

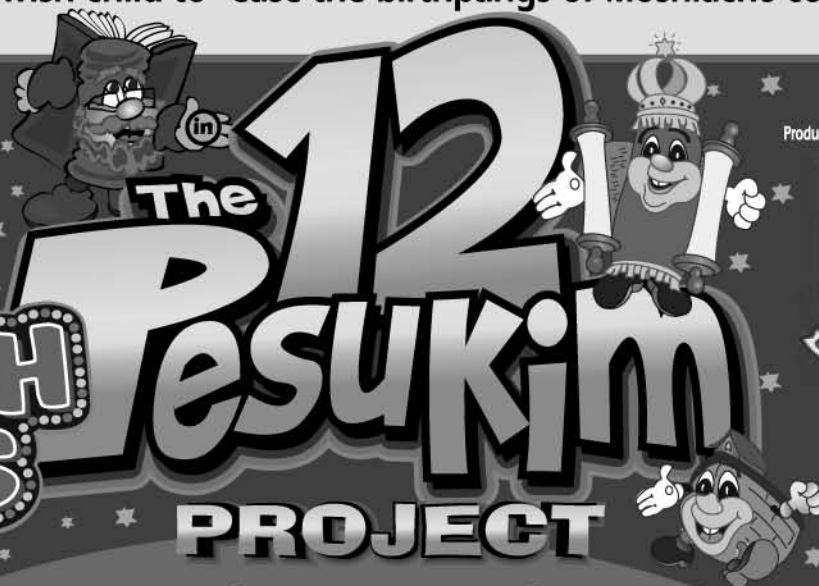


The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, of righteous memory, taught that these twelve Torah passages should be recited by every Jewish child to "ease the birthpangs of Moshiach's coming" . . .

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Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the 12 Pesukim!

30 YEARS AGO,

the Lubavitcher Rebbe introduced the world to twelve Torah Pesukim and Ma'amarey Chazal. The Rebbe taught that these 12 Pesukim should be recited by every Jewish boy and girl each day in order to "ease the birthpangs of Moshiach's coming." Join the

TORAH TOTS on a fun-filled musical adventure, as they explore the meaning of friendship, belief in Hashem and the responsibility of growing up from Torah Tots kids to Torah Jews, the future of our people.

1. TORAH TZIVAH

1. תורה צוה לנו משה מורשה קהלת יעקב.

To-rah Tzi-vah La-nu Mo-she
Mo-ra-sha Ke-hee-las Ya-a-kov

The Torah that Moshe commanded us is the heritage of the congregation of Yaakov. (Deuteronomy 33:4)

The Torah was given to us through Moshe, Hashem's most faithful servant. Every Jewish boy and girl inherits the Torah to learn and to keep. This is the most precious gift Hashem has given to our people.

2. SHEMA YISRAEL

2. שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ ה' אֶחָד.

She-ma Yis-ra-el
Ha-Shem E-lo-kay-nu Ha-Shem E-chad

"Hear O Israel, G-d is our L-rd, G-d is One."
(Deuteronomy 6:4)

The Shema teaches us that Hashem is One, and that He is everywhere. The word "One" in Hebrew is "Echad." It is spelled Aleph-Ches-Daled. (אחד) These three letters hint at Hashem's true greatness:
Aleph (א) - is the number 1: Hashem is the One and only G-d of the world. He gives all things life, in every place, and all the time.
Ches (כ) - is 8: This reminds us of the 7 heavens and the earth, all created by Hashem.
Daled (ד) - is 4: This reminds us of Hashem's presence in all four distant corners of the earth.

3. B'CHOL DOR VADOR

3. בכל דור ודור חייב אדם לראות את עצמו כאילו הוא יצא ממצרים.

B'chol Dor Va-dor
Cha-yav A-dom Leer-os Es Atz-mo
K'ee-lu Hu Ya-tza Me-mitz-ra-yim

"In every generation one must look upon himself as if he personally had gone out of Egypt."
(Pesachim 116b)

Long, long ago - over 3,300 years ago, Hashem took us out of Egypt, and freed us from slavery. If Hashem had not taken us out of Egypt at that time, we would still be slaves to Pharaoh today!
By keeping Hashem's Torah and doing Mitzvos, we are thanking Hashem every day for our freedom. We are servants to only one King - Hashem, King of the Universe.

4. KOL YISRAEL

4. כל ישראל יש להם חלק לעולם הבא
שנאמר ועמד בולם צדיקים לעולם יירשו ארץ
נצר מטעי מעשה ידי להתפאר.

Kol Yis-ra-el Yeish La-hem Chay-lek L'o-lam Ha-bah
She-nee-mar V-a-meich Ku-lam Tza-di-kim
L'o-lam Yir-shu A-retz
Nay-tzer Ma-ta-eye Ma-ah-say Ya-dye L-his-pa-err

"All Israel have a share in the World To Come, as it is stated (Isaiah 60:21): 'And Your people are all tzadikkim (righteous). They shall inherit the land forever. They are the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, in which I take pride.'" (Sanhedrin 90a)

Hashem takes special pride in each and every Jew. He is our creator, and He cares of us, and watches over us like a gardener who watches over a tender plant. As we grow in our Mitzvos and Torah study, Hashem prepares a place for us in the World To Come.

5. KI KAROV

5. כי קרוב אליה הדרבן מאד בפיך
ובלבבך לעשותו.

Ki Ka-rov Ay-leh-cha Ha-da-var M'ode
B'fee-cha U-vil-vav-cha La-ah-so-so

"It is within your close reach to follow the Torah in speech, feeling and deed."

