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SHEMOT

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Moshe and Aharon were losing hope that Benei Yisrael would ever be free.

“Don’t give up,” said God to Moshe. “Tell Aharon to throw his staff on the ground in front of Pharaoh.”

In Pharaoh’s court, Aharon gripped the staff in his hand and raised it up.

Everybody was watching.

Then Aharon flung it down. And just when it crashed to the ground, it became...

a huge

Snake!

Pharaoh, however, was not impressed. His royal magicians had tricks up their sleeves. They whipped out their own staffs and turned them into snakes, too!

But not for long. Aharon’s snake opened its mouth and revealed its sharp fangs. It looked hungry.

It sprang through the air with lightning speed and swallowed up the other snakes!

And that’s how Egypt’s magicians lost all their staffs.



וַיִּשְׁלֹךְ אַהֲרֹן אֶת מִטְּהוֹ לִפְנֵי פַרְעֹה וּלְפָנֵי עַבְדָּיו וַיְהִי לְתַנִּין: (שְׁמוֹת ז:י)

Aharon flung down his staff in front of Pharaoh and his servants, and it turned into a snake. (Shemot 7:10)

Everything happened very quickly. The Egyptians couldn't wait to send the slaves away.

So Benei Yisrael grabbed their dough before it could even rise and made it into *matzah*.

They tied their bags over their shoulders.

They grabbed their walking sticks.

They came out of their slave houses for the last time.

And then,
after hundreds of years in slavery,
Benei Yisrael left Egypt.

וְהִגַּדְתָּ לְבִנְךָ בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא לֵאמֹר בְּעֶבְרָה זֶה עָשָׂה ה' לִי בְצֵאתִי מִמִּצְרָיִם: (שְׁמוֹת יג:ח)
Tell your child on that day, "This is what God did for me when I went free from Egypt." (Shemot 13:8)

Finally, they were free.



WE LEARNED...

- ◆ It's nice to share good stories and thank God.
- ◆ You can't do it all yourself. Even Moshe needed help.
- ◆ Benei Yisrael wanted the Torah very much.
- ◆ There were Ten Commandments (*Aseret Ha-Dibrot*).

THINK ABOUT IT!

- ◆ Why did Moshe feel good about asking for help? Can you feel good about asking for help?
- ◆ What did you notice about the way the Torah was given to Benei Yisrael?
- ◆ Which of the Ten Commandments are easy to keep, and which are hard?

Try it out!

Think of ways to honor your parents (or grandparents)!

- ◆ Can you set aside a chair for them? Can you bring them food or drinks and listen carefully when they ask for your help?
- ◆ What else can you do for them?



מִשְׁפָּטִים

MISHPATIM



כִּי תִרְאֶה חֲמֹר שֶׁבֶּאֱדָרְכְּ רֵכֵץ תַּחַת מְשָׁאוֹ וְחִדְלָתָּ מֵעֲזֹב לוֹ עֲזָב תִּעְזָב עִמּוֹ: (שְׁמוֹת כג:ה)
When you see the donkey of your enemy crouching under its burden, you have to help and work together, even if you don't want to. (Shemot 23:5)

If you find a lost object, you have to return it, even if you're not friends with the owner.

If there are too many packages on someone's donkey, you have to help them unload the animal. You have to work together, even if you're not friends.



“In the *Mishkan*,” said God, “Aharon and his sons will need holy clothing that is beautiful and glorious.”

Aharon the *kohen gadol* (high priest) had to wear eight pieces of clothing in the *Mishkan*.

