

מצוות
עשה
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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Mishpatim: (שמות כא:יח)

וְכִי יִרְיֵב אִישׁ אֶת רֵעֵהוּ וְהִכָּה אִישׁ אֶת רֵעֵהוּ

Today's *mitzvah* is that if a person makes someone else get hurt, he needs to pay him to make up for what he did. (In fact, we learn that there are five kinds of damage that he might need to pay: For the part of him that got hurt, the pain, the doctor bills, that he is missing work, and that he was embarrassed.)

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara:
Mesechta Bava Kama perek Ches

Rambam: Hilchos Chovel U'Mazik

PEREK ALEF

This *perek* teaches us that there are five kinds of damage a person might be responsible to pay, and explains what each of them are. The Rambam also explains in what kinds of cases each of them would need to be paid.

PEREK BEIS

This *perek* explains how we figure out how much to pay for each kind of damage. One *halacha* is that the *Beis Din* can only force someone to pay if he touched the other person, but if he scared the person without touching him, the *Beis Din* can't force him to pay, but Hashem will. (“*Patur Midinei Adam, Vechayav Bedinei Shomayim.*”)

PEREK GIMMEL

The Rambam explains how much a person needs to pay for embarrassing someone else. There are certain amounts (called “*knasim*”) for different things they did to embarrass them. If someone embarrasses a *Talmid Chochom*, even just with words, they are supposed to pay 35 gold *dinarim*! The Rambam says that we do this even outside of Eretz Yisroel, and it happened many times when he lived in Spain — so be very careful!