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The right way to learn



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There are said to be four main categories, or styles, of learning: visual, aural, hands-on and reading & writing. Each learner feels more comfortable learning in their own way and gets the best results by following their preferred style of learning.

This week's parasha contains the second paragraph of the Shema. It says, "And you shall teach them to











your children, speaking of them when you sit at home and when you travel on the way, when you lie down and when you get up" (Devarim 11:19). Rashi (France, 1040-1105) comments that from the time a child is able to speak, a parent should teach them words of Torah. Rabbi Ovadia Seforno (Italy, 1475-1550) adds that this will make the Torah a regular part of a parent-child conversation and will result in them keeping the Mitzvot.

We all have different ways of learning. The Shema teaches us that we should put Mezuzot on our door frames, a visual reminder of God's

presence in our lives. We should speak words of Torah, an aural way of learning. Men should wear Tefillin to serve as a reminder of the Exodus and God's interaction in our lives, a hands-on approach to learning. And we should learn and engage with the Torah, writing down the portions of the Shema, a reading and writing approach to learning.

The Shema helps us to understand that there is no 'one-size-fits-all' approach to learning. We must each learn the Torah in our own way to truly understand the Mitzvot and the way we should live our lives.

Fill in the missing words

1. The seven species of the Land of Israel are: wheat, , grapes, figs, ,  and dates.
2. "And you shall place these words on your heart and soul: bind them as a sign on your  and they shall be a symbol between your "
3. Moshe spent  days on Mount Sinai to receive the 
4. When Moshe prayed for forgiveness for the Jewish people, he mentioned ,  and 



Answers: 1. barley, pomegranates, olives 2. arm, eyes 3. 40, Tablets 4. Avraham, Yitzchak (Isaac), Yaakov (Jacob)