



The Power of Seven

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artwork and poetry
by the ASHAR Girls Division

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The number seven is extremely significant in the Torah. Beginning with creation through the seven weeks leading up to the giving of the Torah, the number seven, a special prime number, plays an integral role in our culture and religion.

In celebration of the current *Shmita* year, on *Rosh Chodesh Shevat* we challenged our 4th through 8th grade girls to brainstorm as many occurrences of seven throughout *Tanach* and *halacha* as they could come up with. The results were impressive: our students created lists of up to 75 concepts that related to this special number.

Using the results of their brainstorming activity, the girls organized their ideas into different styles of poetry and created visual arts displays that represented the number 7 and its relationship to our customs and tradition. The results of their collaborative efforts are presented here in this literary and visual arts journal, a combination of spiritual, historic, and emotional expressions of the importance of 7 in our lives.

Thank you, Miss Benovitz, Mrs. Gaisin, Mrs. Kanarek, Mrs. Salb, and Mrs. Koenig for guiding the girls as they explored the relationship between the number 7 and our Torah lifestyles. Thank you, Mrs. Schuh, Mrs. Jacobs, and Mrs. Ribowsky, for instructing the girls in poetry and helping them express their ideas in verse.

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Songs

The Crown of Creation

The crown of creation lay broken and bent
Shattered, our dreams in the dust
Darkness replacing the once holy light
Who can renew this lost trust?

The crown of creation lay broken and bent
What once could have been is all gone
But it's in our power to build and carry on

CHORUS:

Mother of royalty, woman of strength
The message alive in your name
Revealing dimensions so hidden within
Restoring the crown to women again

Mother of royalty, woman of strength
You carry the promise, Hachayn
The name that you bore will yet shine evermore
Restoring the crown to us again

Shemitah

Shemitah's the mitzvah,
We learn in the Torah,
Time for the land to rest,
Farmers have their test. No plowing, no planting,
Field- no expending
Trusting just in Hashem,
That only good's in store for them.

After planting for 6 years,
Hashem asks us to stop,
He promises we'll have enough,
The sixth year triple crop,
A miracle we're expecting,
Because the land we're neglecting.
Yes, Hashem will keep us protecting.

The lesson is for all of us,
The mitzvah is calling us,
To place on Hashem all our trust,
One year out of seven.
A special gift from Heaven,
For our Emunah to strengthen.
Hashem provides our needs,
He helps us to succeed,
With Bitachon it's all guaranteed.

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We learn in the Torah,
Time for the land to rest,
Farmers have their test. No plowing, no planting,
Field- no expending
Trusting just in Hashem,
That only good's in store for them.

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7 Days Of Creation

Flowers and Plants

All plants are pretty
Wet grass smells fresh and clean
Trees sway in the wind

By: Dalia Abramson, 4G



Clouds

The clouds are different shapes
Blue sky is pretty
Water flows nicely

By: Ariella Fonfeder, 4G



Foxes

Orange, white or black
Stealthy they don't make a sound
Quite a sight to see

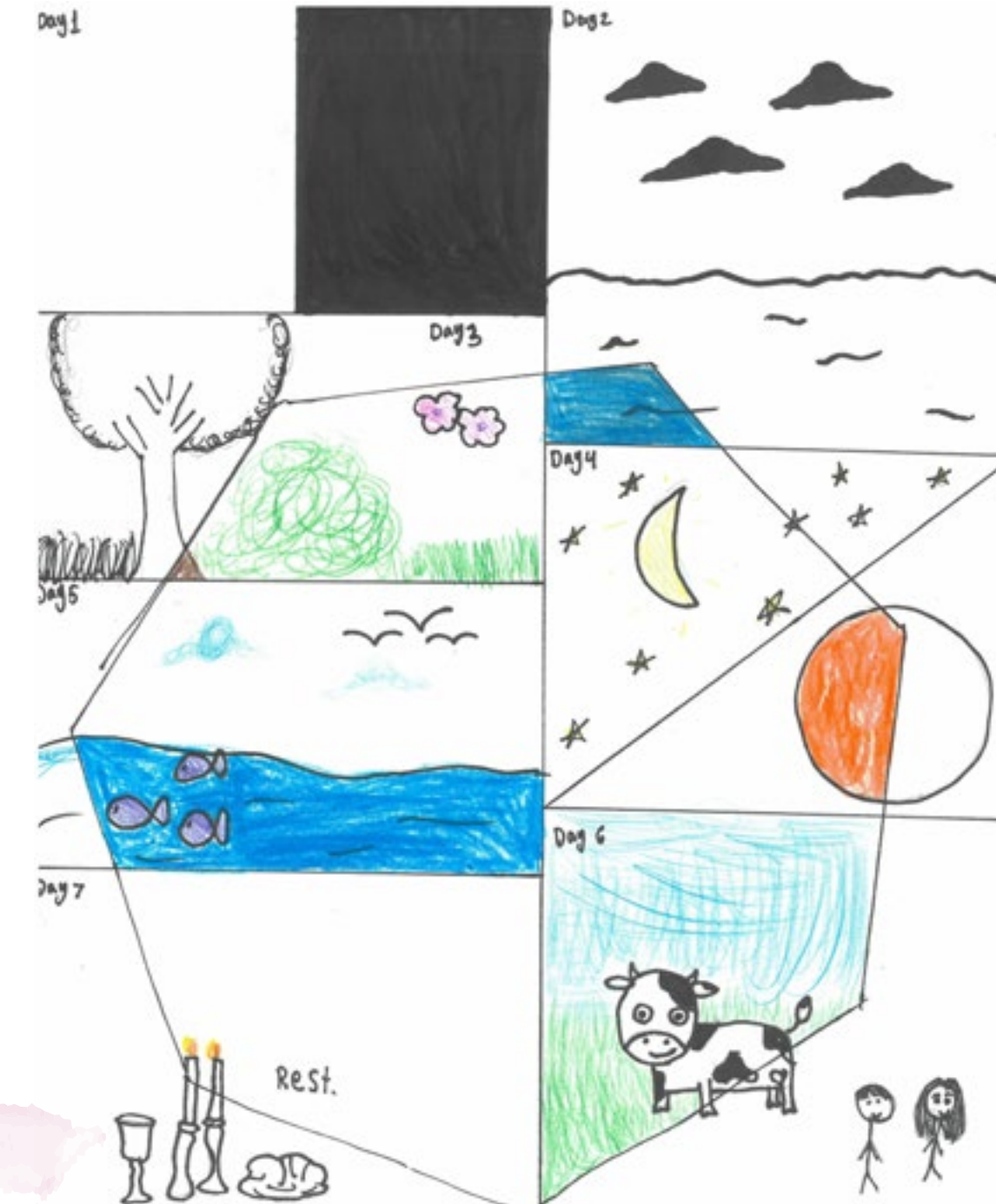
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Stars

