Tzitzit: For What To Check

Torn

In checking *tzitzit*, determine:

- Are any loops torn?
- Are 8 strings visible on each corner?

If you cannot see 7 strings due to one or more having been torn off, consult a rabbi.

Tangled

There is no problem if *tzitzit* are tangled. However, to untangle them:

- Is a superior way to fulfill the mitzva, and
- Allows you to easily check them to see if there are 8 tzitziyot.

Frizzy

If any <u>tzitziyot</u> are so frizzy that the individual <u>tzitziyot</u> cannot be distinguished, they are invalid (<u>pasul</u>).

NOTE To prevent frizziness during laundering, wrap the <u>tzitziyot</u> tightly in a rubber band before drying them in a dryer, or hang them to dry.

NOTE

- If the hanging end of a *tzitzit* string breaks below the lowest knot, the string is *kosher*.
- If more than one string breaks, or if one string breaks above the lowest knot, consult a *rabbi* since the *tzitzit* may not be *kosher*.

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