

## Ask the Rabbi:

**Why do you use the "star of David?" I was taught it is pagan in origin.**



**Rabbi's ANSWER:** We strongly disagree with people who say it is a pagan symbol and Believers should not use it. This statement is in essence a veiled anti-Semitic teaching that runs as a deep undercurrent in some congregations and teachings.

First, it is not a "Star of David." It is properly called the "*Mogen David*" or Shield of David. I believe it is Hebraic in origin. The Shield of David was made up of 2 triangular dalets from the Paleo Hebrew. The Yisraelites chose to use 2 dalets, the first and last letters of David's name, on their shields instead of the pagan symbols. David was a great warrior and the name DAVID struck terror in the hearts of Yisrael's enemies. It was a very effective symbol in warfare. It was not used as a religious symbol for several hundred years later.

Many say the star is used in occult worship. This is the pentagram, NOT the 6 pointed star. Hasatan always has a counterfeit for the real. He is trying to stir people against Yisrael and their symbol.

The use of the word "star" in [Amos 5:25](#) and [Acts 7:43](#) are also quoted by critics that speak against the "Star of David and to try to"prove" Yisrael worshipped this symbol as an idol. That is error. The word star in these verses is *Kokav* in Hebrew from *Kavah*, which means to prick/blister/burn/OR TO BE ROUND AND SHINING, OR THE WORD PRINCE! It can also mean a constellation. It can be associated with Venus/Ishtar/ (Easter) Ashtarte.

- **"The Dictionary of Deities and Demons in the Bible"** says these verses deal with their worship of Saturn they picked up in Egypt. It has nothing to do with this symbol, but their worship of a false deity of Egypt represented by a HORNED BULL/Golden Calf which was Saturn/kronos/baal/Nimrod. They called it their "prince."

The Mogen David has been a symbol of the Yisraelites for centuries. The Babylonian Talmud says:

- "Blessed are You, YHWH, Shield of David."

In Revelation, the messengers of the assemblies are "stars" in the hand of Yahshua! [Numbers \(Bemidbar\) 24:17](#) says a "star" shall come forth out of Jacob (a well known Messianic prophecy). The Magi located Yahshua by following a "star." Maybe wise men today will find Messiah by following a new "star" to the Jewish Messiah-Yahshua. Yahshua said He was "the bright and morning star!" If the star was pagan, I do not think Yahshua would have called Himself one!

Avraham was promised by Yahweh that his seed would be as the stars in the heavens!

Also in Yosef's dream he says the other 11 tribes of Yisrael represented by stars.

The flag of the nation of Yisrael has a Mogen David on a field of white with two blue stipes. Some say it looks similar to a *tallit* with the two blue stripes symbolizing the spiritual and moral commandments of the Torah.

Others claim the two blue stripes are the Nile and Euphrates Rivers, signifying all the land between the two rivers belongs to Yisrael.

Also, the star has six sides with a middle. The six sides represent the six days of the week with the center being the Shabbat! Notice all the points have their source in the Shabbat.

Let us check out things before we start being fearful. I hope this answers your question.

Shalom,  
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