TALIT GADOL: BLESSING

Talit Gadol: Which Blessing

The blessing over putting on the *talit gadol* is *lehit'ateiph ba'tzitzit*.

Talit Gadol: What the Blessing Covers

Saying the blessing on a *talit gadol*, while intending to cover all other *talitot* (whether *talit katan* or *talit gadol*), will cover:

- All *talitot* that you already put on.
- All *talitot* that you will put on later that day.
- If you go out of whichever building you are in when you say the blessing on your *talit*, you must say a new blessing if you put on a *talit* (even the same *talit*) in a different building.

EXCEPTION You may intend for the blessing NOT to cover other *talitot*.

EXAMPLE You say the blessing over your *tālīt gādōl* on the morning preceding *Yom Kippur*. You may intend for your blessing not to cover the *talit gadol* that you will put on just before *Kol Nidrei*.

NOTE If you don't have a *tālīt gādōl*, say al mitzvat *tzitzit* over your *tālīt kātān*.

NOTE If you remove your *tālīt gādōl*, go to a different building, and put the *tālīt gādōl* on again, you DO say a new blessing.

Talit Gadol: Placing Talit on Head

Placing the *talit gadol* over your head while saying the *talit* blessing is a *halacha*, but wearing it on your head any other time is a custom.

Talit Gadol: Replacing One You Removed by Choice

Do not say a new blessing when you replace a *talit* that you chose to take off, with the intention of putting it back on (such as removing it to go to the bathroom).

Talit Gadol: Replacing One that Fell Off

Say a new blessing when you replace a *talit gadol* that fell off your body completely (not just if it slipped off one shoulder).

Talit Gadol: Blessing when Borrowed for Aliya/Prayer Leader

If you borrow a *talit*, such as for an *aliya* or to serve as prayer leader, it is not customary to say a blessing on it.

NOTE If you want to say a blessing on a borrowed *talit*, ask the owner to “give” it to you as a gift, which you will later give back as a gift.

Talit Gadol: Blessing on Loaned or Borrowed

Do not say a new blessing when you put back on your *talit gadol* that you loaned someone if you are at the same prayer service.

Talit Gadol: Blessing between Bar'chu and Amida

SITUATION You began *shacharit* on your way to *synagogue* and are between *bar'chu* and the *amida* when you arrive. You have not yet put on a *talit*.

WHAT TO DO

- Put on a *talit* immediately.
- Say the blessing on the *talit* after you finish the *amida*.

Talit Gadol: Blessing over Public Talit

You may say the blessing on a public *talit gadol* available at the *synagogue*, even though it is not your *talit*.

REASON It is assumed that the *talitot* at *synagogues* are there to be used by anyone.

Talit Gadol: Blessing Once Married

Once a *man* is married and wears a *talit gadol*, he stops saying the blessing on *tzitzit* on his *talit katan;* it is covered by the blessing on his *talit gadol*.

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