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He similarly exercised additional strictness in his observance of the laws pertaining to tzitzit and tefillin. According to his view, one has to bear in mind that even the shearing of the wool is for the sake of the mitzvah. Unable to obtain such tzitzit at first, he took great care to wear his tzitzit as little as possible. Later and after much effort, he finally succeeded in obtaining tzitzit to his liking. As for tefillin, he subscribed to the view that these should be worn all day. Nor was one to adopt any leniencies. If wearing the head tefillin in public would evoke the sneers and jeers of gentiles, then one should at least wear the arm tefillin, even without winding the straps round the arm, for not to observe the one mitzvah does not detract from the performance of the other.