



VA'ETCHANAN

GM One of the best-known p'sukim in all of Torah, and all of Tanach - eh, not one of the best-known - The Best Known Pasuk is D'varim 6:4 in Va'etchanan -

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד:

*Hear, O Israel: HaShem is our God;
HaShem is one.*

The gimatriya of this pasuk is 1118. There are four other p'sukim in Tanach with that gimatriya, including T'hilim 20:10 -

יְהוָה הוֹשִׁיעַה הַמֶּלֶךְ יַעֲנֵנוּ
בְּיוֹם-קִרְאָנוּ:

*HaShem, save [us]; may the King answer
us on the day we call.*

Is there another pasuk that is used to call out to God, more than SH'MA YISRAEL? Probably not.

Speaking of 1118, watch this:

Now follow this:

The fingers of the hand are BOHEN

(thumb), ETZBA (index), AMA (middle finger), K'MITZA (ring finger) and ZERET (pinky).

בהן - אצבע - אמה - קמיצה - זרת

Gimatriya: 2+5+50 (57), 1+90+2+70 (163), 1+40+5 (46), 100+40+10+90+5 (245), 7+200+400 (607).

Add them up: 1118. The five fingers of the hand that Ashkenazim cover their eyes with for SH'MA add up to the same number as the gimatriya of the pasuk we say with covered eyes.

S'fardim cover their eyes differently - they put the tips of the thumb and pinky on the inner corners of the eyes and position the other three fingertips on the forehead in the shape of a SHIN (for Sh'ma). The S'faradi custom really makes this an amazing GM.

One more for this GM. The AT-BASH gimatriya of Sh'ma Yisrael... is 2283. One of the p'sukim whose regular gimatriya (MISHPAR GADOL) is 2283 is D'varim 28:2 (Ki Tavo) -

וּבָאוּ עֲלֶיךָ כָּל-הַבְּרָכוֹת הָאֵלֶּה וְהִשְׁתַּחֲוִיתָ
כִּי תִשְׁמָע בְּקוֹל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ:

*And all these blessings will come upon
you and cleave to you, if you obey the
Lord, your God.*

Res Ipsa Loquitur

GM Here's an in-sedra Gimatriya
Match. D'varim 4:38 in Va'etchanan -

לְהוֹרִישׁ גּוֹיִם גְּדֹלִים וְעֲצָמִים מִמֶּנִּי
מִפְּנֵיךְ לְהַבְיֵאךָ לְתֶת-לְךָ אֶת-אֶרֶצָם
נְיֻלָּה כִּיּוֹם הַזֶּה:

*To drive out from before you nations
greater and stronger than you, to bring
you and give you their land for an
inheritance, as this day.*

One of many p'sukim that speak of
God's giving us the Land of Israel.

But the following pasuk, also in
Va'etchanan, indicates the oft-re-
peated condition for our continued
dwelling in Eretz Yisrael. D'varim 6:13

אֶת־ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ תִירָא וְאֵתוֹ תַעֲבֹד
וּבְשֵׁמוֹ תִשָּׁבַע:

*You shall fear the Lord, your God,
worship Him, and swear by His name.*

The GM at 3119 does not prove the
concept; it just points to it with a
numerical pointer. But the idea is
repeated many times over in the
Torah.