

## Magen David

Kabbalah discusses deep concepts expressed in a Magen David.

The triangle going down represents “direct light”.

The triangle going up represents “returning light.”

Experiencing God’s love and goodness is called direct light.

Returning the love is called returning light.

A basic principle of Kabbalah is that returning light is the vessel for direct light.

This means we experience God’s giving and love to the extent that we give and love.

The six points of a Magen David and the seventh space in the center represent seven aspects of the Tree of Life discussed in Kabbalah. These aspects of spiritual consciousness and one way of translating their meanings are:

<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>	Unconditional Love

The six points of a Magen David also represent six days of the week and the center of the star represents Shabbat. The nation of Israel has been celebrating Shabbat as an elevated spiritual day for thousands of years.

The art is made of triangles going up and triangles going down representing the spiritual work of unifying opposites: body and soul, physical and spiritual, giving and receiving, free will and Divine providence, brokenness and joyfulness.

At the top and bottom of the art are menorahs with seven branches that also represent the same states of consciousness as the Magen David.

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