

The mezuzah is traditionally affixed to the upper third of the right hand portion of the doorpost. The top of the mezuzah cover points towards the inside of the home. The parchment is rolled up inside the mezuzah, with the scriptures on the inside and the Hebrew letter "Shin" [Shaddai (Almighty)] on the outside.

Many Jewish people show their reverence for G-d's Word by touching the mezuzah upon entering and leaving their home.

When Yeshua walked the streets of Jerusalem, it was the custom to

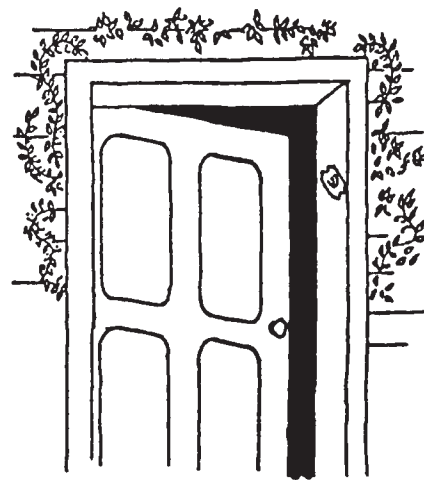
touch the mezuzah, then touch the fingers to the lips, as a reminder that the Word of G-d was to ever be on one's lips. Today a mezuzah attached to your doorposts is a personal confession that your household follows the one true G-d, the G-d of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

For Messianic believers, the mezuzah also reminds us of Yeshua the Living Word through whose Spirit the Torah is written on the tablet of our hearts.

Just as our forefathers applied the blood of a perfect lamb to the

lintel and doorposts of their homes so that the Angel of Death would pass over them, we have applied the blood of Yeshua (G-d's perfect lamb) by faith to the doorposts of our hearts. Death has passed over us. In Yeshua we have eternal life. So can you.

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"MEZUZAH"

MEZUZAH DOORPOST

Mezuzah literally means "door-post." A mezuzah as an object of art is a receptacle made of wood, glass, ceramic or other material which is put on the door of the home. Inside the receptacle is a parchment which contains the following verses from the Torah:

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our G-d, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your G-d with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you today shall be in

your heart; you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

These verses speak of loving G-d above all else and placing His Word first. When you attach a

mezuzah to the doorpost of your home you are stating to the world that:

You love the Lord with all your heart! (Deut. 6:5)

His Word (Yeshua) lives in your heart! (Deut. 6:6)

You are teaching His Word to your children! (Deut. 6:7)

You look to Him for all your needs! (Deut. 11:14-15)

WHEN AFFIXING A MEZUZAH

Blessed art thou, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to affix a mezuzah.

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך
העולם, אשר קדשנו במצוותיו
וצונו לקבוע מזוזת.

*Baruch ata adonai elohainu
melech ha-olam asher kidshanu
b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu likboa
mezuzah.*