

Menachos 37

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Following up from yesterday:

- War – Rosh Hilchos Tefillin טו – Devarim 33:20
- “Shalom” and gesturing between של יד and של ראש – Mishneh Berurah 25:28-29

37a

Continuing the halachos of putting on tefillin

- Tefillin go on the left hand
 - Source 1: ידך is naturally left, based on pesukim that list יד and ימין
 - Source 2: כתיבה is with right,¹ so is קשירה, and so הנחה must be on left
 - Source 3: ידכה. But some take this pasuk to include an amputee²
- Lefty uses his right hand.³ Ambidextrous uses his left hand.
- Bicep and top of forehead, baby’s soft spot⁴
- Two heads⁵ ⁶ for tefillin and for pidyon haben⁷
- How do I know bicep as opposed to hand?
 - Parallel to head – on the high spot
 - לך לאות – and not an אות for others
 - על לבבכם וקשרתם – By heart
- (37b) How do I know top of head and not forehead?
 - From תשימו קרחה בין עיניכם
 - From יד, which is in a spot that has only one trait – flesh – as seen re: צרעת

Tzitzis

- Machlokes in mishnah whether 1 or 4 mitzvos. למאי נפקא מינה?
 - Shatnez tzitzis if he only has strings on 3 corners
 - Strings on 4 or 5 corners of a 5-corner beged
 - Is a beged with strings on 3 corners called כהלכתה שלא מצוייצת
- Five-corner beged requires tzitzis
- Tying up bottom of garment – (1) Tzitzis on temporary corners; (2) Are the corners eliminated
- Stitching up bottom of garment – (1) Tzitzis on temporary corners; (2) Are the corners eliminated
- Back to the issue of 1 or 4 mitzvos
 - It’s 1 mitzvah
 - Mar bar Rav Ashi would have removed his tzitzis for a lost corner, even in public
 - לא תעשה of Shabbos, only overrides d’rabbanan
 - (38a) Version 2: Mar bar Rav Ashi was told in public, and he said not to remove it because כבוד כרמלית overrides לא תסור and it was a כרמלית

¹ What about someone who writes with his left, but does all else with his right? (Tosafot, Rosh, Tur and Rama)

² What about an amputee who has a stump past his elbow? (Tosafot, Magen Avraham; Or Zarua, Rama, Mishneh Berurah)

³ What about someone who trains himself to use his left? (Mordechai)

⁴ Or further down (Tosafot)

⁵ Can this exist? (Tosafot and Shitah Mekubetzet, Ben Yehoyada)

⁶ What about conjoined twins? (Margaliyos haShas)

⁷ הדוא סבא may be Eliyahu (Tosafot Chullin 6b)