

## I just can't wait to be king



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A common thread that ties together the coronation of King Charles III, the Davidic Kings, and the High Priest is the use of anointing oil. There was just one problem - during the Second Temple period, the anointing oil was hidden! How could the Kings and High Priests be coronated?

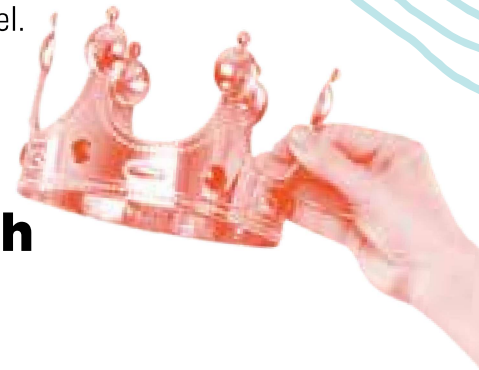
The Talmud explains that there were two parallel methods of appointing a High Priest to this

highest of offices: (1) using the anointing oil; and (2) the High Priest dressing in the 8 special garments that he wore during his service. The Talmud similarly details two methods for sanctifying the vessels in the Temple: (1) using the anointing oil; and (2) simply using them as part of the Temple service.

I would like to suggest that these two processes parallel each other. There are two ways to symbolise appointment to positions of royalty: (1) unique pomp and ceremony that is only associated with that position; and (2) acting in a way that is compatible with that status. The High

Priest and the vessels in the Temple were installed in their positions simply through dressing and acting in a way commensurate with their status.

We will never be anointed with holy oil, receive the Sovereign's Orb, coronation ring and sceptre, and be crowned with the majestic St Edward's crown. However, every single one of us can crown ourselves with the crown of Jewish education and a good reputation through acting in the way that God expects of us and become princes and princesses of Israel.



## Jewish festivals written in the Torah

All these festive days are mentioned in parashat Emor. Match them up with the descriptions on the right!

1.	Shabbat	a.	Does the day go fast?
2.	Pesach	b.	Lasts 7 weeks and ends on a high
3.	Omer	c.	We celebrate it in a special place
4.	Shavuot	d.	The only Jewish festival that is also two days in Israel
5.	Rosh Hashanah	e.	<i>Shamor</i> (guard) and <i>Zachor</i> (remember) are the theme
6.	Yom Kippur	f.	Commemorating our greatest gift
7.	Succot	g.	Bread of a special kind