

RABBI SARALEYA'S SUKKAH GAME: PIN THE USHPIZA ON THE SEFIRA

- On a large cloth or paper, glue 7 circles of different colors arranged as the sefirotic Tree of Life – see picture of mine below.
- Print and cut out the names of the sefirot and the ushpizin/ ushpizata
 - You can get fancy and use iron-on printer paper and create cloth versions of the names
- Glue the names of the sefirot to the circles
- See below for some possible orders / arrangements of the Ushpizin/Ushpizata on the sefirot.
- ***The intention is to teach about the nature of the sefirot and then to talk about various Biblical characters or people in our lives who best fit the qualities of the different sefirot***
- Masculine names
 - Usually, all lists of the men have Abraham, Isaac and Jacob first and David last, so I generally glue them to Hesed, Gevrua, Tiferet and Malkhut, respectively
 - Kabbalistically, Moses, Aaron and Joseph are placed in Netzah, Hod and Yesod respectively; but, historically their order is Joseph, Moses and then Aaron, so I usually just tape or safety-pin these three so they can be moved around.
 - Other male characters could be added to the game – I just have not done that yet...
- Feminine names - for the women, I use tape or safety pins to allow my guests to choose the sefirah they intuit as best suiting a particular Biblical character



Some options for Guest Lists – be creative!!!

Traditional	[(historical-chronological—from mod Israeli progressive siddur)
Abraham	Sara
Isaac	Rebecca
Jacob	Rachel
Joseph	Leah
Moses	Miriam
Aaron	Elisheva
David	Bat-Sheva

Traditional	Reb Zalman
Sarah	Miriam
Rachel	Leah
Rebecca	Hannah
Leah	Rebecca
Miriam	Sarah
Abigail	Tamar
Esther	Rachel

7 Prophetesses (Talmud)

Sarah
 Miriam
 Devorah
 Hannah
 Huldah
 Esther

A possible kabbalistic sequence for men

Abraham
 Isaac
 Yisrael
 Moses
 Aaron
 Joseph
 David

Groups of Ushpizata *Compiled by Sarina Berlow for the Lehigh Valley Rosh Hodesh Group (Tishrei 5754/September 1993)*

1. Our first mothers: Liliith & Eve
2. Our Matriarchs: Sarah, Rebekah, Leah & Rachel
3. Our Prophetesses & Wise Women: Zipporah, Miriam, Deborah, Naomi, Beruriah, Dona Gracia Nasi, Ima Shalom, Adrienne Rich
4. Our Healers & Nurturers: Batya, Shifra & Puah, Judith Montefiore, Henrietta Szold, Ruth Kluger; the pioneer women of Israel who worked the land
5. Our Dreamers & Darers: Dina, Tamar, Ruth, Esther, Gluckel of Hameln, Emma Lazarus, Emma Goldman, Rosa Luxemburg, Kathe Kollwitz, Muriel Rukeyser, Hannah Senesh, Recha Freier, Bessie Gottsfeld, Shulamith Aloni, Women at the Wall, Alice Shalvi, Rachel the poet
6. Our Own Grandmothers
7. Our silent and silenced sisters of all times, those forgotten those suppressed, those whose names and stories though unknown are as important as our own

Names to print, and cut out:

Ushpizin

אֲשְׁפִּיזִין

Ushpizata

אֲשְׁפִּיזְתָּא

Hesed חֶסֶד

Gevruah גְבוּרָה

Viferet תְּפִאֶרֶת

Netzah נְצַח

Hod הוֹד

Yesod יסוד

Malkhut מלכות

**אַבְרָהָם
ABRAHAM**

**יִצְחָק
ISAAC**

יַעֲקֹב
JACOB

יִשְׂרָאֵל
ISRAEL

מֹשֶׁה
MOSES

אַהֲרֹן
AARON

יוֹסֵף
JOSEPH

דָּוִד

DAVID

שָׂרָה

SARAH

רַחֵל

RACHEL

לֵאָה

LEAH

רֵבֶּקָה

REBECCA

אַבְגִּיל
ABIGAIL

חַנָּה
HANNAH

צִפּוֹרָה
TZIPORAH

רוּת
RUTH

מִרְיָם
MIRIAM

אֶסְתֵּר
ESTHER

הַלְדָּה
HULDAH

בַּת-שֶׁבַע
BAT-SHEVA

תָּמָר
TAMAR

אֵלִישֶׁבַע
ELISHEVA

דִּינָה
DINAH

נְעֻמִי
NAOMI

דְּבוֹרָה
DEVORAH

בִּלְהָהּ • זִלְפָּה
BILHAH • ZILPAH

שִׁפְרָה • פּוּאָה
SHIFRA • PUAH