(Deuteronomy 30:14, as explained in the Tanya)

Opportunities to fulfill the Torah are all around! It is as easy as making a bracha before eating, or thinking special thoughts about Hashem, or placing a coin in a tzedakah box!

And you know what? Keeping Hashem's Torah makes me feel really happy inside. For that is how Hashem created me to feel.

6. V'HEENAY

6. והנה ה' נצב עליו ומלא כל הארץ כבודו
ומביט עליו ובוזון פליות ולב
אם עובדו כראוי.

V-hee-nay Ha-Shem Nee-tzav Ah-lav
U-meh-lo Kol Ha-ah-retz K-voh-doe
U-mah-beet Ah-lav U-vo-chein K'leye-os Va-lave
Eem Ov-doe Ka-rah-u-ee

"G-d stands over him, and the whole earth is full of His glory, and He searches his mind and heart (to see) if he is serving Him as is fitting." (Tanya, Chapter 41)

Imagine how proud Ima and Abba are when we do Mitzvos and get along with each other. So too, Hashem is watching. And when we serve Him with love, Hashem has nachas from our Mitzvos too!

7. B'RAYSHET

7. בראשית ברא אלקים את השמים ואת הארץ.

B'-ray-shis Ba-rah E-lokeem
Es Ha-sha-mah-yim V-es Ha-ah-retz

"In the beginning G-d created the heavens and the earth."

(Genesis 1:1)

It's the very first verse of our Torah... and the start of something wonderful! Hashem is watching over us in Shamayim and on earth, He fills our lives with blessings from the time of our birth! So if you're ever frightened in a storm or in the dark, just think of how Hashem protects us... oh, how lucky we are!

8. VESHEENONTOM

8. ושננתם לבניך ודרבתם בם
בשבתך בביתך ובלכתך בדרך ובשכבך ובקומך.

V-shee-nan-tam L'vah-neh-cha V-dee-bartah Bam
B'-shiv-ti-cha B'-vay-seh-cha, U'-vil-ech-ti-cha Vah-de-rech,
U'-v-shach-beh-cha U've-ku-meh-cha

"And you shall teach the Torah to your children, and you should speak about it when you are home and when you travel, before you lie down to sleep and when you wake up." (Deuteronomy 6:7)

The Torah tells our parents: "Abba and Ima, think of your children today. Fill their minds with Mitzvos and proper things to say. Please send them to Yeshiva and to a Torah camp. Keep their thoughts pure and refined so Torah will stay on their minds."

Children, tell your parents: "Teach me with love and care, until the verses reach into my heart and stay on my mind. Then I will think of them always whether I'm at home, or on the way somewhere, or when I'm going to sleep, or when I wake up."

9. YAGATEE

9. יגעתי ולא מצאתי – אל תאמין
לא יגעתי ומצאתי – אל תאמין
יגעתי ומצאתי – תאמין.

Ya-gah-tee V-lo Ma-tzah-see Al Ta-ah-min
Lo Ya-gah-tee U-ma-tzah-see Al Ta-ah-min
Ya-gah-tee U-ma-tzah-see Ta-ah-min

If someone says, "I have worked hard, and I have not been successful," don't believe him. If someone says, "I have not worked hard and I have been successful," don't believe him. If someone says, "I have worked hard, and I have been successful," believe him!!! (Magilla 6b)

Here's a very important lesson that will help you in all you do: Try and try again, and eventually you WILL succeed! If you work hard at whatever you do; If you trust that Hashem believes in you... even if it's something new, eventually you'll get it! So, try and try again!

10. V'AHAVTA

10. ואהבת לרעך כמוך –
רבי עקיבא אומר זה כלל גדול בתורה.

V-ah-hav-tah L'-ray-ah-cha Ka-moh-cha
Ra-bee A'-kee-vah Oh-mer Zeh Klal Ga-dol Ba-Torah

Rabbi Akiva says that, "To love your fellow as yourself," is a great basic principle of the Torah.

(Leviticus 19:18, Midrash)

Rabbi Akiva taught that we should love our fellow just like ourselves. So every good thing you do, share it with your friends, and help them do it too!

This is an important part of keeping the Torah.

11. V'ZEH KOL HA'ADOM

11. וזה כל האדם ותכלית בריאתו
ובריאת כל העולמות עליונים ותחתונים
להיות לו דירה זו בתחתונים.

V-zeh Kol Ha-a-dom V-sach-lees Bri-ah-so U-vree-ahs Kol Ha-o-lam-ot
Elyonim V-tach-to-nim Li-h'yos Lo Dee-rah Zoe B'-tach-to-nim

"The purpose of the creation of every Jew and of all the worlds is to make a dwelling place for G-d in this world." (Tanya, Chapter 33)

When we learn Torah and do Mitzvos, we make the world a place where Hashem wants to be. It's like fixing up a room to share with your very best friend!

12. YISMACH

12. ישמח ישראל בעושיו
פירוש שכל מי שחזק מרע ישראל
יש לו לשמח בשמחת ה'
אשר שש ושמח בירתו בתחתונים.

Yis-mach Yis-ra-el B'oh-sav
Pay-roosh Sheh-kol Mee Sheh-hoo Mi-zeh-rah Yis-ra-el
Yesh Lo Lis-moh-ach B'-sim-chas Ha-Shem
Ah-sheh Sas V'sah-may-ach B'-dee-rah-soe B'-tach-to-nim

"The Jews should rejoice in their Maker. Every Jew should share in G-d's joy, Who rejoices and is happy in His dwelling place in this world." (Tanya, Chapter 33)

Every single Jew has a special mission, and this is reason to be proud! Our mission is to make this world a place where Hashem can be found! So... "smile, smile, smile, and laugh and dance; show Hashem you're happy to be given a chance to share this very special world with our Creator!"

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