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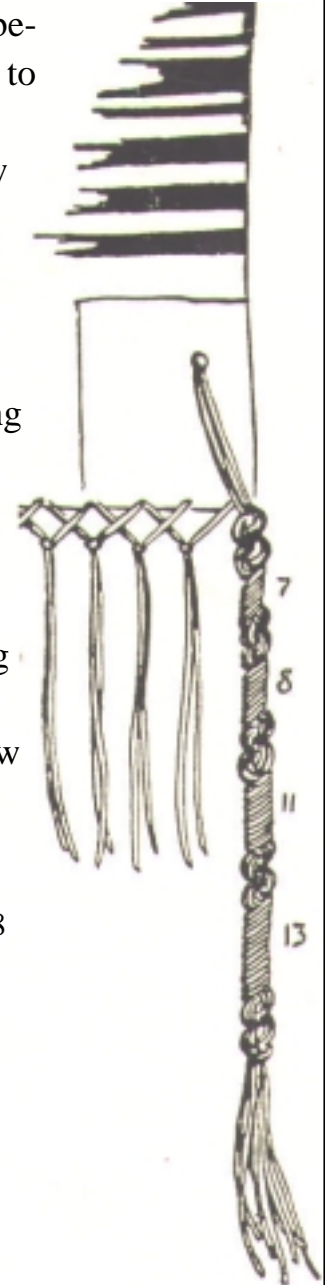
## Tzitzit, Lesson 1

HaShem knows that we forget things all too easily! And because He loves us and wants us to enjoy all the life He's given to us, He gives us many things to remind us of Him, and of His commandments. The Tzitzit are just such a reminder! He knew that wherever we went we would see the tzitzit that hang from the corners of our clothes, and we would remember the commandments He has given to us. But how are the tassels on our clothes suppose to remind us of G-d's commandments?

First, G-d gave us the Ten Words as a way of remembering His commandments. He gave us one for each of our fingers! Then He helped us by making all Ten commandments into just 2! Love G-d and love your neighbor. If we love G-d with all our hearts, then we will be able to love each other the way He wants us to, and when we do that, we'll be living according to His commandments.

Now that's where the tzitzit help us remember. Here's how it works: the wraps between the knots spell out letters. Each letter can be represented by a number, like this:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	$15 = 7 + 8$
א ב ג ד ה ו ז ח ט י	
	$1 + 8 + 4 = 13$ $11 = 6 + 5$
	Adonai is One



The Tzitzit say the Shema, “Adonai is One” and remind us that we are to love G-d with all of our life, which also means that we will be careful how we treat each other. . If we do that, we'll be constantly remembering and keeping His commandments.