

“Thank G-d for Making Me a Woman” Women and Prayer

1. Mechitzah:

דע לפני מי אתה עומד

Know before whom you stand

2. Counting Women for a Minyan:

כִּי תִשָּׂא אֶת רֹאשׁ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לִפְקֻדֵיהֶם וְנִתְּנוּ אִישׁ כֶּסֶף נַפְשׁוֹ לַהּ בַּפְּקֹד אֹתָם וְלֹא יִהְיֶה בָהֶם נֶגֶף בַּפְּקֹד אֹתָם

When you take the sum of the children of Israel according to their numbers, let each one give to the Lord an atonement for his soul when they are counted; then there will be no plague among them when they are counted.

Exodus: 30:12

כָּל הַעֹבֵר עַל הַפְּקֻדִים מִבֶּן עֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה וְיָמָעְלָה יִתֵּן תְּרוּמַת יְהוָה

Everyone who goes through the counting, from the age of twenty and upward, shall give an offering to the Lord.

Exodus 30:14

פֶּתַח אֵלָיו וְאָמַר: רַבּוֹן עוֹלָמִין אַנְתָּ הוּא חַד וְלֹא בַחֹשֶׁבַן

“Elijah opened his discourse and said: Master of the worlds, You are one, but beyond number.”

Tikkunei Zohar

3. Tefillin and Tzitzis

וְהָיָה לְךָ לְאוֹת עַל יָדְךָ וּלְזָכְרוֹן בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ לְמַעַן תִּהְיֶה תוֹרַת ה' בְּפִיךָ

And it shall be to you as a sign upon your hand and as a remembrance between your eyes, in order that the law of the Lord shall be in your mouth

Exodus: 13:9