## Human Dignity (Kavod HaBriot)

Although human dignity (*kavod ha'briot*) cannot override *Torah* commandments, *kavod ha'briot* allows violating some *d'rabanan* laws in order to avoid embarrassment.

## EXAMPLES

Tearing Toilet Paper	
SITUATION WHAT TO DO	You need to use toilet paper on <i>Shabbat</i> but none is torn. You may tear some toilet paper using any non-standard method or change from the normal way ( <i>shinu'i</i> ), such as not using your hand, or dropping something on the paper.
• Hearing Aid	
SITUATION	You may speak to someone who uses a hearing aid on Shabbat to avoid

embarrassing him or her.

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