

Now If the Rabbi Were a Priest...

A rabbi, Baruch Lebovits, is on trial in Brooklyn for repeatedly molesting a troubled teenager in 2004 and 2005. His accuser testified in court yesterday that he was offered money by a member of the Hasidic community to recant his allegations. Lebovits faces up to four years in prison. He also awaits trial for accusations by two other people.

The *New York Post* and the *New York Daily News* reported this story on pages 28 and 18, respectively. The scandal-loving tabloids have frequently featured front-page stories when the alleged perpetrator was a Catholic priest. Funny how an accused rabbi does not merit the same treatment.