# TALIT GADOL: DESCRIPTION

## **Talit Gadol: Size**

The minimum size for a <u>talit gadol</u> is so you could put it over your head and wrap your body in it (even though this is not how you must wear it!).

#### **Talit Gadol: Material**

A <u>talit gadol</u> (or a <u>talit katan</u>) must be made from at least 51% natural fibers.

## **Talit Gadol: Color**

A talit should be primarily white. Here are some details:

- A <u>talit gadol</u> should be either all white or white with black stripes. Avoid a very colorful <u>talit</u> that makes the white part look insignificant.
- Blue stripes used to be used: as with <u>techelet</u>, the blue reminds us of the sky, of God's throne (<u>kisei</u> ha'kavod), and of God.
- Even though the *talit* was originally supposed to have blue stripes, it is not the custom today to use blue stripes.
- Black stripes have no significance or importance.

### **Talit Gadol: Tzitzit Placement**

Like all <u>tzitzit</u>, <u>tzitzit</u> on a <u>talit gadol</u> must hang over the edge of the <u>talit</u> and not hang down from the bottom (see diagram).



The tzitzit should hang down along the vertical border (screen left/model's right side)