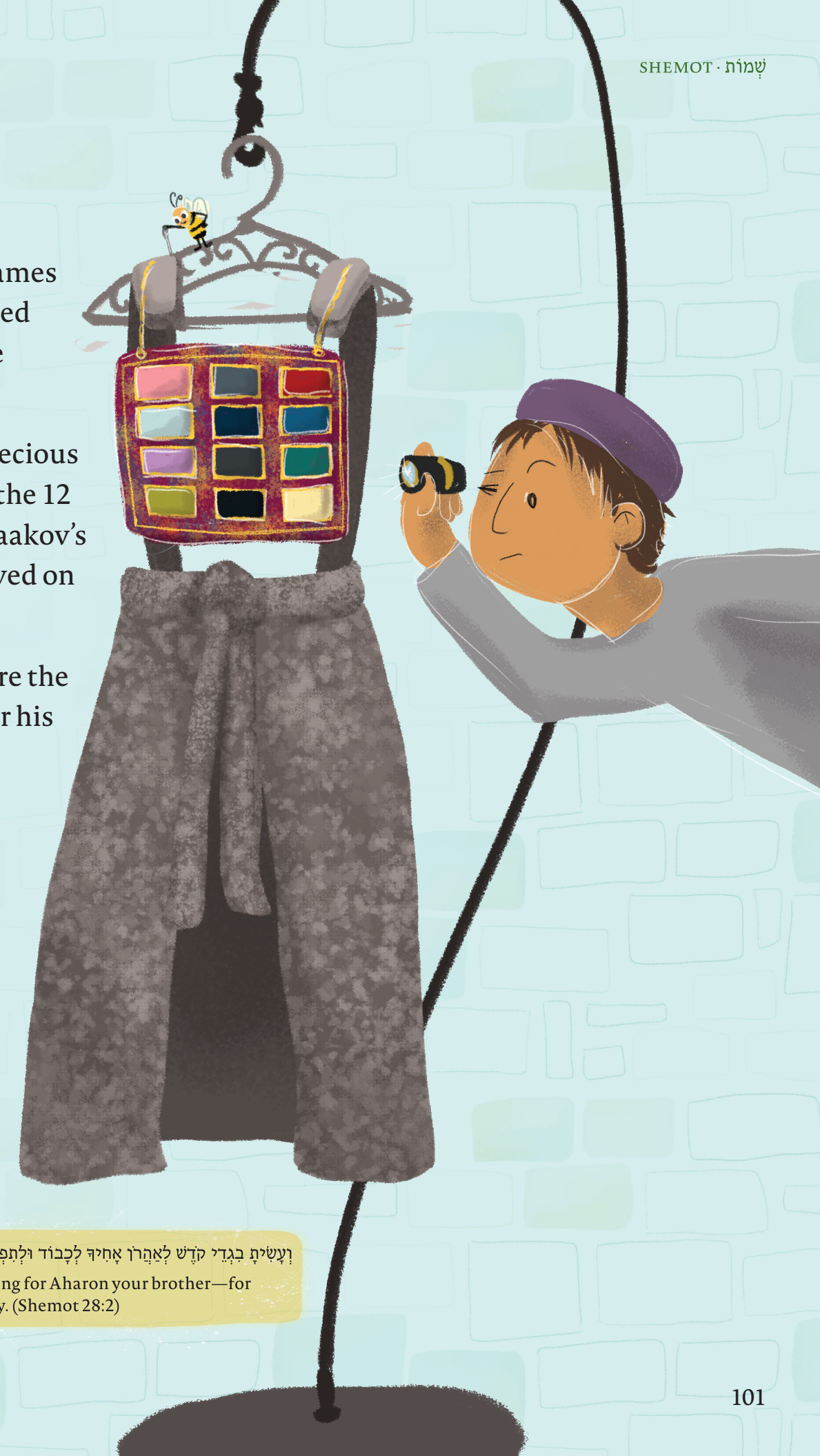
This is the **Ephod**. It was kind of like an apron. On each shoulder of the *ephod* there were stones set in gold. Remember the 12 sons of Yaakov? Six of their names were engraved on one stone, and six were engraved on the other.



These 12 names also appeared here, on the **Hoshen**.

It had 12 precious gems with the 12 names of Yaakov’s sons engraved on them.

Aharon wore the *hoshen* over his heart.



וַעֲשֵׂיתָ בְּגָדֵי קֹדֶשׁ לְאַהֲרֹן אֶחֱידָךְ לְכָבוֹד וּלְתִפְאֳרָתָ: (שְׁמוֹת כח:ב)
Make holy clothing for Aharon your brother—for honor and beauty. (Shemot 28:2)

GLOSSARY

Arbeh	Locusts, the eighth plague
Aron	Ark
Arov	Wild animals, the fourth plague
Aseret Ha-Dibrot	Ten Commandments
Barad	Hail, the seventh plague
Benei Yisrael	Children of Israel
Berakhah	Blessing
Challah	Traditional bread baked for Shabbat
Dam	Blood, the first plague
Dever	Animal disease, the fifth plague
Ephod	A kind of apron worn by the <i>kohen gadol</i> (high priest)
Har Sinai	Mount Sinai
Horev	Another name for <i>Har Sinai</i> /Mount Sinai
Hoshekh	Darkness, the ninth plague
Hoshen	Breastplate worn by the <i>kohen gadol</i> (high priest)
Humash	The five books of the Torah
Kinnim	Lice, the third plague
Kiyyor	Washbasin
Kohanim	Priests
Kohen	Priest
Kohen Gadol	High priest
Lehem Ha-Panim	Bread of faces (the bread in the <i>Mishkan</i>)
Luhot	Stone tablets that Moshe received from God
Makkat Bekhorot	Death of the firstborn, the tenth plague
Makkot	Plagues (singular: <i>makkah</i>)
Mann	Miraculous food from God that <i>Benei Yisrael</i> ate in the desert
Matzah	The cracker-like food we munch on Passover

Me'il	Robe worn by the <i>kohen gadol</i> (high priest)
Menorah	Candelabra in the <i>Mishkan</i>
Mezuzah	A scroll of verses from the Torah attached to a doorpost
Mikdash	A Holy Temple
Mishkan	Tent for God in the desert (Tabernacle)
Mitzvah	Commandment
Mitzvot	Commandments
Mizbe'ah	Altar (for offering sacrifices)
Netilat Yadayim	Washing hands
Parashah	Weekly Torah portion read on Shabbat
Pasuk	Verse
Pesah	Passover
Pesukim	Verses
Shabbat	Sabbath, the day of rest
She'in	Boils, the sixth plague
Shekel	A weight of silver in the Torah
Shofar	Ram's horn that can be blown to make a trumpet sound
Shomer	Guard
Shul	Synagogue
Shulhan	Table
Siddur	Prayerbook
Tahash	An animal (we don't know what!)
Tereifah	An animal that dies from injury instead of kosher slaughter
Tzedakah	Charity
Tzefardei'a	Frogs, the second plague
Tzitz	Crown-like headband worn by the <i>kohen gadol</i> (high priest)
Yom Kippur	The Day of Atonement