


מִצְוֹת  
עֲשֵׂה

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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Shelach: (במדבר טו:חא)

וַעֲשׂוּ לָהֶם צִיצִית וְגוֹ'  
וְנָתַנוּ עַל צִיצִית  
הַכֹּנָף פְּתִיל תְּכֵלֶת

Today's *mitzvah* is to wear *tzitzis*! We need to attach special *tzitzis* strings to the corners of clothes that have four corners. One of those strings is supposed to be blue, called *techeiles*! But even if we don't have the blue string, we still do the *mitzvah* with just white strings.

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara: **Mesechta Menachos**

## Rambam: Hilchos Tzitzis

### PEREK ALEF

In *Perek Alef*, we start to learn about *tzitzis*! Really, the *tzitzis* are supposed to have seven white strings, and one *techeiles* string. But since we don't have *techeiles*, we can still do the *mitzvah* with just white strings.

### PEREK BEIS

Even though there are other ways to make a color that LOOKS like *techeiles*, only real *techeiles* will stay the same color no matter what. So to check if a string was dyed with real *techeiles*, we soak it in a strong liquid to see if the color fades! Only real *techeiles* is kosher for *tzitzis*.

### PEREK GIMMEL

According to the Torah, only clothes made of wool or linen need *tzitzis*, but the *Chachomim* told us to put *tzitzis* on clothes made of ANY material with four corners.

*Did you know that a kapote can have four corners? If you look at a kapote, you will see that one of the corners is rounded, so it doesn't count as a corner. If it wasn't round, you would need to put tzitzis on your kapote too!*