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Subject: please let me know if criminal charges can be laid against rabbi telsner

today's sermon from the pulpit of the main yeshivah synagogue, round 11:15 am, delivered by telsner, contained the following connected excerpts, in chronological order, as word-for-word as i can remember them.

there may have been more in the sermon, but i walked out, as did at least 6 women.

in the context of our community, it was a blatant attempt to threaten people not to mention in a negative way the name of rabbi groner, whose name most likely regularly comes up in a negative way in evidence being given to you. i personally feel threatened & outraged. i think that this was a clear attempt to obstruct justice on the part of rabbi telsner.

the quotes:

"in the last few weeks, people have argued about who i meant in my sermons. now i am saying clearly: if you think it refers to you, it does. don't think it means someone else..."

"who gave you permission to talk to anyone, which rabbi gave you permission..."

"the rabbis have the power to excommunicate people when they disobey the rabbis" (he went on to enunciate several different types of excommunication)...

"the worst sin is besmirching the name of (the late) rabbi groner"...