

I Wear My People On My Heart Tetzaveh 5768

Shmot 28:21

The stones shall contain the name of the twelve sons of Israel, one for each of the twelve stones.	וְהָאֲבָנִים תְּהִיֶּינָן עַל-שְׁמֹת בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל שְׁתֵּים עָשָׂרָה עַל-שְׁמֹתָם פְּתוּחֵי חוֹתָם אִישׁ עַל-שְׁמוֹ תְּהִיֶּינָן לְשֵׁנֵי עֹשֶׂר שִׁבְטֹ.
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In what order were the names and what does this mean?

Shmot 28:10

There shall be six names on one stone, and the remaining six names on the second stone inscribed in the order of their birth.	שֵׁשׁ מְשֻׁמָּתֹת עַל הָאֶבֶן הָאֶחָת וְאֶת-שְׁמוֹת הַשֵּׁשׁ הַנּוֹתָרִים עַל-הָאֶבֶן הַשְּׁנִית כְּתוּלָדָתָם.
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Rashi Shmot 28:21

According to the order of their births shall be the order of the stones.	כסדר תולדותם סדר האבנים
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Breishit 35:22-26

...Jacob had twelve sons. The sons of Leah were Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun. The sons of Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin. The son of Rachel's handmaid Bilhah were Dan and Naphtali. The son of Leah' handmaid Zilpah were Gad and Asher...	...וַיְהִי בְנֵי-יַעֲקֹב שְׁנַיִם עֹשֶׂר בְּנֵי לְאָה בְּכוֹר יַעֲקֹב רְאוּבֵן וְשִׁמְעוֹן וְלֵוִי וַיהוּדָה וְיִשָּׁשׂכָר וְזִבְלוּן. בְּנֵי רָחֵל יוֹסֵף וּבְנֵימִן. וּבְנֵי בִלְהָה שְׁפָחַת רָחֵל דָּן וְנַפְתָּלִי. וּבְנֵי זִלְפָּה שְׁפָחַת לְאָה גָד וְאַשֶׁר... וְאִשְׁרָה...
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Chizkuni Shmot 28:21

There are those that interpret the order of their births as the order of the giving birth of the mothers, Leah, Bilhah, Zilpa, and Rachel.	יש מפרשים כסדר תולדותם היינו כסדר לידת האמהות לאה בלהה זלפה רחל
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Shmot 1:1

These are the names of Israel's sons who came to Egypt with Jacob each with his family.	וְאֵלֶּה שְׁמוֹת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל הַבָּאִים מִצְרָיִם אֶת יַעֲקֹב אִישׁ וּבֵיתוֹ בָּאוּ.
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Bamidbar 2:2

The Israelites shall camp with each person near the banner having his paternal family's insignia. They shall camp at a specified distance around the Communion tent.	אִישׁ עַל-דָּגְלוֹ בְּאֹתוֹת לְבַיִת אָבֹתָם יַחְנוּ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל מִנְּגֹד סָבִיב לֹא-הָלַח מוֹעֵד יַחְנוּ.
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