Stars shining brightly
Constellations fade away
They shine in the dark

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Cheetah

Cheetahs are so fast
Cheetahs hunt down animals
Roaming woods at night

By: Abby Hala, 4-G



Sun

Bright, shiny and hot
I feel it burn on my face
Making my face red

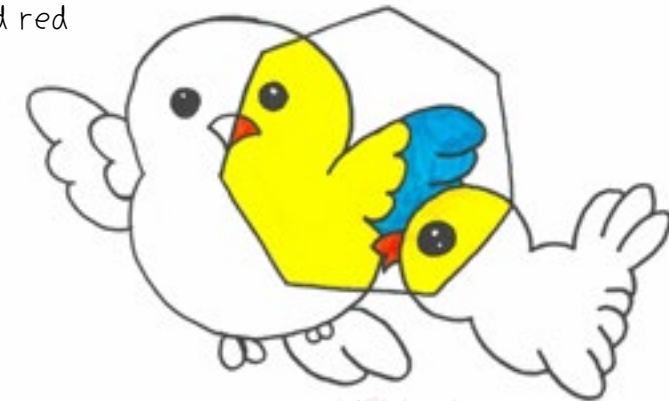
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Birds

Can fly so nicely
Gorgeous and pretty to see
Yellow, green and red

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Light

The sun brightens the whole world
I feel it burning on my face
Playing in the sun

By: Ayelet Lapp, 4-G



Day 4

You could only see dark
But then Hashem created light
Hashem created the moon, stars, and sun

By: Esther Lax, 4-G



Fish

The bright blue water
The fish swims through the water
In the giant tank

By: Rikki Lichtman, 4-G



Bears

Eat your gross garbage
They can be very scary
Bears come out at night

By: Rina Mintz, 4-G



Day 6

Animals were made
People talked, walked and ate too
They lived in much peace

By: Rafaella Oliver, 4-G



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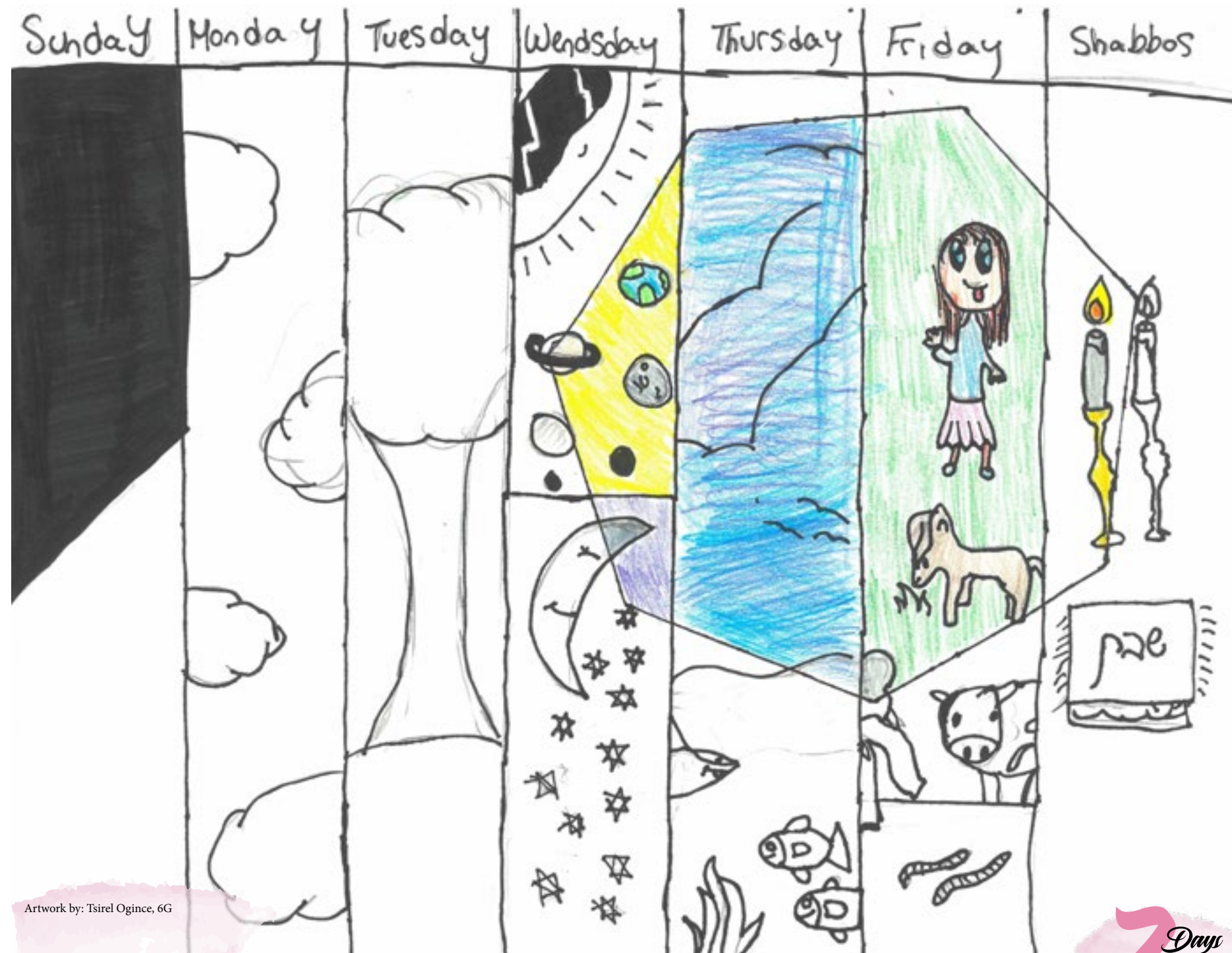


7 days of creation

Sun
Bright, Hot
Boiling, Shining, Sparkling
Sun, Mr. Golden sun
Fire

By: Shoshana Pelsinger, 5G





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Trees

Trees grow in the wild
Beautiful and impactful
Fruits, flowers, leaves

By: Shayna Pelsinger, 4-G



Water

Salty, clear, wavy
River splashes while clouds storm
Giving us water to drink

By: Chany Perl, 4-G



Flowers

Flowers bloom in spring
Sway back and forth in the sun
Never lose their beauty

By: Chaya Sury Perlmutter, 4-G



Sun

Sun is very bright
Shining in the big blue sky
Sun will shine on me

By: Kaylie Rudner, 4-G



Lions

King of the jungle
Amazing, proud animals
Enormous lions.

By: Gila Schwartz, 4-G



Darkness

Darkness is scary
Animals come out at night
Snuggled up in bed

By: Meital Schwartz, 4-G



Birds

Birds fly in the sky
Swooping down from the heavens
Happy to be free

By: Daniella Shenberger, 4-G



Stars

I'm one of those stars
Stars are pretty and shiny
Make the world brighter

By: Maya Sorotzkin, 4-G



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Bunnies

Nice, warm and so sweet
White bunnies hop in the jungle
So cute when they eat

By: Dassie Steinhart, 4G



Flowers

Flowers bloom in spring
Soft rain drops on their petals
Now they will blossom

By: Raina Wagh, 4G



Dark

Night is really dark
Day is over, sleep is near
My bed keeps me safe

By: Raizy Weiss, 4G



Tigers

Strong, heavy, fearless
Damage humans and others
Be alarmed or else

By: Tiferes Werth, 4G



7 days of creation

Stars
Shiny, Bright
Twinkling, Glowing, Flickering
Twinkle, Twinkle little star.
Dazzling

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7 *In The Jewish Calendar*



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The Menorah

Menorah
Sparkly Glowing
Lighting Watching Davening
Light up the night
Beautiful
The Menorah in the Beit HamiKdash had 7 branches.

