refused to lighten the sentence in light of Goldman's agreement to undertake chemical therapy to constrain his sexual compulsion. The judges said, however, that this treatment should be started as soon as possible. (Moshe Reinfeld)