

Midrash – The navel of the world

"...Just as the navel is found at the center of a human being, so the land of Israel is found at the center of the world... and it is the foundation of the world.

Jerusalem is at the center of the land of Israel, the temple is at the center of Jerusalem, the Holy of Holies is at the center of the temple, the ark is at the center of the Holy of Holies, and the Foundation Stone is in front of the ark, which spot is the foundation of the world..."

Tanchuma, Leviticus, Kedoshim