**Bind them as a sign upon your arm and let them be ornaments between your eyes. Devarim (6:8)**

This verse is one of the sources in the Torah of a Jew's obligation to wear Tefillin. All four sections (parshiyot) contained in them offer praise to G-d. The Talmud (Brochos 6A) says that G-d also wears Tefillin and the verse in his Tefillin says, "And who is like you and your people, Israel, a unique nation on earth." (Samuel II 7:23). This great praise of the Jewish people shows the tremendous love our creator has for us, his chosen people. Rav Levi Yitzchak of Berditchiv writes in his famous work "Kedushas Levi" that just as we praise G-d, so, too, does He praise us. This explains the words in Anim Zemiros \( \text{פרארי טיליר} \) -- His Tefillin splendor is upon me, and my Tefillin splendor is upon Him. This is also alluded to in the verse in Shir Hashirim 6:3, “I am my beloved and my beloved is mine,” which speaks about the reciprocal love between G-d and the Jewish people. It is a sign of lovers when each one constantly hears praises and complimentary remarks on the other and looks to highlight the other’s attributes and achievements.
And this is how we interact with the Al-mighty when we praise Him and He praises us. The Shulchan Aruch rules that when wearing Tefillin, one should not be מסיח דעת (divert one’s mind) from them; he must constantly be aware that he is wearing Tefillin which have great holiness and sanctity. The Berditchever Rebbe, who was legendary for his love for each and every Jew and was a staunch defender of his people before G-d, would comment on this halachah. If G-d, too, wears Tefillin, then He is bound by the same law of not to divert His mind (if you will) from His own Tefillin, where it's written how great the Jewish people are. This means that the Al-mighty is constantly thinking about his beloved nation Israel, and although we as a people have endured much pain and suffering over our long exile, the Al-mighty has not forsaken us. For behold, He never slumbers or sleeps, the Guardian of Israel (Pslams 121:14). Therefore, we the Jewish people should realize that although it may appear at times that G-d is hiding himself, it's not true, for the Al-mighty is never מסיח דעת (diverts His mind) from any individual Jew, let alone a whole nation. Parshas Vaeschanan is always read on Shabbos Nachamu, the Shabbos after Tisha B'Av. It is the time of the year when G-d consoles the Jewish people over the destruction of the Beis Hamikdash. May we see the fulfillment of the Berditchever Rebbe's words with the coming of Mashiach, may he come speedily in our days.

Sefer: A vort from Rav Pam

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

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