

Rabbi, 85, found guilty of fondling woman

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BALTIMORE -- A judge in Baltimore found an 85-year-old rabbi guilty of sexually molesting a female worker at a funeral home.

Rabbi Jacob Aaron Max pleaded innocent to charges that he fondled the woman's breasts while murmuring that he was a "bad rabbi," The Sun newspaper in Baltimore reported Wednesday.

A police report of the incident said the woman told officers she was in the kitchen of the Sol Levinson & Bros. Funeral Home when Max approached her from behind and pressed his body against hers, pinning her to the counter. She said the rabbi placed his hands on her brassiere, the report said.

Maryland District Court Judge Nancy Purpura sentenced Max to one year in prison, which she suspended, followed by a year of supervised probation.

The rabbi's attorney, David B. Irwin, told The Sun he will appeal the conviction.

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