SIX STRAND CHALLAH

1. Start with 6 slightly tapered strands.
2. Lightly pinch the tops of six strands together.
3. Lift strand 2 and cross it over to the right. Then take strand 6 and, crossing over strand 2, place it on the top left.
   *from this point on, always make sure you are clear on where the center is, between the four bottom strands. You will continuously be bringing the top strands into the center.
4. Begin with the right side. Bring strand 2 down into the center between strands 3 and 4. Bring strand 1 from the left up to replace it.
5. Working from the left side now, bring strand 6 down into the center, between strands 2 and four. Bring strand 5 from the right up to replace it.
6. Back to the right side now, bring strand 1 down into the center, between strands 2 and 6 and bring strand 3 from the left up to replace it.
Back to the left side now, bring strand 5 back down into the center and strand 4 from the right up to replace it.
Continue with this pattern, alternating sides as you bring down the strand from the top of one side and then bring up the outermost bottom from the opposite side to replace it. When you have reached the end of some or all of the strands and can't braid anymore, pinch the ends of the strands together and tuck them tightly underneath the challah.

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