By: Avigail Isaacson, 5G



The Menorah

Menorah
Golden, Gorgeous
Pretty, Sparkly, Fiery
Light up the night
Candelabra

By: Reese Fever, 5G



Artwork by: Sheina Marrus, 5G



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Menorah

Enjoyable, lovely
Dancing, flickering, glowing
The menorah gives light.
Twinkling, lighting, burning
Sparkling, dazzling
Chanukiah
Chanukiah

By: Tamar Berman, 5G



The Menorah

Menorah
Bright, shiny
Gleaming, seeing, warming
Bright as a light
Beautiful

By: Rachel Zeitlin, 5G



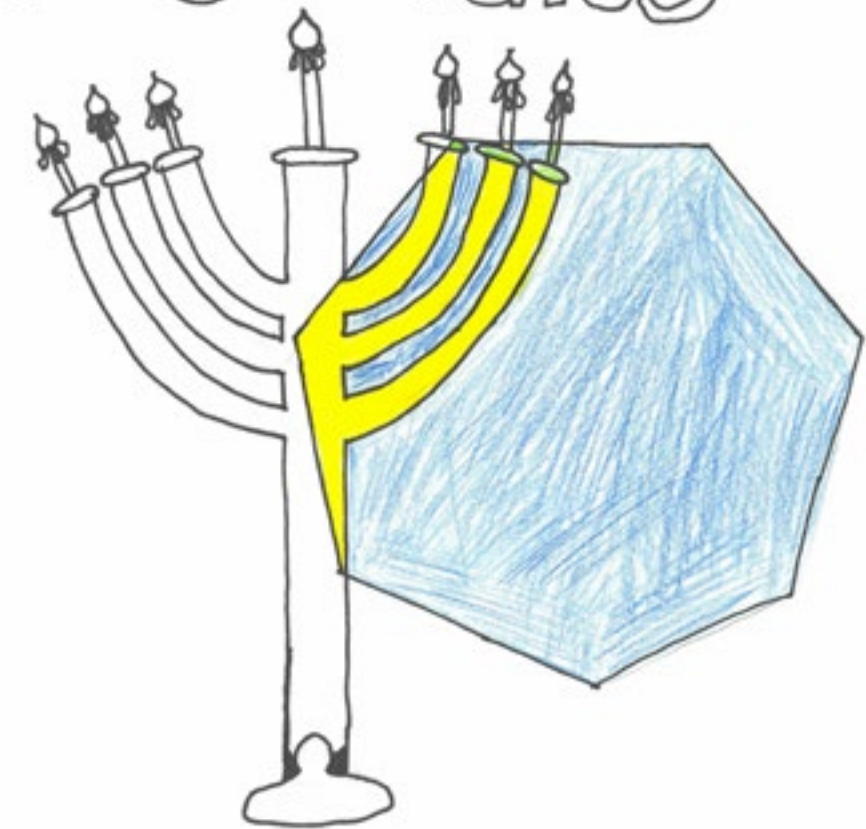
7 main characters in the Purim story

Esther
Inspiring, bold
Helped, saved, celebrated
Esther saved the Jews
Courageous

By: Leba Zisman, 5G



7 Candles



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The Party

With bright, sparkling lights
 Delight with enticing music flowed throughout the subjects,
 The smell of sweet and sour wine flooded the room
 Glee sparked as hands glided across the rocky walls of the palace
 People flew across the floor like they could stay in this state of
 euphoria until the end of time.

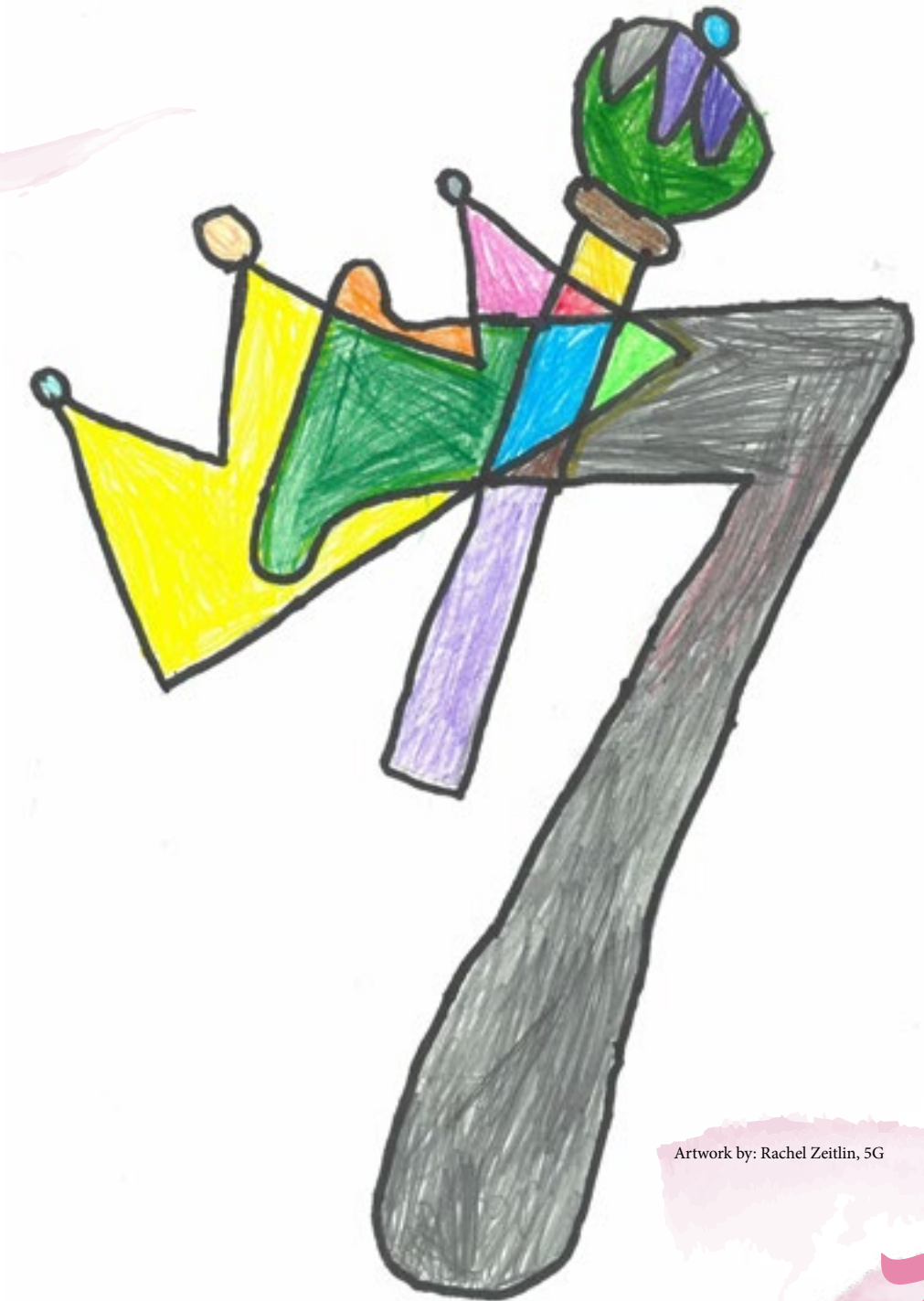
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Achashverosh

Mean, cruel
 Lonely, guilty, criminal
 He is the king
 Disturbing, Annoying, Disgusting
 Angry, bad
 Royalty

