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SOME GENTILES WEAR BEARDS HOW MUCH
MORE SHOULD JEWS WEAR IT

It is a great embarrassment to see Gentiles who grow their beards, while Jews, who are commanded by 1-lashem to do so, do not. Those who stand up and protest this breach of our holy faith should be acclaimed and encouraged. It is sad to say that those scholars and rabbis who do not protest this violation of the Torah are obviously lacking in Yiras Shomayim (fear of 1-lashem). Such Jews are included in the Torah's curse:

“Cursed be he who does not uphold the words of the Torah.” On the other hand, those who strengthen Torah observance, especially regarding this mitzvah, are included in the blessing: “Blessed be he who upholds the words of the Torah.” (Divre Malchiel 4:66)

It is clearly seen that the origins of many sins stem from the removal of the beard. One who wishes to remove himself from the yoke of Torah and mitzvos will begin by shaving his beard. (Divre Malchiel 5:81)

Similarly, many Poskim write that once a Jew removes his beard, the road is clear for him to transgress the rest of the Torah; for example, the laws of the Sabbath and the mitzvah of Tefillin (Tirosh ve Yitzhar 68)

It is a mitzvah incumbent upon every Jew to let his beard grow. Unlike halachic stringencies which apply more to a scholar than to anyone else, each and every Jew, regardless of his Torah scholarship, is required to grow his beard. (Noheg Katzon Yosef)

WOE TO THE ONE WHO DARES DISTURB HIS BEARD IN ANY MANNER (ZOHAR HA KADDOSH III, 130B)