

Week 10 Side 1



Nalej Regben Primary School

Jewish Literacy Programme

Year 4 ~ Week 10

This week's סדרה:

Write each Hebrew word into script

English Translation	חומש Words	English Translation	חומש Words
door, opening	פֶּתַח	first	רִאשִׁית
why	מָדוּעַ	the river	הַיָּאֵר
elders	זִקְנִים	copper	נְחֹשֶׁת

English Translation / Explanation

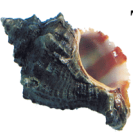
G.K. Words

תְּכֵלֶת "וְנָתַנוּ עַל צִיצֵת הַכֹּהֵן פֶּתִיל תְּכֵלֶת" (שְׁמַע)

Write each Hebrew word into script

תְּכֵלֶת is the special **blue dye** used for dyeing one of the צִיצִית threads. We are taught to dye the צִיצִית with תְּכֵלֶת in the **third paragraph of שְׁמַע**.
(Also see צִיצִית, 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.

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.



חִלְזוֹן

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: וְנָצְנוּ עַל מִצּוֹת צִיצֵת...

טלית קטן

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

The בִּרְכָה on the tallit gadol ends: וְנָצְנוּ לְהַתְעַסֵּף בְּצִיצֵת...

טלית גדול

The letters of the word צִיצִית add up to **600**. Adding the eight strings and five knots makes **613**. Wearing צִיצִית 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...)

צִיצִית

א	ב	ג	ד	ה	ו	ז	ח	ט	י	כ	ך	ל	מ	נ	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)

