

TZNIUT - MODESTY BULLETIN # 8

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

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PROPER BEHAVIOR FOR A MODEST DAUGHTER OF ISRAEL

In a speech to women given in *Bnei Brak*, Hagaon Harav Shmuel HaLevi Vosner *shlita*, Gaon Av Beis Din of Zichron Meir, said:

“Today we find a strange and painful phenomenon. People want to be bnei Torah and modern at the same time. Both husband and wife want to lead a life of Torah. When they marry, the woman, like many other young brides, says, ‘I want my husband to be a Ben Torah.’ However, later on, to our dismay, she readily complies with his desire to be modern.

“The modernity expresses itself in the pursuit of inordinate stylish clothing, short dresses, excessive jewelry and in the wearing of long ostentatious wigs which is no different than uncovering the hair. A woman’s head-covering should be refined and modest. Sadly, due to our sins, to many women and in many homes the wig has become a fashion symbol, both in its length and style. When a woman wears such a highly fashionable wig she certainly does not look like the wife of a Ben Torah. In fact some are so stylish that the wearer does not even look like a chareidi woman but rather like a movie star, and in some cases as a result of the wig she does not even look Jewish!” “In such a home, the maxim that ‘where there is no yirah there is no chochmah’ [due to which the husband cannot truly grow in Torah] is forgotten. The Ramban and Rabbeinu Bachye have already written that just as fire and water cannot coexist in the same vessel, so it is impossible to combine Torah and a lack of tzniut in the same house...

(Taken from the Sefer Modesty: An adornment for life)

***“A VIRTUOUS WOMAN IS A CROWN TO HER
HUSBAND; BUT SHE WHO ACTS SHAMEFULLY IS AS
ROTTENNESS IN HIS BONES”. (MISHLE 12:4)***