

Ancient Voices

Worksheet for Hebrew Classes



Heroes and Heroines of the Old Testament

Select one of the characters below and on the back of this handout draw your design for a mask, incorporating into the mask design a few of the symbols and emblems relating to your chosen character.

Name	Symbols and Emblems, Identifying Characteristics
MOSES (See the books of Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers)	A tall, serpentine rod or staff similar to a shepherd's crook, which he used to defeat Pharaoh's magicians and to part the Red Sea; the burning bush, stone tablets, all Passover symbols and the pillar of cloud and fire.
JOSHUA (See the book of Joshua)	A trumpet and the crumbling bricks of a broken wall, symbolizing his victory at Jericho; also, the sun and moon, symbolizing the day they stood still in the sky after his defeat of the Amorites.
EZEKIEL (See the book of Ezekiel)	A chariot, an eagle, a lion, an ox, and a man, representing the four faces of the "chayot" or living creatures driving the divine chariot in the prophet's famous vision; wings.
DAVID (See the books of Samuel and 1 Kings 1-2)	A slingshot, used to kill the giant Goliath; the harp he played for Saul with which he composed many psalms; a crown, symbolizing his kingship of Israel; the Ark of the Covenant, which he brought to Jerusalem.
EVE (See Genesis 2-4) /	The apple, the serpent and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.
RACHEL (See the book of Genesis 29-36)	A ewe, a water jar, a well and its cover (circular stone with a hole in the center)
RUTH (See the book of Ruth)	Sheaves or stalks of wheat and all symbols of the harvest.
ESTHER (See the book of Esther)	A crown and the colors purple and gold, representing her royal status; all the symbols of Purim, including gifts, wooden noisemakers (graggers), puppets and clowns.