

TALIT GADOL: BLESSING

Talit Gadol: Which Blessing

The blessing over putting on the talit gadol is lehit'ateiph ba'tzitzit.

Talit Gadol: What the Blessing Covers

Saying the blessing on a talit gadol, while intending to cover all other talitot (whether talit katan or talit gadol), will cover:

- All talitot that you already put on.
- All talitot that you will put on later that day.
- If you go out of whichever building you are in when you say the blessing on your talit, you must say a new blessing if you put on a talit (even the same talit) in a different building.

EXCEPTION You may intend for the blessing NOT to cover other talitot.

EXAMPLE You say the blessing over your talit gadol on the morning preceding Yom Kippur. You may intend for your blessing not to cover the talit gadol that you will put on just before Kol Nidrei.

NOTE If you don't have a talit gadol, say al mitzvat tzitzit over your talit katan.

NOTE If you remove your talit gadol, go to a different building, and put the talit gadol on again, you DO say a new blessing.

Talit Gadol: Placing Talit on Head

Placing the talit gadol over your head while saying the talit blessing is a halacha, but wearing it on your head any other time is a custom.

Talit Gadol: Replacing One You Removed by Choice

Do not say a new blessing when you replace a talit that you chose to take off, with the intention of putting it back on (such as removing it to go to the bathroom).

Talit Gadol: Replacing One that Fell Off

Say a new blessing when you replace a talit gadol that fell off your body completely (not just if it slipped off one shoulder).

Talit Gadol: Blessing when Borrowed for Aliya/Prayer Leader

If you borrow a talit, such as for an aliya or to serve as prayer leader, it is not customary to say a blessing on it.

NOTE If you want to say a blessing on a borrowed talit, ask the owner to “give” it to you as a gift, which you will later give back as a gift.

Talit Gadol: Blessing on Loaned or Borrowed

Do not say a new blessing when you put back on your talit gadol that you loaned someone if you are at the same prayer service.

Talit Gadol: Blessing between Bar'chu and Amida

SITUATION You began shacharit on your way to synagogue and are between bar'chu and the amida when you arrive. You have not yet put on a talit.

WHAT TO DO

- Put on a talit immediately.
- Say the blessing on the talit after you finish the amida.

Talit Gadol: Blessing over Public Talit

You may say the blessing on a public talit gadol available at the synagogue, even though it is not your talit.

REASON It is assumed that the talitot at synagogues are there to be used by anyone.

Talit Gadol: Blessing Once Married

Once a man is married and wears a talit gadol, he stops saying the blessing on tzitzit on his talit katan; it is covered by the blessing on his talit gadol.