

The Ushpizin

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We now invite to our meal and to our sukkah those women, our honored mothers and sisters, who have passed on to us over the generations their wisdom and visions, their healing and nurturing, their dreams and daring, their songs and silences. We thank them by continuing their traditions.

Traditional
Abraham
Isaac
Jacob
Joseph
Moses
Aaron
David

Traditional
Sarah
Rachel
Rebeccah
Leah
Miriam
Abigail
Esther

Reb Zalman
Miriam
Leah
Hannah
Rebeccah
Sarah
Tamar
Rachel

Kabbalist
Abraham
Isaac
Yisrael
Moses
Aaron

Joseph
David

Sephirah
Chesed
Gevurah
Tiferet
Netzach
Hod
Yesod
Malchut

Group

1. Our first mothers: Lilith & Eve
2. Our Matriarchs: Sarah, Rebekah, Leah & Rachel
3. Our Prophetesses & Wise Women: Zipporah, Miriam, Deborah, Naomi, Beruriah, Dona Gracia Nasi, Ima Shalom, Adrienne Rich
4. Our Healers & Nurturers: Batya, Shifra & Puah, Judith Monteflore, Henrietta Szold, Ruth Kluger; the pioneer women of Israel who worked the land
5. Our Dreamers & Darers: Dina, Tamar, Ruth, Esther, Gluckel of Hameln, Emma

Lazarus, Emma Goldman, Rosa Luxemburg, Kathe Kollwitz, Muriel Rukeyser, Hannah
Senesh, Recha Freier, Bessie Gottsfeld, Shulamith Aloni, Women at the Wall,
Alice Shalvi, Rachel the poet

6. Our Own Grandmothers

7. Our silent and silenced sisters of all times, those forgotten those suppressed, those whose names and stories
though unknown are as important as our own

Others

Palestinian women; the women of Bosnia; those who lost their homes in the Mid-West floods this summer; your future self

. . . and those many women whose names and stories have been denied to us.