
TORAH IN A BOX KODSHIM - TZITZIT FUN FACTS



1. Tzitzit are made of four strings doubled over to make eight; five knots; four groups of windings containing seven loops, then eight, eleven, and thirteen (OC 11:14).
2. Tzitzit remind us of all the mitzvot- the 5 knots of the 5 Books of the Torah, and the 4 corners that the Torah applies everywhere (OC 24:1)
3. One should not use synthetic materials for the tzitzit, but if they are used, one should refrain from making a bracha on them (Tzitz Eliezer 12:3).
4. The *bracha* should be made while standing (OC 8:1)
5. According to most authorities, one who wears a *tallit* should not make a *bracha* before putting on tzitzit (the *tallit katan*). Rather, he should have his tzitzit in mind for when he makes a bracha on his *tallit* later (Aruch Hashulchan OC 8:16).
6. You should check the strings before you put on tzitzit (OC 8:9).
7. The strings on tzitzit need to be separate from each other. If necessary, untangle them before putting them on (OC 8:7)
8. The Rambam (Hilchot Tzitzit 2) rules that the tzitzit need to be the same color as the tallit. However, the practice of Ashkenazim is that they should always be white. (OC 9:5)
9. One should put away his tzitzit strings when entering a cemetery, as it seems like one is mocking the dead who cannot perform this mitzva (OC 23:1)
10. Tzitzit do not have to be put in *genizah*, but it is best to be strict if possible (Rama OC 22:1). Our practice is not to throw them out or treat them lightly if they become invalid (OC 22:2)

