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For grades 6, 7  
LIFE CYCLES  
Lesson 5: JEWISH UNIFORM

# THE DIALOGUE

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## A Uniform to Remember

**T**he fiery fall colored trees were whizzing by. Aaron was looking out of the window at the contrast in his surroundings. On one side was a forest of nature and the other was 5 lanes with cars all rushing to their next destination. Suddenly, Aaron calls to his mother in the driver's seat, "Look to your right Mom! Quickly! There's a cop driving the police car and he's chatting on his cell phone! Isn't that illegal?"

"It's interesting that you made mention only of the cop. There were a couple of others that I noticed talking on their cell phones during this drive. Did you notice them too?"

"Yes - I saw them, but didn't pay much attention to them. But a police man is the one who is supposed to be giving tickets to those who talk on the phone. Everyone sees he is a police man because he is wearing the police uniform and driving a police car. It's not right that he be talking on his cell phone too."

"You're right, Aaron. Wearing a certain uniform does make people expect certain things of people. We should be expecting a police man to follow the law he is enforcing."

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Wearing a certain uniform helps us remember who we are and what behavior is expected of us. Wearing a school uniform helps us remember that we are representatives of that school and we should behave in a way that matches that school's identity. Same when we wear a sports uniform. As Jews, our uniform includes modest and appropriate clothing, perhaps a Chai necklace, and a Kippah and Tzitzit for boys.



### THE DIALOGUE QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

If you were to wear something that clearly identifies you as Jewish, how would you feel?

How would you feel if you were to see someone who was wearing clothing that clearly identifies him or her as Jewish behaving in an improper manner?

Is it fair to have expectations of certain behaviors when you see someone wearing the Jewish garb? Why or why not?