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Second statement on tefillin from Rav Chananel/Rav with reply by Abbaye:

- תיתורא (bottom of ראש של) is halachah l'Moshe miSinai¹
- מעברתא (pass-through for ראש של) is halachah l'Moshe miSinai
- שי"ן is halachah l'Moshe miSinai²
- Need external groove between boxes, down to base

Do we need to check תפילין קלה for holes?

רצועות

- Black outside
- Made of leather

Boxes

- Square³
- What if the walls of the ראש של split?

(35b) רצועות

- Repairing broken straps
 - Don't tie two segments together
 - Stitching and keeping the stitch on inside – פוק הזי מאי עמא דבר⁴
- Need minimum length for strap of ראש של after the knot
- 3 different practices with the straps from the ראש של – hang behind, braid, or hang in front
- The knot of the ראש של is הלמ"מ⁵
- Their beauty is on the outside^{6 7}
- ... וראו כל עמי הארץ... – Head tefillin⁸
- ראית את אחורי – The knot of the ראש של⁹
- Knot¹⁰ should be on the upper area as we should be above; knot-part inside as we are internal¹¹

Putting on tefillin

- Berachah is after put it on, before tying knot¹²

¹ Rashi – Of one piece of hide. Rosh – Lav davka.

² Tosafot mentions the 3- and 4-branch שי"ן. Footnote to Smag 22 explains: Luchot vs. Sefer Torah

³ What is the danger in oval tefillin? Physical (Rashi); Spiritual (Tosafot Megilah 24b)

⁴ What does this mean? Rashi, Tosafot, Rosh Hilchos Tefillin יא, Divrei Chamudos there

⁵ To make a ט (Rashi), or to have a knot at all (Tosafot). See Mishneh Berurah 32:233 on the “double-ailed” knot

⁶ We distinguish between the necessary straps and the unnecessary straps, but see Mishneh Berurah 27:38

⁷ Need one fast for getting this reversed? Moed Katan 25b, Rosh Hilchos Tefillin יב

⁸ ט and ט (Rashi), or just ט (Tosafot)

⁹ Why? (Or Zarua Hilchos Kerias Shema), Rashba Berachos 7a)

¹⁰ Of ראש של (Rashi), Of יד של (Rav Amram Gaon, cited in Rosh)

¹¹ To be close to HaShem (Maharsha, apparently)

¹² Do we need to re-tie every day? (Tosafot)