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The Basic Guidelines

Which Men's and Women's' and children's Clothing Require Shatnez Testing

- All suits, jackets and coats should be checked for Shatnez no matter what the label says. Even 100% synthetic suits, etc. have been found to contain Shatnez.
- Clothing that lists either wool, linen or flax on the label should be checked.
- Clothing that lists O.F ("other fibers") should be checked.
- Garments that have ornamentation, trimmings or appliques should be checked, even if the label does not list wool or linen.
- Any fabric that has a 'linen look'.

Linen look fabrics can be recognized by having one of the following characteristics:

- Yarns of uneven thickness.
- Any fabric with a slight shiny look.
- Little balls or fluffs (slubs) throughout the fabric.
- Multi-colored fabrics

What clothes do not need to be checked?

- Down & Parker Coats.
- Socks, even Goldtoe© brand socks, which once had linen in its yellow tip.
- Ski-type gloves with Thinsulate© lining, provided they do not list O.F.

Shatnez Alerts from the Shatnez Lab

Shatnez Alerts from Lakewood and Around the World

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Men's Suits & Jackets

Adolfo, China	Francesco Delia Rovere, Italy
Adolfo, Moldova	Fumagalli's, Italy
Alta Moda, Italy	Gian Luca Napoli, Italy
Baggio, Italy	Haggar, U.S.A
Banana Republic, Turkey	Hugo Boss, U.S.A
Brooks Brothers, U.S.A	Hickey Freeman, U.S.A
Burberry, USA	Jake*s,



These are the brand names on garments which have been found to have shatnez, both here in Lakewood and in shatnez laboratories all over the world.

Calvin Klien, Italy	Joseph A. Banks, Mexico
Corneliani, Italy	Kuppenheimer, U.S.A
Cesarani, Italy	Karl Lagerfeld, U.S.A
Cezar Del Prado, Moldova	Licon,
Chairman Collection, Canada	London Square Plus,
Christian Dior, Italy	Luciano Barbera, Italy
Canali, Italy	Mani, Mexico
Cerrutti 1881, Italy	Marzotto Lab, Italy
Ermenegildo Zegna, Switzerland	
Express, Turkey	
Facis, Italy	

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True Story from the Front Lines

A customer bought a Corneliani suit and was informed by a Certified Shatnez Laboratory, that **the collar must be removed** because it is linen. At the time the customer was not sure if he wanted to keep the suit. Therefore, the collar was not removed.

After Succos the shatnez tester met the customer and asked him if he decided to keep the suit. He responded that he had given it to a non-Jewish tailor who has been fixing linen collars for the past twenty years and that the tailor fixed the shatnez.

The tester asked the customer to immediately bring the suit in to be retested. The linen collar was not replaced. The customer unfortunately wore shatnez on Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur serving as the Shaliach Tzibbur!

WARNING

Be sure to have all clothes that require testing checked by a certified Shatnez tester who has received proper training and keeps current with the latest findings of the worldwide NCST&R network.

Sample Takers are not reliable

ABOUT THE LAKEWOOD SHATNEZ LABORATORY

The Lakewood Shatnez lab operates the International Association of Professional Shatnez Testers & Laboratories, or N.C.S.T&R, a network of over 80 testers in more than 60 cities worldwide.

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Milano, Italy
 Missoni, Italy
 Neiman Marcus, USA,
 Nino Danieli, Italy
 Nino Lombardi, Italy
 Pal Zileri, Italy
 Perry Ellis Portfolio, Jordan
 Raffaello, Italy
 Redaelli, Italy
 Sak's Fifth Ave, Italy
 Southwick, USA
 Stafford, U.S.A
 Stones, Romania
 Ted Baker, Morocco
 Vitali, Italy
 Versace, Italy
 Valentino, Italy
 Men's Pants
 Banana Republic, Turkey
 Bought at K&G, Chile
 Men's Coats
 Nautica, Dominican Rep
 Boy's Suits
 Baggio, Italy
 Princeton, Italy
 Les Garçons, Italy
 Mezanotti, Italy
 Perry Ellis, Italy
 Zannoti, Italy
 Children's Coats
 Pui Bello, Italy
 Les Garçons, Italy
 Mila Schon, Italy
 Gimel Kids, Italy
 Ladies Coat
 Loden Frey, Germany

Women's Suits

Ann Taylor, Hungary
 Austin Reed, U.S.A.
 Kasper, Thailand
 Jones New York, No origin
 David Pallas, France
 Zara, Spain
 Sweater's
 Croft & Barrow, China
 Josephine Chaus, H.K
 Banana Republic, H.K
 Casual Corner, New Zealand
 Skirts
 Edward, China (Marshalls)
 Zara Basic

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