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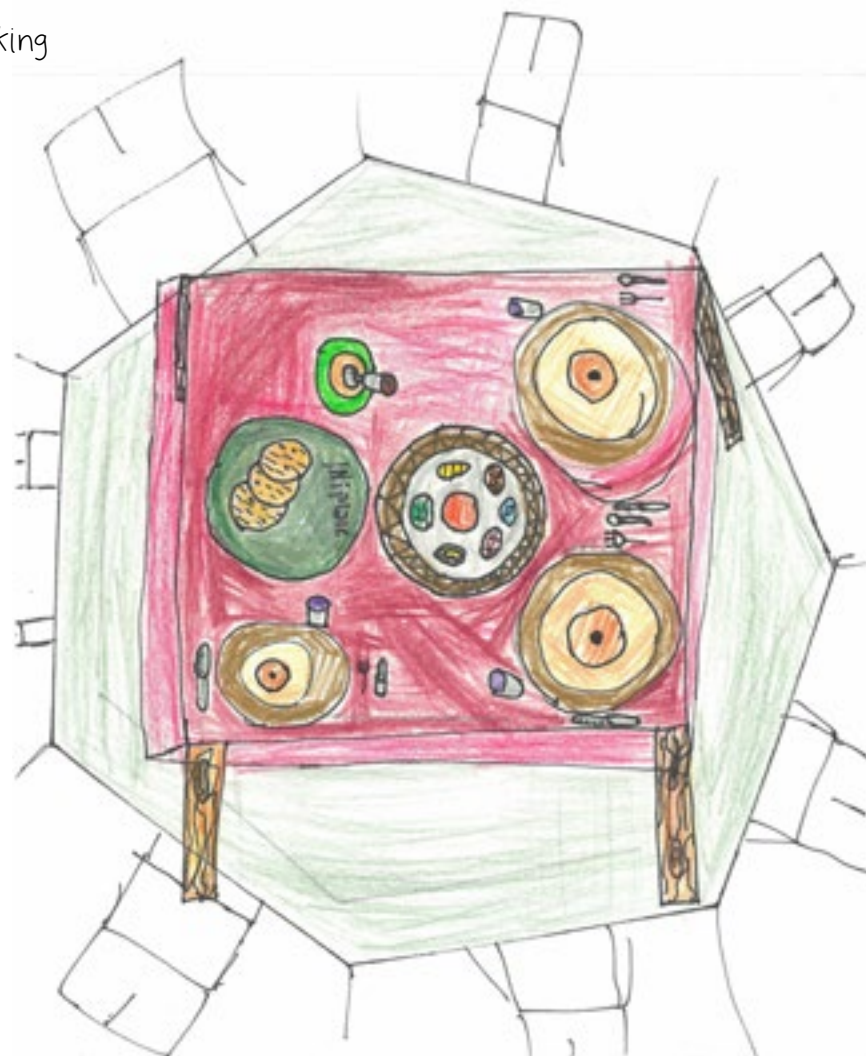


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Purim

Achashverosh
Joyful, Immense
Snickering, Frightening, Drinking
Resentful and foolish king
Screaming, Laughing, Drunk
Sleepy, Fat
Royalty

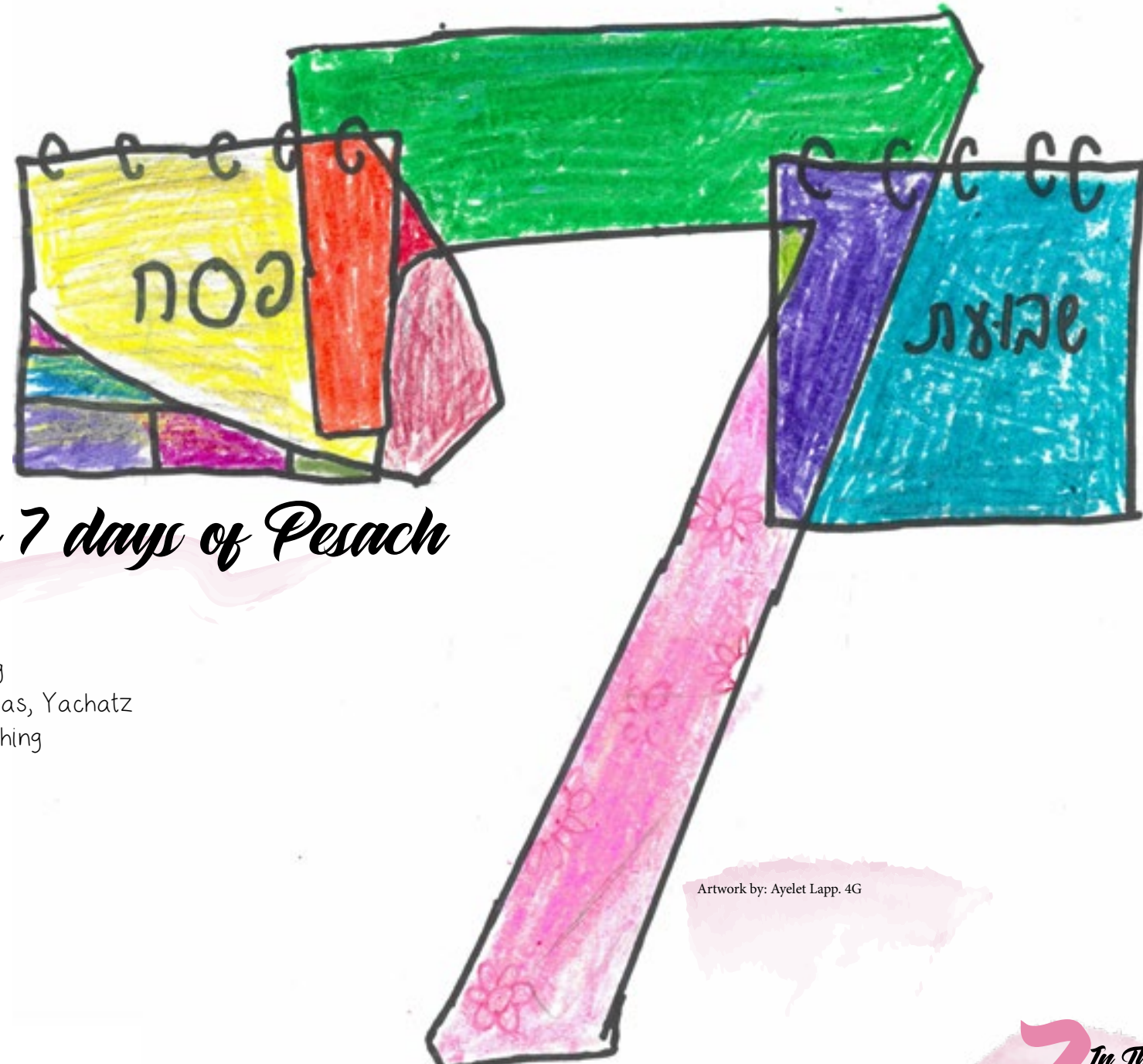
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There are 7 days of Pesach

Seder
Fun, Yummy
Filling, Singing, Dancing
Kadesh, Orchatz, Karpas, Yachatz
Spilling, Sleeping, Laughing
Super, Exciting
Banquet

