

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