

מצוות
עשה

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We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Vaeschanan: (דברים יח)

וְקִשְׁרָתָם לְאוֹת
עַל יָדָךְ

Today's *mitzvah* is to put on the *Tefillin Shel Yad*, the hand *tefillin*. The Torah tells us about this *mitzvah* in FOUR places!

It is a separate *mitzvah* from the *Tefillin Shel Rosh*, so if someone can't put on the *Tefillin Shel Rosh* for some reason, he should still put on the *Tefillin Shel Yad*.

Women don't do this *mitzvah*, because the Torah connects the *mitzvah* of *Tefillin* with the *mitzvah* of learning Torah all the time, and women don't have that *achrayus*.



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

Rambam: Hilchos Tefillin U'Mezuzah V'Sefer Torah

PEREK BEIS

In today's Rambam, we learn how the *parshios* of *Tefillin* are written. The Rambam says that *Tefillin* NEVER need to be checked if they were written by a good *sofer* that we can trust! In fact, Hillel HaZokein wore *tefillin* that he got from his zaidy, and he never got them checked! (Nowadays, though, we are careful to check our *tefillin* very often.)

PEREK GIMMEL

The Rambam explains how the leather boxes are made for the *tefillin*. (Did you ever wonder how leather becomes such a perfect square?) When the leather is wet, we put it into a special wooden mold that helps make perfectly square *tefillin*, with holes in the right place to put the four pieces of parchment.

The Rambam tells us that the knot for the *Tefillin Shel Rosh* looks like a *daled*, but there is no way to describe it — you need to see it to understand it!

PEREK DALED

When a person wears *tefillin*, he needs to be very careful with what he does and thinks. The *tefillin* are even more holy than the *Tzitz* that the *Kohen Gadol* wears on his head! The *tzitz* only has Hashem's name once, and each of the *Tefillin* has Hashem's name 21 times!