TEMPLE (ZEICHER L'CHURBAN)

Leaving Part of House Unfinished

It is no longer customary to leave part of a house unfinished (as a remembrance of the Jerusalem *Temple's* destruction) and it is not necessary to wreck part of a completed house.

Tearing (Kri'a) on Seeing Temple Ruins

You must tear four vertical inches at the neck of your shirt (and jacket, too, if you wear one) when seeing the ruins of the *Temple* in Jerusalem for the first time in more than 30 days. You do not need to be close by; do *kri'a* even if you see the mosques that are on top of the *Temple* mount.

NOTE A woman should not tear her garment if it would result in her being immodestly exposed in public. Don't tear your garment on *Shabbat*, *Jewish festivals*, *chol ha'moed*, *Rosh Hashana*, and *Yom Kippur*. Do tear even on the afternoons before *Shabbat* and *Jewish festivals*.

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