

Anointing oil

Ref: *Sefer Avodah, Hilchot Klei Hamikdash, Chapter 1*

📖 | To prepare the *Shemen Hamishchah* (anointing oil).¹

🕒 Reminder:

Pack on Weights and Measures



Certain articles required anointing before they could be used.

Anointing oil: *Mor* (blood of an animal from India)

Kinamon (Cinnamon)

Kidah (Cassia)

Bosem (Sweet cinnamon) – 500 Shekel

Water

1 *hin* olive oil = 12 *log* = 48 *reviit*

500 Shekel

Entire mixture was then cooked until all the water boiled off and only the oil remained.

📖 | Not to prepare oil for any other profane use.²

Not to rub it on a stranger (oil).³

The anointing oil was only ever prepared by *Mosheh Rabenu*. It was used at the time of the First *Bet Hamikdash* but was then entombed. There was therefore no oil at the time of the Second *Bet Hamikdash*.

For all time, we do not use this oil except to anoint

- High Priest
- Priest who leads the Nation to war
- Kings from the House of David
- Vessels of the *Mikdash* that were made at command of *Moses*

🕒 Reminder:

Pack on Priests

Pack on Kings



It is forbidden to prepare this oil for one's own anointment. Punishment is *karet*.

It is forbidden to apply the oil to an unauthorised person. Punishment is *karet* if done with the oil that *Mosheh Rabenu* prepared, and done with 1 *kezayit*.

🕒 Reminder:

Pack on Punishment for *Sefer Avodah*



High Priest was anointed by pouring the oil on his head and applied over his eyelids in the shape of the Greek letter chi.

The Kings of House of David had oil smeared on their head as a crown (in a circle) around

their head. The King should only be anointed next to a spring.

VESSELS

Anointing only happened at time of *Mosheh Rabenu*.

Following generations sanctified these vessels by use alone.

The holiness never departs from these vessels and therefore if they break they are smelted and remade.

The dry vessels were anointed only on the inside, while the vessels for liquids were anointed on both the outside and the inside. Therefore the overflow on dry vessels was not consecrated, but with the wet vessels, it was consecrated.