

FAQ – Regarding Testing Men’s Suits For Shatnez

Question: Many suits of the brand name “Andrew Fezza” were already checked and found to be non-shatnez. Why do I have to check my “Andrew Fezza” suit too?

Answer. The Shatnez Laboratories detect variations in garment construction from style to style and from size to size. Even within the same style and size variations have been detected. We have seen several cases where 90% of a particular brand name is shatnez free and yet 10% contain shatnez!

Example:

Child’s sweater, “Zuccheroe Filati” Made in Italy

Content label:

44% Wool 44% Acrylic 12% Polyamide

Shatnez: The off white circle and the bar, under the words “DOG RACE,” are linen!

Not all of the sweaters were found to contain linen. As shown in the picture, the larger one is shatnez but the smaller one is not!

Found by the Har Nof Shatnez Laboratory.



Q. Are there any brands of suits that are shatnez free?

A. No brand is safe from shatnez. Men’s suits are all manufactured in large factories. These factories produce garments for many different labels simultaneously. Accidental inclusion of shatnez is much more likely in these situations.

Q. Can storeowners who say, “we make them ourselves, so they can’t be shatnez” be relied upon?

A. No. Regrettably, many stores perpetuate the myth of “kosher suits” telling their customers that, “we make them ourselves, so they can’t be shatnez.” Experience shows that one cannot rely on the storeowner’s word. Stores just make orders with large manufacturers. At most, they may supply the fabric, but the factory will freely use whatever internal components they wish. The storeowner is unaware of the suit’s internal components.

Q. Can content labels be relied upon?

A. No. Garment labels cannot be relied upon to provide shatnez information. This is because garment labels only contain information regarding the external textile material, sometimes including the lining. Labels never include the materials used in the internal construction of the garment.