Class # 20 **Parshat Tetzaveh - How to Shop for Clothes**

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1. Why is clothes shopping so overwhelming, time consuming and confusing?
2. Is shopping for clothes the same for men as it is for women?
3. How would a Torah image advisor consult you on your upcoming clothes shopping session?

*The Priestly Vestments*

28:1 [Separate] your brother Aaron and his sons from among the Israelites, [and] bring them close to you so that Aaron, and his sons, [Nadav, Avihu, Eleazar and Ithamar](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=28#C1651), can become priests to Me. 28:2 Make sacred vestments that are both dignified and beautiful **לכבוד ולתפארת** for your brother Aaron.28:3 Speak to everyone who is [naturally talented](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=28#C1652), to whom I have granted a spirit of wisdom, and let them make Aaron's vestments. [These [vestments] will then be used to consecrate him and make him a priest to Me](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=28#C1653). 28:4 These are the vestments that they shall make: a breastplate, an ephod, a robe, a [knitted](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=28#C1654) tunic, a turban, and a sash. Make them as sacred vestments for Aaron and his sons so that they will be able to be priests to Me.

1. What is the purpose of making special clothes for the Kohain and the Kohain Kadol? Why can’t he just wear his Shabbos best?

**Avraham ben HaRambam:**

 (ב) **ועשית בגדי קדש** – הקדושה בבגדים בשתי פנים אחת מהן שלא ילבש אותם זולתו והשניה שאינם נלבשים אלא בשעת העבודה ובמקומה.

ומאמר **לכבוד ולתפארת** ביאור שהטיפול במינים השונים בעשיתם והשלימות שיפרש עוד הם אמנם **לכבוד ולתפארת** למי שילבש אותם לעיני מי שיראה אותו

**Ralbag**

והנה נצטוו שיהיו להם בגדים מיוחדים בעת העבודה, יהיו להם לכבוד ולתפארת, כי בזה מההידור והכבוד לה׳ יתעלה מה שלא יֵעָלֵם; עם שזה יהיה סיבה שתתבודד מחשבתם בה׳ יתעלה בעת העבודה, ולא ישלחו מחשבתם בענינים אחרים, לראותם כי הם אינם עתה במדרגה שהיו קודם השתדלותם בעבודה, בשכבר נכנסו בגבול הקדושה הנפלאה בלובשם אלו הבגדים.

**Rambam, Hilchot Deot - 5:9**

A Torah Sage's clothing should be attractive and clean. It is forbidden that [a] blood or fat [stain] or the like be found on his garment.

He should not wear regal garb, e.g., clothes of gold and purple, which draw everyone's attention, nor the dress of the poor which shames its wearers, but attractive garments of the middle range.

His flesh should not be visible under his clothing as [is the case when one wears] the exceptionally sheer linen garments produced in Egypt. His clothes should not drag on the ground like the dress of the haughty, but [should extend] to the heel and his sleeves [should extend] to his fingers.

He should not let his cloak hang down, for that creates an impression of haughtiness, except on the Sabbath if he has no change [of cloak].

In the summer, he should not wear shoes that have often been mended and have many patches. He may do so in the rainy season, if he is poor.

He should not go out in the marketplace perfumed, or with perfumed clothes, nor should he put perfume on his hair. However, he is permitted to rub perfume on his body if he does so in order to remove filth. Similarly, he should not go out alone at night, unless he has a set time to go out for his studies. All of these [restrictions are instituted] because of [possible] suspicion [of immorality].

1. When you go shopping for clothes - what are the criteria you should consider?