## **TALIT GADOL: WHY**

## Talit Gadol: Mitzva

Men wear a talit as a mitzva (wearing a four-cornered garment in order to wear tzitzit).

## **Talit Gadol: Form of Honor**

It is a form of honor for the congregation for the leader to dress up (some congregations have the custom of requiring the leader to wear a jacket for *mincha* for this reason). A *talit* is usually the form of dressing up for all men during prayer services.

## **Talit Gadol: Humility**

When a person speaks directly to God, it is very important to demonstrate humility. Since the <u>Talmud</u> says that covering one's head is a form of humility (and that learned Jews/<u>talmidei chachamim</u> used to cover their heads), men who wear a <u>talit</u> for prayer should ideally use it to cover their heads whenever they wear it, but the minimum is during the <u>annida</u>.

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