

# KRI'A: HOW OFTEN TO TEAR

## **Kri'a: How Often for a Parent**

When mourning for a parent, you must tear *kri'a* throughout the *shiv'a* week whenever you change shirts, so it is best to change garments as little as possible! You must wear the torn garment during the entire week of *shiv'a*. Coats do not require *kri'a*.

**NOTE** Wearing a torn black ribbon pinned to a garment does not fulfill the requirement of *kri'a*.

## **Kri'a: How Often for Non-Parents**

When mourning for any of the five categories of people other than parents (spouse; son; daughter; brother; sister), tear only one time and only the outermost garment (but not coats) and tear on the right side.