

owner of the ox who gores is responsible for the damage, but he is not responsible for healing costs. Only when a person assaults another person is there a legal responsibility to pay for healing costs.

In our case, Rav Zilberstein pointed out, the bees pained the tourist and caused medical expenses to be incurred, though they did not cause a permanent reduction in value. Had slave markets existed, the tourist's value would not have been reduced just because he was stung and had to spend an hour in the hospital. We all know that a sting heals quickly. The actions of the property of the beehive owner did not create damage; rather they created pain and medical costs. Therefore, the owner of the beehive does not have to pay for medical bills.

Rav Zilberstein felt that while the owner of the bees would not have to pay money, the court should coerce him to remove the bees. Having an active beehive is a threat to the safety of the community, so the court should excommunicate him until he removes the beehive (*Chashukei Chemed*).