

## TEHILLIM MENORAH

This painting is of Psalm 67 written by King David.

The 150 Psalms of King David were written prophetically with Divine inspiration, and there is deep mystical significance in every letter. This Psalm envisions the time when all nations and all peoples of the earth will come together in harmony. It is a prayer for peace in the world.

There is a tradition to write this particular Psalm in the form of a menorah with 7 branches. The 7 branches of the menorah parallel 7 *Sefirot* of consciousness discussed in the Kabbalah. These 7 *Sefirot* and one of many ways of translating their meaning and associated state of consciousness is:

<i>Chesed</i>	Loving Kindness
<i>Gevurah</i>	Humility
<i>Tiferet</i>	Harmony
<i>Netzach</i>	Eternity
<i>Hod</i>	Thankfulness
<i>Yesod</i>	Unity
<i>Malchut</i>	Central Point in the Heart

This Psalm contains 49 words. When written in the form of the menorah, there are also 49 letters in the words of the central column. The 49 words and letters reflect the 7 *Sefirot* each including within themselves all 7 of the *Sefirot*. These are the 49 stages of spiritual development discussed in the Kabbalah that brings us to the 50th Gate of *Bina*. *Bina* represents the spiritual realization of complete unconditional love.

This Psalm is included in the daily order of prayers and is found in the *Siddur* (prayer book). There is a beautiful tradition to pray this Psalm as a prayer for peace in the world, in the form of the menorah, every evening at sunset and every morning at sunrise.

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