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Gerrer Hasidim Cause Near Riot In Arad's Central Synagogue

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Violence in late chief rabbi's shul

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Clashes disturbed the Shabbos peace over the weekend in the synagogue formerly led by the recently deceased Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi of Arad, Rabbi Ben Tzion Lipsker, Z"L. For the second time in less than a month, police in the desert resort town were called to Arad's central synagogue to calm angry worshippers after Gerer chassidim blocked a three-year-old girl from seeking her father in the men's section.

Members of the chassidic sect have been showing up in increasing numbers and creating provocations at the community's synagogue, which recently underwent a merger with the city's Chabad-Lubavitch congregation.

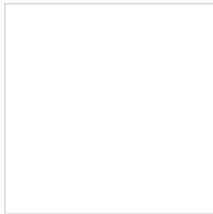
Incidents have included loud attempts by Gerer Chassidim to drown out prayers when led by the synagogue's new spiritual leader, Rabbi Yaakov Mendelzohn, son-in-law of the deceased Chief Rabbi and a member of the Chabad community.

Eyewitnesses report that others deliberately pretended to kick little girls on their way out of the synagogue's courtyard in order to anger the mothers waiting outside. Several Gerer chassidim spat at a group of women standing near the synagogue entrance after services, among them the widow of the late Chief Rabbi and his daughter, Rabbi Mendelzohn's wife.

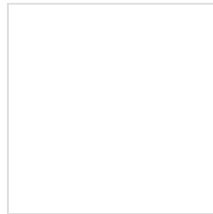
Three weeks ago, a Gerer chassid hurled a chair at Mendelzohn during the meal that follows the Shabbos afternoon service. A fist fight erupted, prompting neighbors to call the police, who threatened to close the synagogue if the violence did not stop, but failed to arrest the perpetrators.

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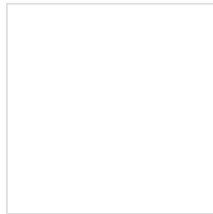
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As for gerer maybe its their sexual frustrations causing the violence(as per noted on this blog)

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