



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

SHEMA: HEAR ALL ABOUT IT!

THIS WEEK'S PARASHA MENTIONS THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE SHEMA. THE SHEMA IS NOT ONLY ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PRAYERS, BUT IT IS ALSO JAM PACKED WITH INFORMATION AND MITZVOT. THE SHEMA IS ONE OF THE FIRST PRAYERS WE TEACH TO LITTLE CHILDREN AND ONE OF THE LAST PRAYERS A PERSON SAYS AT THE END OF THEIR LIFE.



The Shema teaches us:



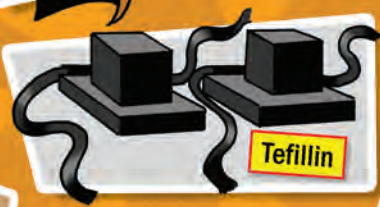
Belief in one God



Love God



Learn and teach Torah



Tefillin



Say Shema twice each day



Mezuzah



DID YOU KNOW?

THE FIRST TWO PARAGRAPHS OF THE SHEMA CAN BE FOUND WRITTEN ON PARCHMENT INSIDE A MEZUZAH AND INSIDE TEFILLIN.

MISSION SHEMA

The Shema can be found on page 21 in the Tribe Shevet Asher Siddur. Can you spot which two letters of the Shema are larger than the rest?

Answer: There is a large 'ש' in the word 'שמע' and a large 'י' at the end of 'יהוה'. One explanation is that the two large letters together form the word 'שכי' - witness. When we say Shema we are witness to God's Oneness.



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