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Why Ties Require Shatnez Testing

Why do men's ties require shatnez testing? Aren't they just ornamentation, not an actual garment?

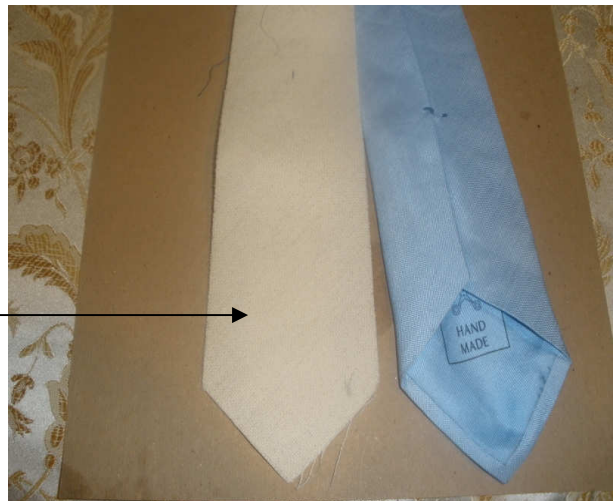
True, ties are generally viewed more as ornamentation rather than as clothing. However, people use their ties to hold their collar together without having to button the top button. This provides warmth, as well as providing a covering for a part of one's necks. For these reasons, ties are considered a garment and may not be worn if they contain shatnez.

This summer the Lakewood Shatnez Laboratory tested a number of linen ties. We would like to bring to the attention of consumers that tie interlinings often contain wool. Therefore linen ties have a strong possibility of containing shatnez and should not be worn until tested by a professional shatnez laboratory.

A recent example: A **Prochownick** tie (Italy) was brought to the Lakewood Shatnez Laboratory.

Its content label listed
60% Silk
40% Linen

The interlining (at the center of the picture) was wool.



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