

**The Mezuzah:** Mezuzah in Hebrew is the word for doorpost: We are commanded to post the commandments on our door posts as a constant reminder of God presence.

We will use Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and Deuteronomy 11:13-21 here but the Torah commandment does not limit the posting to any particular commandments. We are to keep ALL the commandments of God.

Deuteronomy 6:4 also known as the **Shema** is recited at each weekly Shabbat and other occasions.

In Matthew 23:23-28 **Adonai Yeshua declared the Shema to be the greatest commandment of all. (Love God with all your heart and soul, always keep His commandments)** Mark 12:28-30 One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "**What commandment is the foremost of all?**" **Jesus answered,** "The foremost is, '**HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.**'"

### **The Shema, Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!

Deuteronomy 6:5 "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Deuteronomy 6:6 "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.

Deuteronomy 6:7 "You shall teach them diligently to your sons 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 up.

Deuteronomy 6:8 "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.

Deuteronomy 6:9 "**You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**

### **Deuteronomy 11:13-21**

Deuteronomy 11:13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,

Deuteronomy 11:14 That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

Deuteronomy 11:15 And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.

Deuteronomy 11:16 Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;

Deuteronomy 11:17 And then the LORD'S wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.

Deuteronomy 11:18 Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

Deuteronomy 11:19 And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deuteronomy 11:20 And thou shalt write them **upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:**

Deuteronomy 11:21 **That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.**