By: Faigy Friedman, 5G

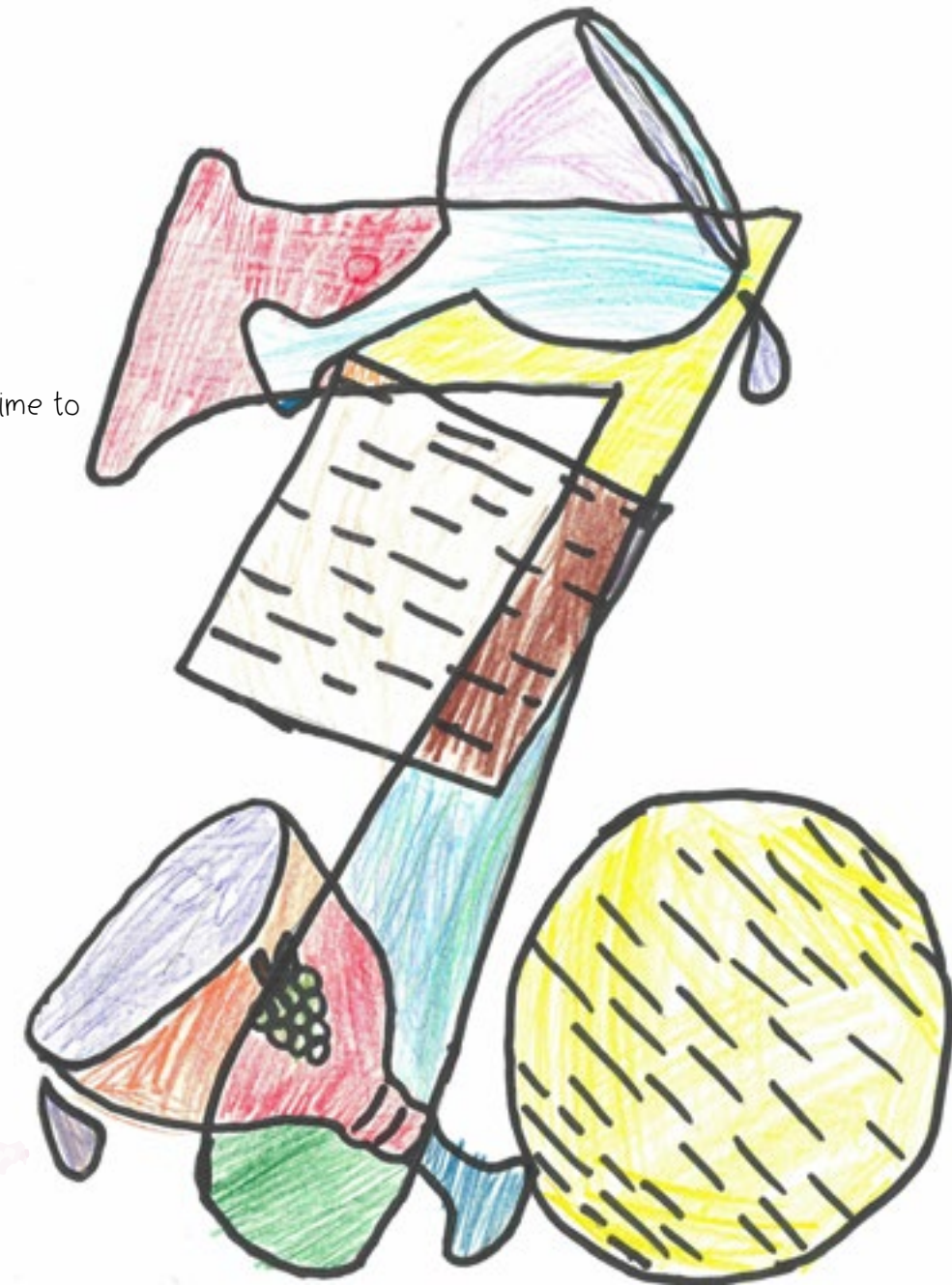


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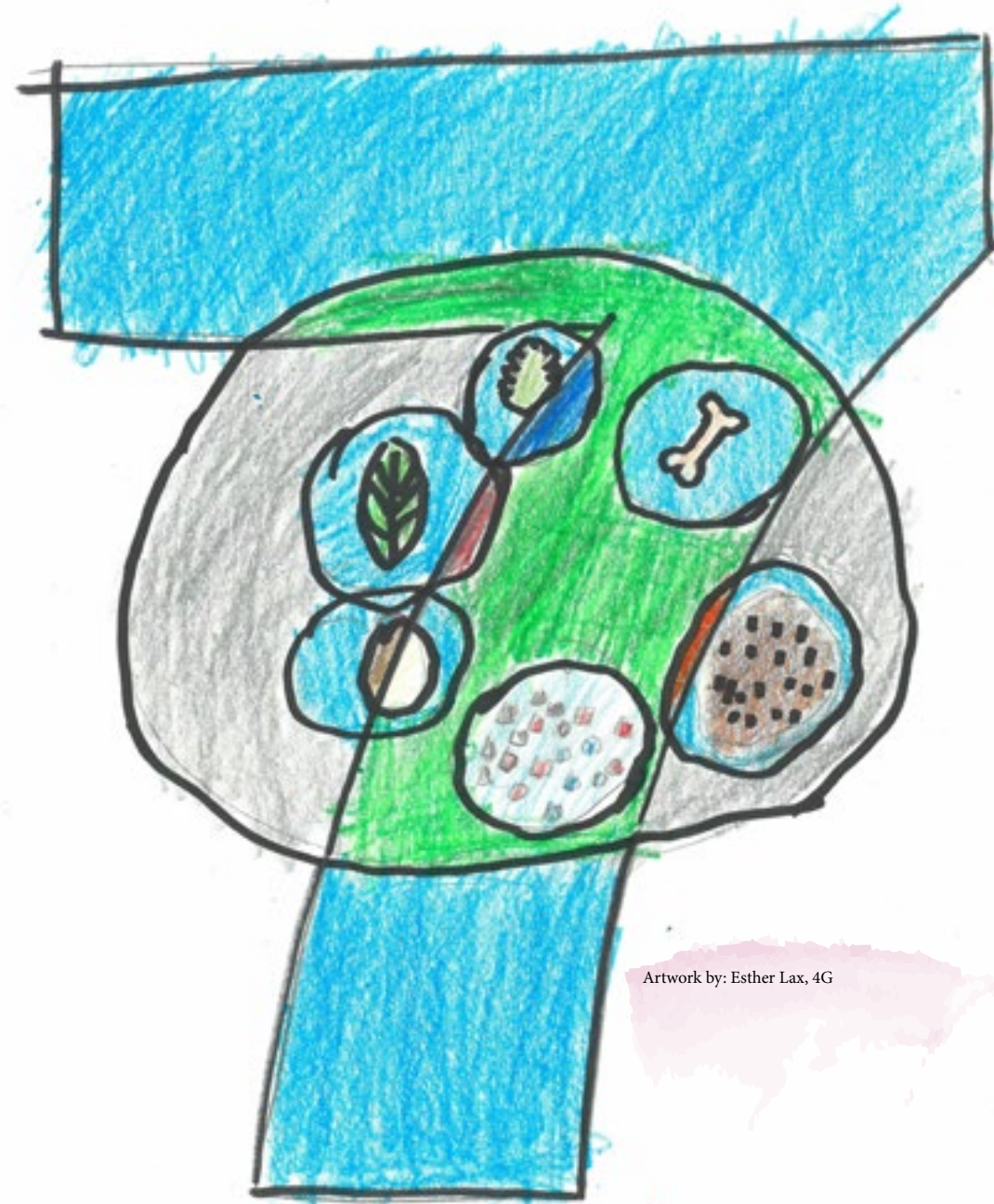
Matzah

