

## ***Knasot (Fines) for Damage of Embarrassment***

**Ref: *Sefer Nezikin, Hilchot Chovel Umazik, Chapter 3***

The assessment is according to the nature of the person and circumstances at the time. E.g. a person who was partly clothed in public and someone removed part of this clothing, this is less embarrassing than clothing removed from a fully clothed person. The partly clothed person is more shameless.

Verbal abuse doesn't carry a penalty, but it is said that someone who embarrasses a fellow Jew in public verbally, does not have a share in the World to Come.

If a person embarrasses a Torah Scholar, he is liable to pay the full fee, even if it was only verbal i.e. **35 gold *dinar* = weight of 8  $\frac{3}{4}$  *sela***.

### **Reminder**

Pack on Weights and Measures



The Sages ordained specific payments, *knasot*, for blows that involve embarrassment plus minimal pain (but no damage).

Measures of *knas*

- Kicking with foot – **5 *selaim***
- Butting with knee – **3 *selaim***
- Hitting with fist – **13 *selaim***
- Hitting with palm – **1 *sela***
- Slapping in face – **50 *selaim***
- Slapping in face with back of hand – **100 *selaim***
- Twisting ear – **100 *selaim***
- Pulling hair – **100 *selaim***
- Spitting (if spit touches body) – **100 *selaim***
- Removing garment – **100 *selaim***
- Uncovered a woman's hair – **100 *selaim***