

FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

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SUMMARY: In this session we will explore the intersection between knotted friendship bracelets and Jewish camp and use bracelet-making techniques to create our own Jewish symbols

AUDIENCE: 10-15 participants

TIMING: 45 minutes

MATERIALS:

- [Embroidery Thread](#)
- Yarn (Any color)
- Chunky yarn (Any color)
- [Appendix #1 – Patterns](#)
- [Appendix #2 - Tzitzit .pdf](#) (1 per every 2 participants)

SET-UP: Large open space with seating for all participants, preferably in a circle facing one another

SESSION TIMELINE

- 00:00-00:05 – Introductions
- 00:05-00:15 – Text exploration
- 00:15-00:45 – Project work time

SESSION OUTLINE

00:00-00:05 – Introductions

Session leader introduces session topic and leads group in a round of introductions (name, pronouns, camp)

00:05-00:20 – Text exploration

The session leader will ask for a volunteer(s) to read text ([Appendix #2 - Tzitzit .pdf](#)) out loud:

“And ye shall remember all the commandments of the Lord — The tzitzit will remind one of all the commandments because the numerical value of the letters of the word tzitzit is six hundred, and there are eight threads and five knots in the fringes, so that you have six hundred and thirteen, which is also the number of the commandments of the Torah.”
- Rashi on Numbers 15:39

In pairs, participants will discuss and then share back with the larger group:

1. According to Rashti, what role does Tzitzit play?
2. What relationship, if any, does the tzitzit wearer have with the commandments of the Lord?

00:20-00:45 – Project work time

Participants are encouraged to engage with new materials and people and are given independent work time to create a symbol that they can engage with daily and remind them of their own obligations