

# Human Dignity (Kavod HaBriot)

Although human dignity (*kavod ha'briot*) cannot override Torah commandments, *kavod ha'briot* allows violating some d'rabanan laws in order to avoid embarrassment.

## EXAMPLES

- Tearing Toilet Paper

**SITUATION** You need to use toilet paper on Shabbat but none is torn.

**WHAT TO DO** You may tear some toilet paper using any non-standard method or change from the normal way (shinu'i), such as not using your hand, or dropping something on the paper.

- Hearing Aid

**SITUATION** You may speak to someone who uses a hearing aid on Shabbat to avoid embarrassing him or her.