

This week's **סדרה**:



Jewish Literacy Programme

Year 4 ~ Week 10

Write each Hebrew word into script

English Translation	חומש Words	English Translation	חומש Words
door, opening	פֶתַח _____	first	רֵאשִׁית _____
why	מִדּוּעַ _____	the river	הַיָּאֵר _____
elders	זְקֵנִים _____	copper	נְחֹשֶׁת _____

English Translation / Explanation

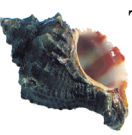
G.K. Words

תְּכֵלֶת "וְנָתַנּוּ עַל צִיצֵת הַכֹּהֵן פְּתִיל תְּכֵלֶת" (שְׁמַע)

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תְּכֵלֶת is the special **blue dye** used for dyeing one of the **צִיצֵית** threads. We are taught to dye the **צִיצֵית** with **תְּכֵלֶת** in the **third paragraph of שְׁמַע**.
(Also see **צִיצֵית**, below, and over page.)

תְּכֵלֶת



This is the special **sea snail** from which we extract the **תְּכֵלֶת** dye. For centuries, the exact creature was forgotten, and techeilet could not be produced.



חִלְזוֹן

There are descriptions of the **chilazon** and its ink in the Talmud. In 1913, Rabbi Isaac Herzog wrote that the ***Murex trunculus*** sea snail is most probably the real **חִלְזוֹן**, and today the blue techeilet dye is again being made, and worn by some people on their tzitzit. However, not all rabbis accept that we have rediscovered the **חִלְזוֹן**, and most people still only have white tzitzit for now.

Rabbi Herzog was the Chief Rabbi of Ireland, and later became the Chief Rabbi of Israel.

The **small tallit** is worn **under the shirt**.

It is put on when getting dressed in the morning.

The **בִּרְכָה** on the tallit katan ends: **וְנָצַנּוּ עַל מִצּוֹת צִיצֵת...**

טְלִית קָטָן

The **large tallit** is put on in shul **before שְׁחֲרִית** begins.

The **בִּרְכָה** on the tallit gadol ends: **וְנָצַנּוּ לְהַתְעַטֵּף בְּצִיצֵת...**

טְלִית גָּדוֹל

The letters of the word **צִיצֵית** add up to **600**. Adding the eight strings and five knots makes **613**. Wearing **צִיצֵית** reminds boys of the **mitzvot** right through the day. Also, **תְּכֵלֶת** reminds us of the **sea**, which reminds us of the **sky**, which reminds us of the **כִּסֵּא הַכְבוֹד** - Hashem's throne of glory. (see over...)

צִיצֵית

א	ב	ג	ד	ה	ו	ז	ח	ט	י	כ	ך	ל	מ	נ	ו	ס	ע	פ	ף	צ	ץ	ק	ר	ש	ת
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” וְהָיָה לָכֶם לְצִיצִית וּרְאִיתֶם אֹתוֹ וּזְכַרְתֶּם

אֶת-כָּל-מִצְוֹת ה' ” במדבר ט”ו:ל”ט

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"Rabbi Meir said: Whoever observes the mitzvah of tzitzit, is considered as if he greeted the Divine Presence (the שְׂכִינָה), for techeilet resembles the sea, and the sea resembles the sky, and the sky resembles Hashem's holy throne." (Midrash: Sifre on Shelach Lecha, Bemidbar 15,39)

