

"THE SHEMA: EARS TO HEAR"

1. When is a time that you remember either you or someone else heard something audibly but failed to obey what was being told to you. What was the result?

2. Explain the deeper meaning of "shema" in Hebrew and its connection to obedience and action.

3. Describe Rabbi Silver's post-Holocaust visit to the monastery in southern France. How did he attempt to determine if any of the children were from Jewish families? What did this reveal about them? Their parents?

4. Why was saying the Shema twice daily so important to observing Jews and to the upbringing of their children? What is the significance of doing this every morning? Every evening?

5. In 2 Timothy 3:14-15, what does Paul advise Timothy to continue in, and why is it important?

6. According to Deuteronomy 6:4-9, how and where should the words of the Shema be taught and displayed? What does it mean to have the Word of God embedded there?

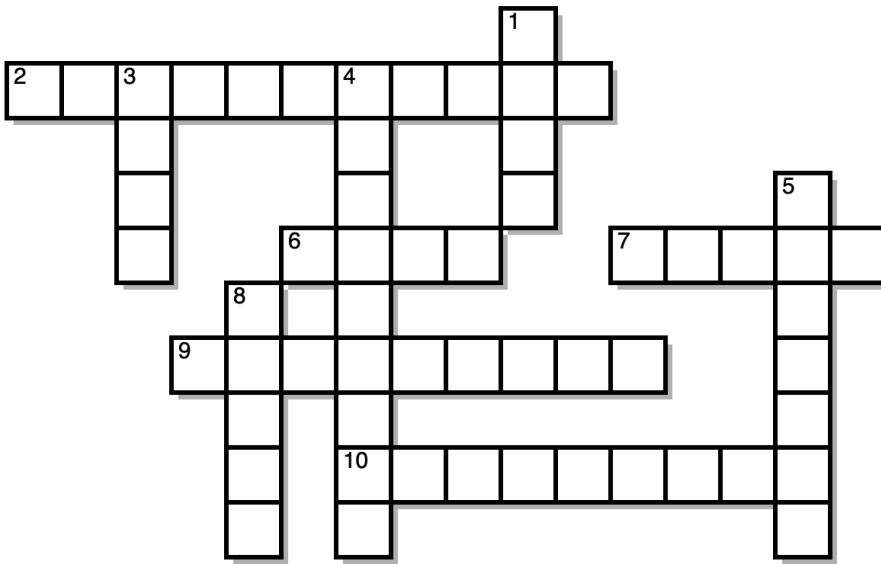
7. What does Deuteronomy 11:13-21 emphasize regarding obedience to God's commandments?

8. In Numbers 15:37-41, what is the purpose of tassels on the corners of garments, and how do they serve as a reminder?

9. How does the Shema play a central role in Jesus' teachings, as seen in Mark 12:28-31?

10. In Matthew 7:21, what does Jesus emphasize about entering the kingdom of heaven? How is this not works-based salvation?

11. Reflecting on the material, how can the daily recitation of the Shema impact one's life and faith?

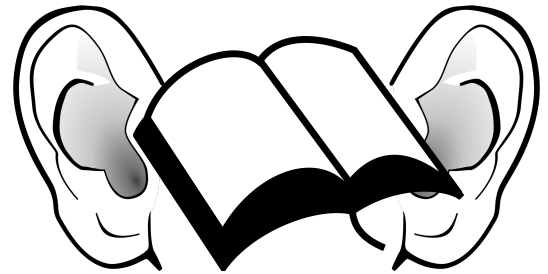


Across

- 2 Torah (although often translated Law) is better translated as _____.
- 6 What color cord is mentioned in Numbers 15:37 for the tassels on the corners of garments?
- 7 What Hebrew word means "listen" and implies taking action?
- 9 This man had a barren wife, but then discovered through an angel that the Lord had "heard" their prayers and that they would have a son.
- 10 What did Jesus practice to the point of death, according to Philippians 2:8?

Down

- 1 The Shema instructs God's people to teach God's words diligently to their _____.
- 3 Finish this phrase from Mark 12:30: "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your _____ and with all your mind and with all your strength."
- 4 According to 2 Timothy 3:14-15, Timothy had been acquainted with the sacred writings since _____.
- 5 In Philippians 2:5-11, Jesus is said to have done this to Himself, taking the form of a servant.
- 8 In the Shema, what are observant Jews commanded to love God with first?



WORD SEARCH:

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| Shema | Love |
| Israel | Torah |
| Adonai | Obedience |
| Elohim | Faith |
| Deuteronomy | Lawyer |
| Numbers | Neighbor |
| Jews | David |
| Jesus | Zechariah |
| Timothy | Prayer |
| Morning | Action |
| Evening | Listen |
| Commandment | Soil |

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