



PARSHAH SEASONINGS

TETZAVEH - תצוה

Exodus 27:20-30:10

This is the only *parshah* in which Moses' name is not mentioned.



Exodus 28:9-10

You shall take two *shoham* stones, and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel, **six of their names on** the one stone, and the names of the remaining six on the other stone, in the order of their birth.

שֵׁשֶׁה מִשְׁמַתָּם עַל

שמע

“Shema!”

גד
אשר
יששכר
זבולן
יוסף
בנימין

6 Names
25 Letters

ראובן
שמעון
לוי
יהודה
דן
נפתלי

The Shema:

שמע ישראל יהוה אלהינו יהוה אחד

“Hear, O Israel, Adonai our God, Adonai is one.”

Exodus 28:9

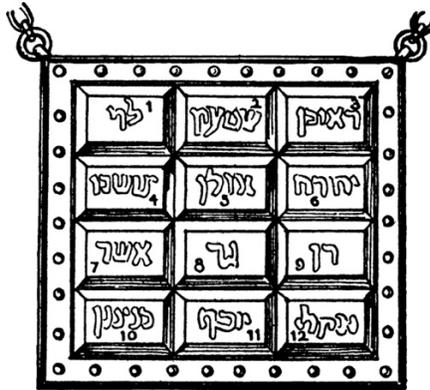
You shall take two *shoham* stones ...

שהם

משה = “Moses”

השם = “HaShem”

Exodus 28:15-21



Levi	Simeon	Reuben
Naphtali	Dan	Judah
Issachar	Asher	Gad
Benjamin	Joseph	Zebulun

Exodus 28:38

It shall be on Aaron’s forehead, and Aaron shall bear any guilt from the holy things that the people of Israel consecrate as their holy gifts. It shall regularly be on **his forehead**, that they may be accepted before Adonai.

מצחו

(mitz’cho)

1 Samuel 17:49

And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on **his forehead**. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.

Exodus 30:7

And Aaron shall burn fragrant **incense** on it; he shall burn it every morning when he trims the lamps. And when Aaron trims the lamps at twilight, he shall burn **incense**. There shall be perpetual **incense** before Adonai throughout your generations. You shall not offer any strange **incense** on this altar, or burnt offering or meal offering; and you shall not pour out a libation on it.

קטרת
(*ketoret*)

The Four Elements of Prayer:

ק - קדושה (*kedushah*) = "Holiness"

ט - טהרה (*tahorah*) = "Purity"

ר - רחמים (*rachamim*) = "Mercy/Pity"

ת - תקווה (*tik'vah*) = "Hope"

REFERENCES:

Exodus 28:15-21 "And you shall make a breastpiece of judgment, the work of a skillful workman; like the work of the ephod you shall make it: of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen you shall make it. It shall be square and folded double, a span in length and a span in width. And you shall mount on it four rows of stones; the first row shall be a row of **ruby**, **topaz** and **emerald**; and the second row a **turquoise**, a **sapphire** and a **diamond**; and the third row a **jacinth**, an **agate** and an **amethyst**; and the fourth row a **beryl** and an **onyx** [שהם, *shoham*] and a **jasper**; they shall be set in gold filigree. And the stones shall be according to the names of the sons of Israel: twelve, according to their names; they shall be like the engravings of a seal, each according to his name for the twelve tribes."