Burnt, hard, and round
You make me sick to my stomach
You are as tasty as a raw tree
Matzah is trash
Flakey, round, and large
It looks like thin cardboard because the Jews did not have time to
bake their bread in Egypt
The colors of matzah are brown, well-done yellow

By: Hinde Benson, 5G



Artwork by: Gila Schwartz, 4G



Artwork by: Esther Lax, 4G

The seder plate

With a shimmering, metallic surface, this plate that is part of our tradition
A plate with symbols
With a lot of food
Causing excitement
With a reflective surface like silver

By: Aryanna Lloyd, 5G



7 significant foods on the Pesach table

Seder Plate
Yummy, delicious
Tasting, salting, roasting
Bonding with my family
Banquet

By: Sheina Marrus, 5G



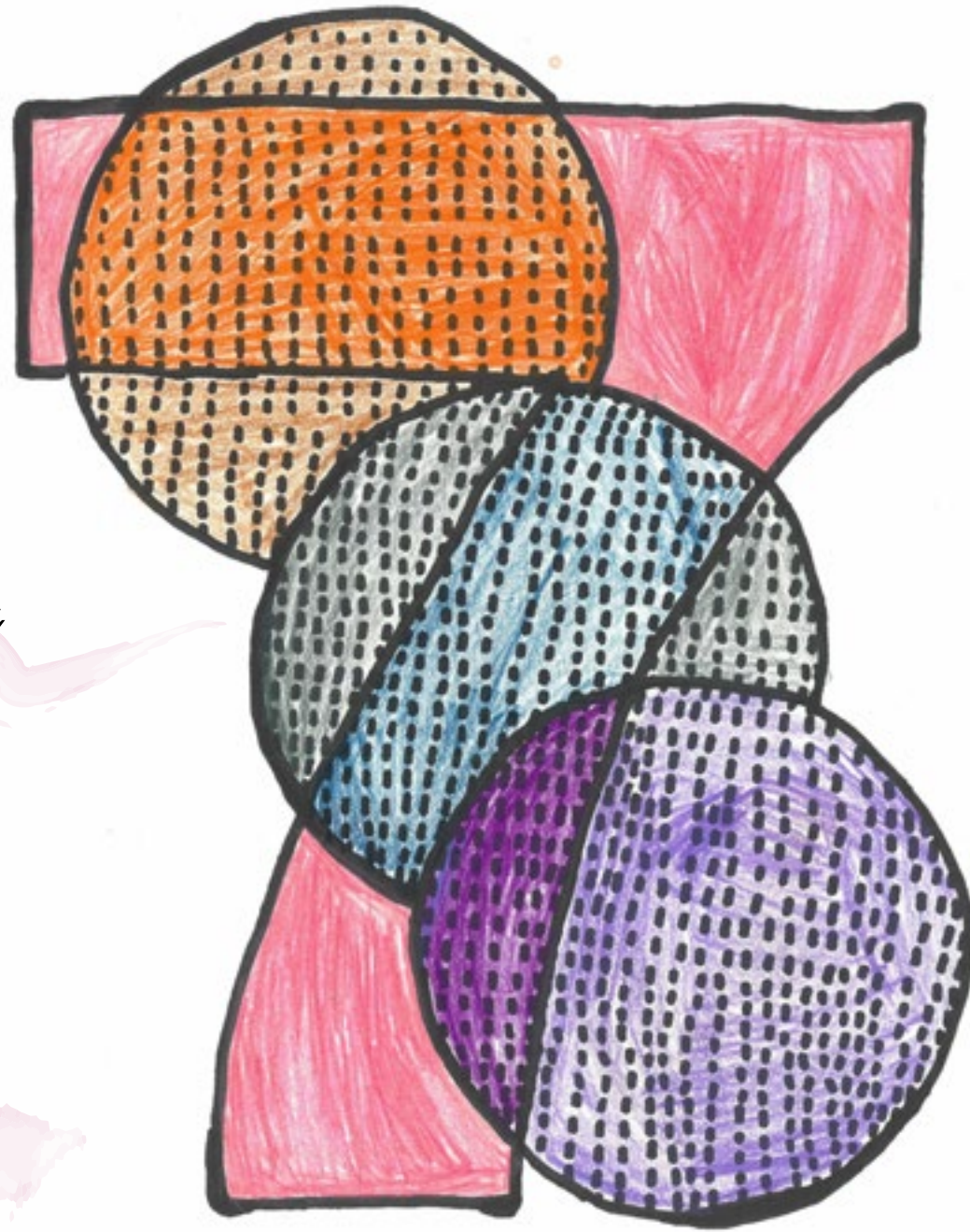
7 Days of Pesach

Seder
Long, yummy
Singing, laughing, sitting
Spending time with family
Drinking, reclining, eating
Salty, bitter
Seudah

