

# ATTIRE: MEN: HEAD COVERING (KISUY ROSH)

## ATTIRE: MEN: WHEN TO COVER HEAD

### Attire: Man's Head Covering Indoors

It is customary for men to wear a head covering always, even indoors. This is a custom, not a halacha. When praying or saying blessings or studying Torah or when in a synagogue or bet midrash, men must wear a head covering.

## ATTIRE: MEN: WITH WHAT TO COVER HEAD

### Sleeve/Hand as Man's Head Covering

You may use your sleeve or someone else's hand (but not your own hand) to cover your head to say a blessing if you are not wearing a head covering.

### Mesh Man's Head Covering

Wearing a mesh head covering (kippa) is OK if the threads cover more area than the spaces.

### Size of Man's Head Covering

Minimum head covering (kippa) size should be large enough to be considered a head covering: a 3-inch diameter would be reasonable.

## ATTIRE: MEN: HEAD COVERING: HOLINESS

### Kipot Have No Holiness

*Kipot* (*yarmelkas*, skullcaps) do not have any holiness (kedusha).

## ATTIRE: MEN: HEAD COVERING: PLACEMENT

### Men's Head Covering on Top of Head

Wear a head covering (kippa) on top of the head, not over the ear as some men do.

## ATTIRE: MEN: HEAD COVERING: PRAYER

### Wearing Hat for Prayer

For details on men's wearing a head covering for prayer, see [Attire: Man's Head Covering for Prayers or Torah Study](#)