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TALLIT BLESSING

Before we had homework planners and iphones, we remembered things with strings. Like the string tied around a finger, the fringes of the tallit (called tzitzit) work to remind us of an important task.

As Moses instructed us so long ago, "And you will look at the strings, and you will remember all the instructions of God...and you will be holy."

Wrapped in the tallit, the tzitzit dangling from each of its four corners, may we remember our sacred missions - to fix the world, to seek justice, and to pursue peace - and may we feel protected by the many memories woven within its threads.

May this tallit encircle you in God's light and remind you of our covenant with God.

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