

TORAH IN A BOX KODSHIM - TZITZIT TYING INSTRUCTIONS

MATERIALS

- You can purchase tzitzit pack at a local Judaica store
- For practice, you may use any thread or string you find around the house, but these are NOT kosher for actual performance of the mitzvah.

RULES/GUIDELINES

There will be sixteen strands in the tzitzit pack (four long ones and twelve short ones). Separate these into four groups with one long and three short in each. The longer strand is called the shamash and is the one used for the winding. Even out the four strands at one end and push the group through one of the corner holes in the tallit. Even out seven of the eight strands (the four being doubled) and leave the extra length of the shamash handing to one side.

With four strands in one hand and the other four in the other hand, make a double knot near the edge of the material. It is customary to say, "l'shem mitzvat tzitzit," "for the sake of performing the mitzvah of tzitzit," when tying. Take the shamash and wind it around the other seven strands in a spiral 7 turns. Make another double knot and spiral the shamash around the other strands 8 times. Double knot and then spiral it around 11 times. Double knot and then spiral it around 13 times and double knot.