By: Talia Teitelbaum, 5G



Artwork by: Hinde Benson, 5G



Lag Baomer

Bonfire

Fiery, Ashy, Crunchy, Charcoal, Burning

Bonfire, you make me happy

You give the air a happy touch

You are like a heater or grill

You, a bonfire, is a place where the fire dances just like people do

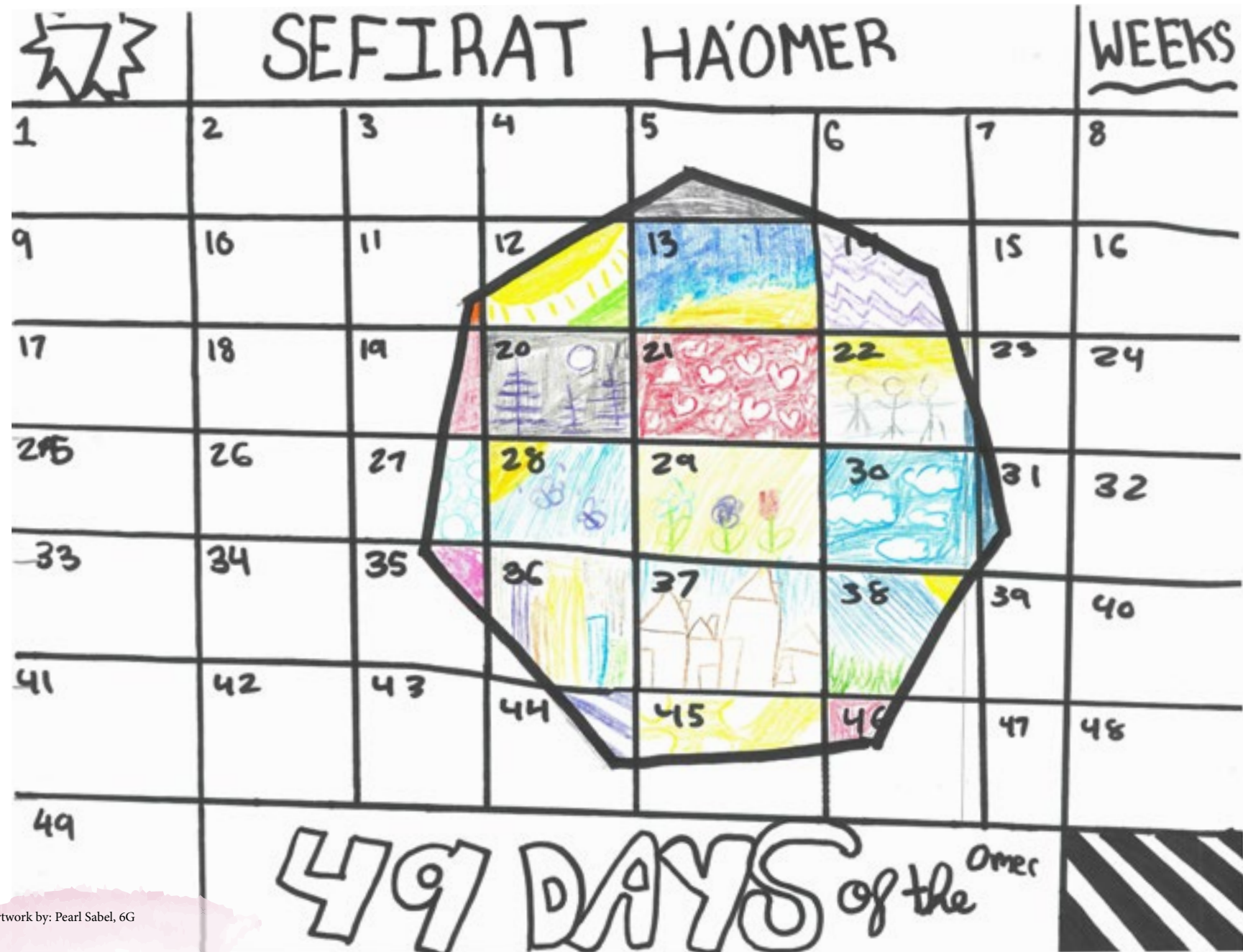
Marshmallows melt into fluff

By: Gitty Elbaum, 5G



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7 Weeks of the 7th						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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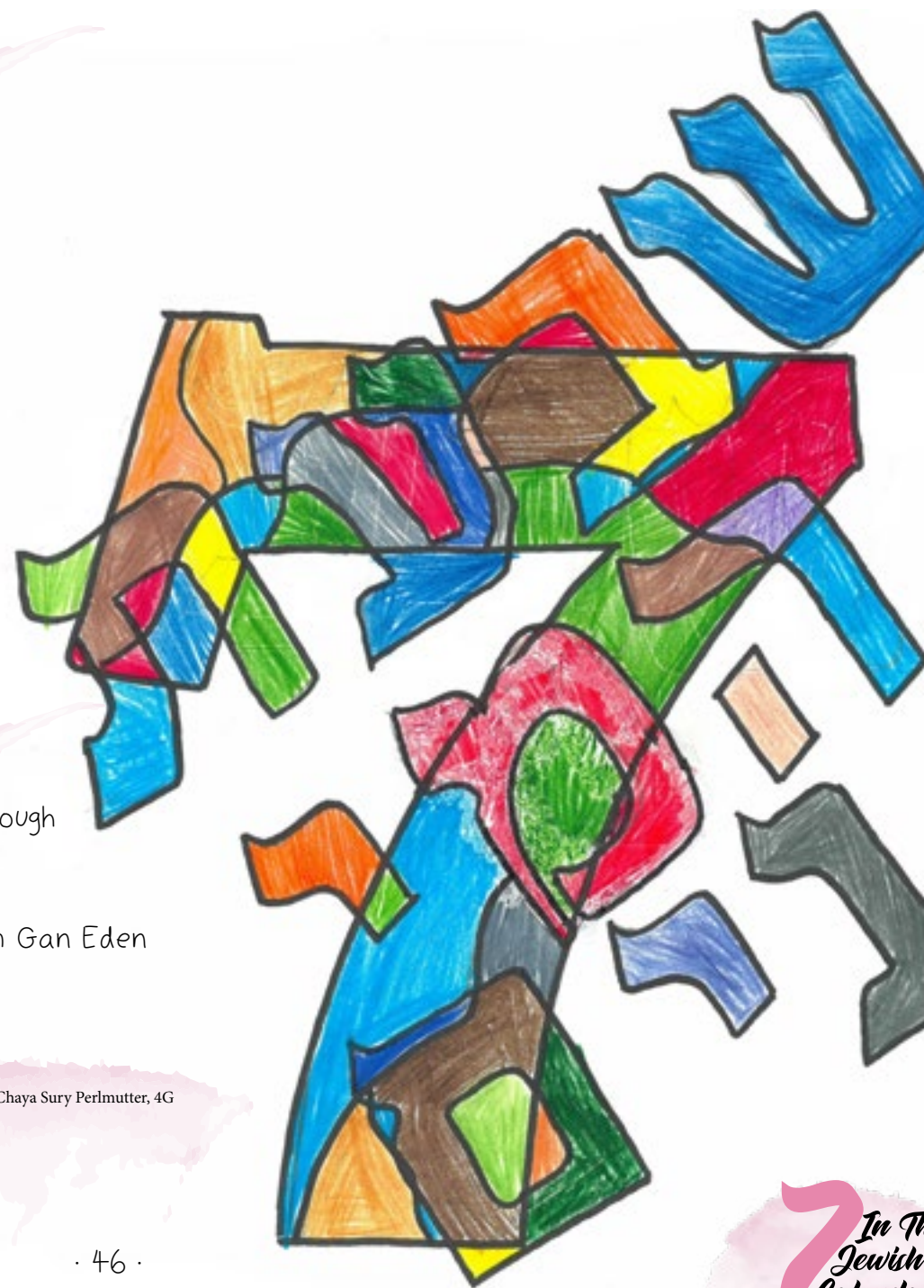


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Shavuot

Cheesecake
 Cheesy icing and graham cracker
 You make me feel satisfied
 Sweet like my mama
 Smells like I'm on cloud nine
 Cheesecake is my world

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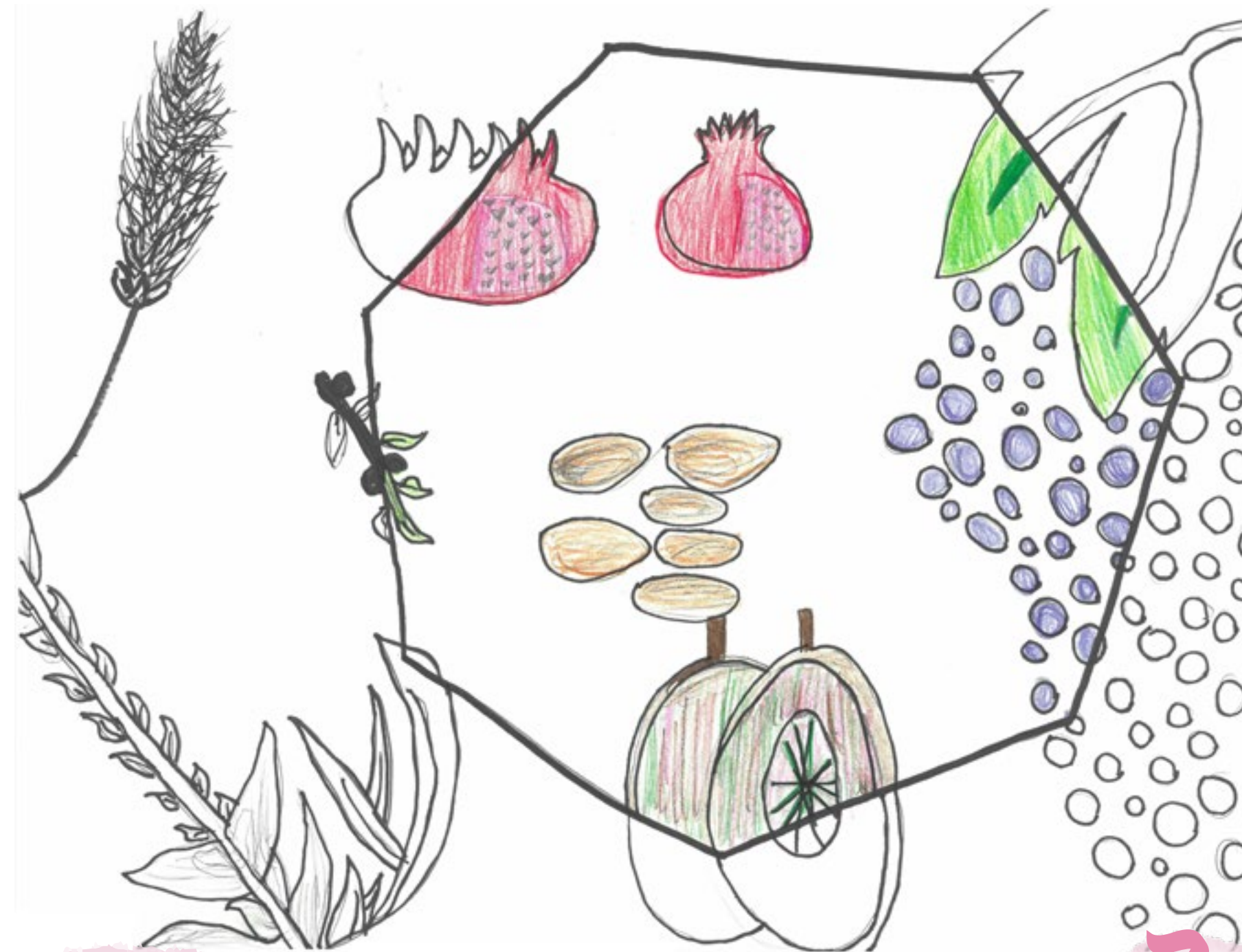
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7 In The Jewish Calendar

