

## **Court orders rabbi to compensate rape victim**

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The Tel Aviv District Court on Monday ordered Eliyahu Zabari, the former rabbi of Ganei Tikvah, to pay NIS 140,000 to a woman who filed a civil suit against him claiming he had raped her.

The woman went to Zabari 10 years ago to receive a blessing for her son who was sick at the time with asthma. During the "blessing process", Zabari raped the woman and sexually assaulted her.

An indictment was filed against Zabari but was later annulled by former attorney-general Elyakim Rubinstein due to the rabbi's poor health.