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Tzitzit

HaShem knows that we forget things all too easily! And because He loves us and wants us to enjoy all the life He's given to us, He gives us many things to remind us of Him, and of His commandments. The tzitzit are just such a reminder! He knew that wherever we went we would see the tzitzit that hang from the corners of our clothes, and we would remember the commandments He has given to us. But how are the tassels on our clothes suppose to remind us of God's commandments?

First, God gave us the Ten Words as a way of remembering His commandments. He gave us one for each of our fingers! Then He helped us by making all Ten commandments into just 2! Love God and love your neighbor (Lk 10:27). If we love God with all our hearts, then we will be able to love each other the way He wants us to, and when we do that, we'll be living according to His commandments. Now that's where the tzitzit help us remember. Here's how it works: the wraps between the knots spell out letters. Each letter can be represented by a number, like this:

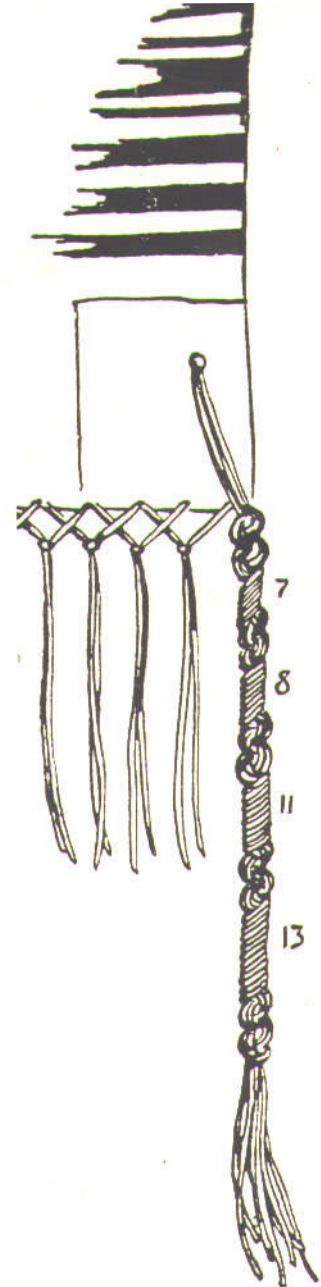
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
א ב ג ד ה ו ז ח ט י 15 = 7 + 8

$\wedge$
 יהוה אחד
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$1 + 8 + 4 = 13$

$11 = 6 + 5$

“Adonai is One”



The tzitzit say the Shema, “Adonai is One” which means “Adonai is the Only One,” He is God and there is no other. This reminds us that we are to love God with all of our life, which also means that we will be careful how we treat each other. If we do that, we'll be constantly remembering and keeping His commandments.

TZITZIT

T E C H E L E T R P U A B O J T N O Y C
 Y E F D V B Z I W E M O P B S B V C T O
 P K U H F I L K L R M M H E J T C B I M
 E B G R T M T I J Y G E R Y V F N J N M
 N C V Z T R G G T Z Q U M I M I B W U A
 E Q I W V Q H I Q D O E M B V Y D C M N
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 G D A V J N L D O T B L U E C R V S O M
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 T U O H G U O R H T S E V I A L L X Y E
 E V O L P Y K G Z H R E M I V G E O O X
 S I K R R Z Z H V A M E T U L F S K O E
 W C J S H K F G T W R E H V S Q S J L K
 N P V Q M G N I M I T E M I X P A X S E
 F H Z D K T O U L H U Z G B F B T I Y G
 E M I S A N G D Z J B N O O M N Y J H N
 Z M O I S B U I F X C Z W N O V R G F T

BLUE	COMMANDMENTS	COMMUNITY	CORNERS
FOUR	GARMENT	GENERATIONS	LOOK
LOVE	NEIGHBOR	OBEY	REMEMBER
REMINDER	SIGN	TASSEL	TECHELET
TESTIMONY	TZITZIT	THROUGHOUT	

Speak to the sons of Israel, and tell them that they shall make for themselves tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and that they shall put on the tassel of each corner a cord of blue. It shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the LORD, so as to do them and not follow after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you played the harlot, so that you may remember to do all My commandments and be holy to your God. (Num 15:38–40)

Speak to the _____ of _____ and say to them that they are to make



themselves _____ on the _____ of their _____ throughout



their generations. And they are to place upon the _____ of each _____ a

_____ of _____.

Numbers 15:38



תכלת



= garments



= corner(s)

תכלת

= blue



= Israel



= tzit tzit



= thread



= children

