

TZNIUT - MODESTY BULLETIN # 16

**"THE WOMAN WHO FEARS HASHEM, SHE
SHALL BE PRAISED" (MISHLE 31:30)**

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THE STUDENTS OF TORAH WHO CARE MUCH ABOUT THEIR CLOTHING HAVE NO YIRAT SHAMAIM WITHOUT ANY DOUBT

Distressingly there are not many who earnestly wish to know the correct way a person should go, although everyone claims they do. They fool themselves because they do not delve deeply into the course of their lives, and when looking from a superficial viewpoint a person can easily deceive himself

I am writing at present in connection with what I hear affects a sizable part of the Yeshiva world. This is that many have started paying excessive attention to their clothes, applying their heart and mind to them. They try to dress in the latest fashion, and are extremely particular about their appearance. There can be no doubt that such people lack Yiras Shomayim. Furthermore, whoever turns his mind to such things cannot be successful in his learning. Even if it seems to the observer that these bachurim make a name for themselves in the Yeshiva, the truth is that it is impossible for them to be truly matzliach in their learning; for those who have no Yiras Shamayim must, in the course of time, deteriorate in their understanding of Torah. Those who indulge in the above are striding towards becoming the opposite of true Bnei Torah for whom Torah is their portion in life and fills their whole existence.

Do not fall into the trap of those who scoff at people who conduct themselves correctly and do not follow their ways. On the contrary, a person should escape and distance himself from conduct which diametrically opposes all that a Ben Torah should be.

**Hashem will not deny good from those who follow Him with purity;
they shall merit a special measure of siyata d'shmaya.**

Taken from the Sefer Modesty: An adornment for life)