

Think Again - It's how you wear it.

Modesty has always been a significant topic of discussion within Jewish Law. The parameters of Halacha, are variable and offers a large spectrum as to what is considered modest attire or not. Often modesty is determined by the particular period or country or particular rabbinical authority of the time. As such the laws of modesty diverge amongst the various Frum communities and the women within each community, from Chasidic to modern orthodoxy. All the shades and levels of modesty are represented and incorporated within Halacha.

I have taught this to my children and although my girls Chaya and Simi are often at odds with Miri as to what is acceptable or not; they still very much conform with Halacha. Chaya and Simi have a broad and accepting outlook on Modesty and Halacha which they learnt from their father.

I guess I should not have been surprised when out of the 5 million Jews in New York the Jewish paper and then the Wall street journal turn to my two daughters for their view and opinions on Modesty and Halacha.

Maybe because they are Aussie girls and they know of the tradition of the Melbourne cup with every woman and man dressing up to their Shabbos best for cup day. A true story from one of our congregants. One of our congregants was caught up in the Melbourne cup fervour. So as not to be a bore walked into the TAB to place a bet. He did not have a clue on the form guide so he said I will bet on the most Jewish sounding name. The Horse Dunaden sounded similar to Gan-aden so the bet was placed on Dunaden and our congregant is coming to shule this week and going to give a big misheberach at the Torah!

Getting back to New York perhaps because of the Aussie connection and the Melbourne cup flavour of the month; they were approached to be advocates of stylish, modern and modest clothing Chaya and Simi are the proprietors of a business called Frock Swap check it out on face book and they were interviewed for the Wall street journal.

Here check out this link. <http://forward.com/articles/143337/>

[link to wall street article and video](#)

The dress code at Coogee Synagogue; - smart casual, except for the Rabbi who has to wear a long black woollen Kaftan.

As always see you in shule

Good Shabbos

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