

The Shatnez Newsletter

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שכרו של הזהיר משעטנז

ב"חכמת אדם" כלל ק"ו כתב:

כל הזהיר שלא ללבוש שעטנז,
יזכה ללבוש בגדי ישע ומעיל
צדקה.

The reward that accrues to one who is careful to avoid wearing shatnez:

The Chochmas Odom writes:

"Whoever is careful to avoid wearing shatnez will have the merit to wear the garments of salvation and a cloak of righteousness."

ובפירוש "פני זקן" למסכת כלאים פרק ט' משנה ט', מובא:

הזהיר בכלאים, יאריך ימים
בעוה"ז ובעוה"ב ולא יבוא עוד
בגלגול וינזח בשלום על משכבו
באר הזימים, ויוליד בנים צדיקים
זינים וקיימים, ויזכה גם בעולם
הזה לכל טוב.

The Penai Zokon writes:

"One who is careful to avoid shatnez will live a long life in this world and in the world to come, will avoid the need for further *gilgulim*, will rest in peace in his final resting place with 'light of life', will give birth to righteous and healthy children, and he will merit to have all that is good in this world as well."

Men's Suits

This list contains some of the brands recently found to contain shatnez, followed by the country of origin.

Adolfo-Moldova
Alesso-Italy
Armani-Italy
Astor & Black Custom Clothiers
Austin Reed - U.S.A
Banana Republic-Turkey
Barneys New York-Italy
Brooks Brothers- U.S.A.
Burberry -U.S.A.
Calvin Klien Collection-Czech Republic
Canali-Italy
Ceasarani - Italy
Cerruti 1881-Italy
Cornelliani-Italy
Di Pal Zileri-Italy
Donna Karan
Emporio Armani- Italy
Ermenegildo Zegna
Express Design Studio-Turkey
Faconnable-Italy
Feremani
Gianfranco Ferre
Giorgio Armani- Italy
Giorgio Sant Angelo- Ukraine
Gucci
H &M
Halston-Italy
Hickey-Freeman- U.S.A
Hugo Boss
Joseph A Banks-Mexico
Mani-Mexico
Manzini-Italy
Mila Schon -Italy
Moschino-Italy
Nino Bertini-Italy
Nino Cardi-Italy
Princeton
San Raphael-Italy
Sara-Turkey
Valentino -Italy
Versaci Classic-Croatia
Vitali -Italy
Z-Zegna

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Shatnez Advisory

Customers should expect a non-shatnez label on all of their garments.

A) A customer had two suits tested for shatnez by a tester who does not attach Non-Shatnez labels. The tester informed the customer that one suit had a linen collar and one was free of shatnez. The customer told the tester he would find someone to remove the shatnez.

The customer then brought the Joseph Abboud suit to another tester and asked him to remove its collar, insisting that the Hickey Freeman suit did not have a linen collar. He had to be convinced otherwise. Had the tester affixed a Non-Shatnez label to the kosher one there would have been no confusion.

B) On another occasion, a customer was informed that his Hugo Boss suit had a linen collar. Before the collar was removed the customer picked it up. A while later the tester met up with the customer and asked him if he had the shatnez removed and fixed. He responded negatively, that he had assumed that the suit was repaired! If the consumer was accustomed to always having a Non-Shatnez label, he would have questioned where the label was and this would have prevented him from wearing shatnez.

Storeowners are not to be trusted in regards to shatnez

A numbers of customers purchased custom suits from "Astor & Black Custom Clothiers" and were told that the importer had informed the Hong Kong manufacturers not to use linen in the production. [However, no one was present at the time of production.] Some of the customers understood this to mean that the suits were shatnez free. However, one customer decided to have his suit tested and it was found to have a linen collar. He then informed his friends who were shocked and dismayed.

Inform customers to get used to reading the content label before trying it on in the store

"A Hugo Boss men's suit, made in the USA (Neiman Marcus Designer Collections) content label read as follows: 60% wool, 40% linen!!! The interesting point here is that an *ehrlicher yid* brought this to me. People need reminders to read the content label before trying them on!" [R'Yuval Kernerman] (Cincinnati)

In-store Shatnez testing

Do not have your garments tested where purchased, unless representatives of your local shatnez lab do the testing and the testing is verified by a call to the local lab.

Only local certified shatnez laboratories should be used to test garments

In-store garment testing in heimishe and other stores in Brooklyn and Manhattan has proven to be invalid and unreliable - even when an apparently legitimate "Shatnez-Free" label is placed inside the garment.

For more information about the problems described above or to receive Shatnez Newsletters, Consumer Alerts via e-mail E-Mail your request to shatnezhedqtrs@yeshivanet.com

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