Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework



POMEGRANATE GUILD OF JUDAIC NEEDLEWORK Convention Challenge I HAVE A DREAM

Judaism is overflowing with Dreams and Dreamers. There are Biblical Dreamers, like Jacob, Joseph, and Solomon (and many more). Our stories tell of Prophets dreams and the dreams of Kings and the dreams of a People. Some of us have the American Dream, others the Canadian Dream and other national dreams. We can dream in songs like <u>California Dreamin</u>' or <u>Dream Lover</u>. We have our personal dreams for ourselves and for others. Parents dream, children dream. We dream of the future. We dream of the past. We even dream of visiting past relatives and friends, as Golde did in the dream scene in "Fiddler on the Roof." A thought comes to us in a dream. We can daydream, but most of our dreams occur when we are resting and relaxing, and sleeping Sleeping on pillows!

The Challenge this time is to make a pillow or pillow cover. The size can be no larger than 18 inches x 18 inches. The pillow can be any shape and for any purpose. We use pillows all the time in Jewish Ritual. The pillow does not have to be for Jewish Ritual, though. Don't forget a pillow is also decorative, as well as at times for comfort. Some of us use pillows to ease pain so that we can relax to get to sleep to get to the dreams.

To paraphrase the Everly Brothers, "All you have to do is dream. Dream, dream, dream." Dream up your pillow project and DO IT. As Herzl said, "If you will it, it is no dream."

We know that pillows are bulky to pack for traveling. If you do not want to bring your Challenge Pillow with you when you fly, we can receive your pillow by mail and return it to you *with prepaid postage*. Or, you may make a pillow cover with a suitable mechanism for display as a wall hanging.

Remember, this is a Challenge. Be creative to fit the parameters. If you have something you would like to submit for exhibit that is not a pillow, or does not fit the Challenge parameters, please look at the opportunities for Exhibits. You may also collaborate or do this as a chapter project, a sort of dream team thing.

This project shouldn't be a nightmare. Have fun, have sweet dreams, on softy-wofty pillows and dream up your own pillow.

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