

## 50 GATES OF BINA

This art is a calendar of the *Omer*, the seven weeks between the holidays of *Pesach* and *Shevuot*.

A particular spiritual energy shines on each of these 49 days. These energies correspond to *Sefirot* in the Tree of Life — the divine map of spiritual consciousness discussed in Kabbalah.

The *Sefirot* and one of many ways of describing them:

<i>Keter</i>	Divine Source
<i>Chochma</i>	Oneness
<i>Bina</i>	Unconditional Love
<i>Chesed</i>	Loving Kindness
<i>Gevurah</i>	Humility
<i>Tiferet</i>	Balance
<i>Netzach</i>	Eternity
<i>Hod</i>	Thankfulness
<i>Yesod</i>	Unity
<i>Malchut</i>	Central Point in the Heart

The 49 days correspond to the seven *Sefirot* from *Chesed* to *Malchut* within each of the seven *Sefirot*.

This picture depicts this spiritual progression:

In the upper right is a white rectangle representing the *Sefira* of *Chesed*.

In the upper left is a red rectangle representing the *Sefira* of *Gevurah*.

In the upper middle is a purple rectangle representing the *Sefira* of *Tiferet*.

In the middle right is a rectangle, white with a bit of red, representing the *Sefira* of *Netzach*.

In the middle left is a rectangle, red with a bit of white, representing the *Sefira* of *Hod*.

In the middle center is an orange rectangle representing the *Sefira* of *Yesod*.

The large blue rectangle at the bottom represents the *Sefira* of *Malchut*.

Each rectangle contains triangles representing the seven *Sefirot* within the *Sefira*. The color coding for these *Sefirot* is the same as before. The triangle of one *Sefira* is not visible in each area because it is the same color of the *Sefira* that encompasses it.

The spiritual light of each day's *Sefira* shines that day.

The final 49th *Sefira* is *Malchut* of *Malchut*. This ascends to the exalted spiritual level of *Bina*.

Kabbalah describes this progression as a microcosm of our spiritual development to our ultimate state of unconditional love and divine union.

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