



PARSHAH SEASONINGS

MASEI - מסעי

Numbers 33:1-36:13

42x in Numbers 33:

ויסעו ... ויחנו

(*vayachanu* ← *vayis'u*)

“and they encamped ← and they journeyed”

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

❧ The *Shema* ❧

שמע ישראל יהוה אלהינו יהוה אחד:

ואהבת את יהוה אלהיך בכל לבבך ובכל נפשך ובכל מאדך: והיו הדברים האלה אשר אנכי מצוך היום על לבבך: ושוננתם לבניך ודברתם בהם בשבתך בביתך ובלכתך בדרך ובשכבך ובקומך: וקשרתם לאות על ידך והיו לטטפת בין עיניך: וכתבתם על מזוזת ביתך ובשעריך:

Exodus 26:14

“And you shall make a covering for the tent of rams’ skins dyed red, and a covering of *tachash* skins above.”

תחש

Badger skins?

Porpoise skins?

Sea cow skins?

Unicorn skins?!

Ezekiel 16:10

“I also clothed you with embroidered cloth, and put sandals of *tachash* skin on your feet...”

Isaiah 66:1-2

Thus says Adonai: “Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. What is the house that you would build for Me, and what is the place of My rest? All these things My hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares Adonai. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at My word.”

REFERENCES:

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 “Hear, O Israel: Adonai our God, Adonai is one. You shall love Adonai your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

Genesis 6:11 Now the earth was corrupt (שחת, *shachat*) in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. [*Shachat* appears 7x in the flood story – Genesis 6:11,12 (2x),13,17/9:11,15]