

The Shatnez Newsletter

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Tie Update

Our latest update regarding ties was that ties made in China containing a recycled fabric are not Shatnez and do not require testing.

However, the latest development is that ties made in **Italy** are being found with an interlining fabric containing a significant amount of wool and linen. The linen and wool are not botel.

Shatnez Findings Spring-06

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

Ladies Sweaters

Bellin – Italy
Escada- W. Germany
Pow Wow- Thailand
Saky- Italy
Yudashkin- China

Skirts

H&M- Romania
Luly-K New York City- China
Mix Wear-U.S.A
Pam Pam

Ladies & Girls Coats

Anne Klien-Belarus
Heresis -Italy
Jones N.Y.-Belarus
Lord & Taylor- Denmark
Tadon Confezioni-Italy

Boys Suits

Aveti-Italy
Baggio -Italy
Bergamo Uomo
Gyvanchi - Canada
Louis Dell 'Olio-Italy
Macleod-Italy
Milano Collection -Turkey
Spangly - Canada

Men's Suits

Altoni-Turkey
Bogart-Turkey
Adolfo-Moldova
Aleesso-Italy
Armani-Italy
Austin Reed - U.S.A
Banana Republic-Turkey
Barneys New York-Italy
Brooks Brothers - U.S.A.
Burberry -U.S.A.
Calvin Klien Collection-Italy
Canali-Italy
Ceasarani
Cerruli 1881-Italy
Cornellian-Italy
Daniel Hechter- Turkey,Portugal
Di Pal Zileri-Italy
Donna Karan
Enzo Collection-Italy
Ermenegildo Zegna
Express Design Studio-Turkey
Feremani
Gianfranco Ferre
Giorgio Sant Angelo- Ukraine
Halston-Italy
Hickey-Freeman- U.S.A
Hugo Boss- U.S.A
Joseph A Banks-Mexico
Mani-Mexico
Perry Ellis - Moldova

Men's Pants

Braggi By Louis Raphael –China
Brioni Sport-Italy
Massacri Sartoria-Italy

Ladies Suits

.....Way- China
Anna Meyer-Turkey
Armani Collezioni-Italy
Banchelle -Poland
Caroline Jerard-France
Chadwick's
Crazy Line-China
Escada
Infinitif-Paris -France
Lands End-Portugal
Macleod-Italy

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Inspiring Incidents

An Israeli professor is aware of shatnez!

Here is an excerpt from an Arutz -7 article that described the process of accepting the Nobel Prize by an Israeli professor.

Prof. Aumann explained that the official Nobel Prize ceremony is planned precisely and perfectly including such details as when to bow and when to take a step backwards and the like. Everything must conform to the pre-set standards. For instance, the special "tie and tails uniform" that each of the participants wear is generally borrowed from the Swedes, according to each one's precise measurements. However, Prof. Aumann explained, "we had the clothing checked for Shatnez - the Biblically-forbidden mixture of wool and linen - and in fact, they were found to be unfit. So we had to order a whole new set from a tailor in Tel Aviv..."

Baal Teshuvah felt he was wearing Shatnez

Yehuda Chaim Schloss from Kiryat Sefer had an interesting story recently when a Baal Teshuva came one day and asked him to check his only jacket. When he asked him to come at a more convenient time, he **begged** me not to refuse him because he couldn't wear the jacket any longer without it being checked. He checked the jacket and found Shatnez in the collar and in the shoulder pads. When he came to collect the jacket he said he felt something bothering his davening and that's what urged him to have it checked immediately.

Shatnez Removed by the Tailor

Although tailors often offer to remove the shatnez, they usually lack the necessary expertise. Consequently, the Shatnez laboratories often find linen that the tailor did not remove. Sometimes only minute particles of thread may remain after the removal of the tailor that may be difficult to find. However, even a small thread is enough to render the entire garment Shatnez.

Since much expertise is required to ensure that the Shatnez is completely removed, one should have shatnez removed only by the trained staff of an approved Shatnez laboratory.

This can be illustrated by the following recent incident.

A consumer bought a "Brioni" suit from a store in Chicago. The store told him that they know what Shatnez is and they will have it removed and replaced properly. The customer allowed them to remove the Shatnez.

Then he brought the suit to the Lakewood Shatnez Center to have it rechecked. Linen threads had been left behind in the collar.

The linen canvas was also removed from the waistband. However the linen behind the hook and eye was not removed. Linen threads were also found sandwiched in between the edge of the belt loops and the waistband.

The tailor had obviously removed only the parts of linen that could be easily replaced and repaired.

ABOUT THE LAKEWOOD SHATNEZ LABORATORY

The Lakewood Shatnez Laboratory is dedicated to promoting the observance of the mitzvah of shatnez and operates the International Association of Professional Shatnez Laboratories (NCSTAR) a network of over 100 testers in more than 70 cities worldwide.

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