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## What is it?

There are many laws and requirements regarding the making of tefillin, and it takes many years of training to qualify the scribes and craftsmen who make them. What follows is a basic description.

A set includes two tefillin -- one for the head and one for the arm. Each consists of three main components: the scrolls, the box, and the strap.

## The Scrolls

The scrolls are strips of parchment upon which are

inscribed four passages from the Torah:

- 1) Kadesh (Exodus 13:1-10)
- 2) VeHayah Ki Yeviacha (Exodus 13:11-16)
- 3) The Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)
- 4) VeHayah Im Shamo (Deuteronomy 11:13-21)

In the arm tefillin, the four passages are written on a single scroll. In the head tefillin, they're on four separate scrolls.

## How can I help?

Tefillin can only be made by professionally trained scribes. These individuals devote their entire life learning the many laws and details of Tefillin. Specific parchment, specific ink, and all hand-written according to extremely detailed instructions. Every drop of ink is meticulously placed, with even one error requiring the entire parchment to be rewritten. When a person is writing with parchment and ink, erasing isn't an option.

The result of such fine craftsmanship is deeply appreciated, but also somewhat expensive. The Jewish Discovery Center is completely reliant upon you to fund our programs and classes. A Hebrew day school, monthly kiddushes, a nursery school, and packages for every holiday are just some of the services the Jewish Discovery Center provides to the Amherst Jewish Community every day. Mrs. Chani Labkovski, Mrs. Leah Greenburg, their husbands, and their families want to continue nurturing our growing Jewish community while helping Jews experience the Mitzvah of Tefillin as just one of hundreds of ways to mature your relationship with Hashem.

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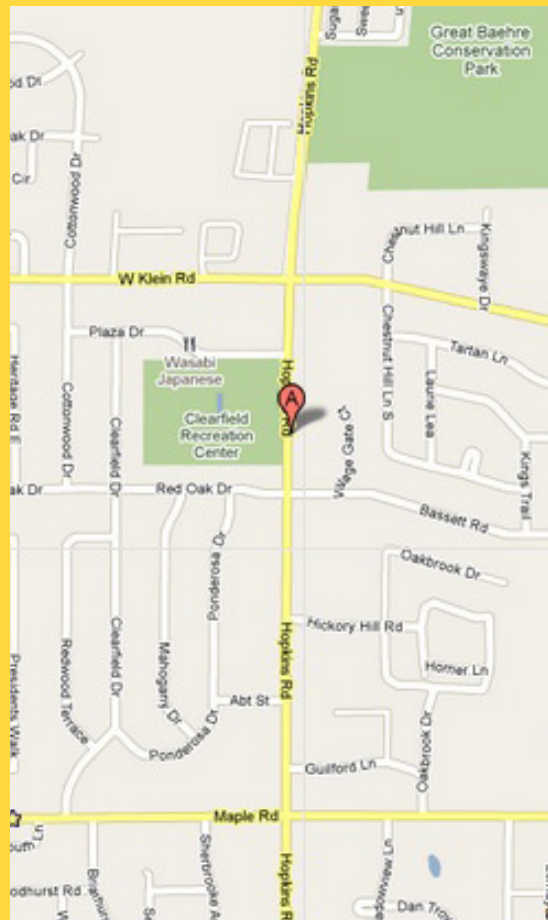
# Why is it important?

Tefillin are one of the most important

mitzvot the Jewish people have. The Written Torah (TaNaK) mentions Tefillin several times, yet nowhere does it actually describe what they are, how to make them, or how to wear them.

This information we have from the Oral Torah (Mishnah, Gemara, etc.). When a Jew puts on a pair of Tefillin, he is making a statement that he believes in both the written and spoken torah. He follows a complete lineage from Hashem to Moshe Rabbeinu and on through the leaders of our generations to our rabbis today.

Every Friday afternoon, employees and volunteers of the Jewish Discovery Center travel to hospitals, nursing homes, and college campuses. We want to share this special Mitzvah with Jews from all backgrounds. We bring our own tefillin with us, and help other Jews learn about Tefillin.



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# TEFILLIN

"You shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they should be for a reminder between your eyes."

*(Deuteronomy 6:8)*