Shivat Haminin

Rimon
 You are red, when I eat you it's crunchy, yummy, rough
 You smell very sweet
 Cheerful, happy
 You are like a star that fell from heaven like from Gan Eden
 You are so good, it was as if I had you yesterday

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7 In The Jewish Calendar



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There are 7 Minim

Pomegranate
Sweet, Red
Crunchy, Juicy, Sticky
My family enjoys pomegranate
Fruit

By: Sarah Guy, 5G



Artwork by: Zahava Lloyd, 8G



Citrus

Etrog
Bumpy, Yellow
Shook, Held, Placed
Lulav, Etrog, Hadassim, Aravot

By: Zoey Dembinsky, 5G



Artwork by: Nicki Kupferstein, 4G

Sukkos

Candy colorful, crunchy, sweet, smooth, smells like heaven
Happy, hyper, joyful as sweet as sugar
As tart as a lemon
My candy is my best friend
Colorful so people will eat it
Every color of the rainbow
Cotton candy sticky

By: Ella Litchfield, 5G



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7th Day Of The Week

Shabbat

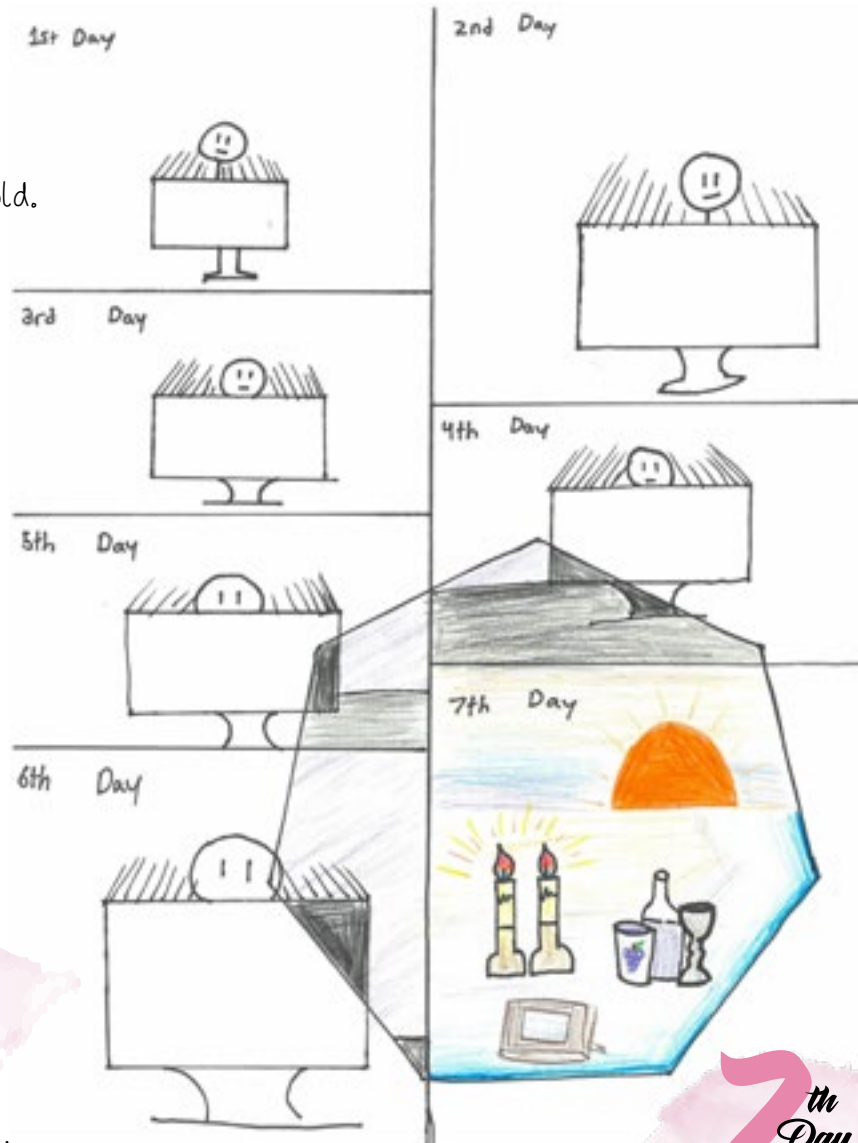
I see the glow of the candles.
I hear the sweet words of the Torah.
I taste the pleasant Shabbat food.
I feel the bumps of the braided challah.
I smell the delicious Shabbat food on the table.

Shabbat is a carefree day.
On Shabbat my problems melt away, and that it will stay.
Shabbat is as holy as the Beit Hamikdash, and as pure as gold.
Shabbat is my oasis.

By: Chana Ayzenberg, 5G



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Shabbos

The Shabbos meal allows everyone to express themselves
Taking turns speaking
Discussing about what events happened that week
Saying the good and bad from the week
Getting to talk about the week feels amazing

By: Hinda Malka Bando, 6G



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Shabbos

Shabbos is the best day of the week
Annoying brothers
Playing board games
Sleeping late
Chilling with friends
Having fun

By: Raizy Blachman, 6G





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Shabbos

Shabbos, a day that everyone looks forward to, is a day of rest.
 Standing next to the sparkling silver candles my mother davens.
 Entering the house, my friends make themselves comfortable.
 Strolling out the door for shul my father waves goodbye.
 Awaiting for my dad's arrival, I whip out my book and read.
 Inhaling the astonishing aroma of chocolate chip cookies
 Pouring wine
 Serving soup, I high five my little sister.
 Reaching for a bencher
 Laughing at funny jokes

By: Kira Cohn, 6G

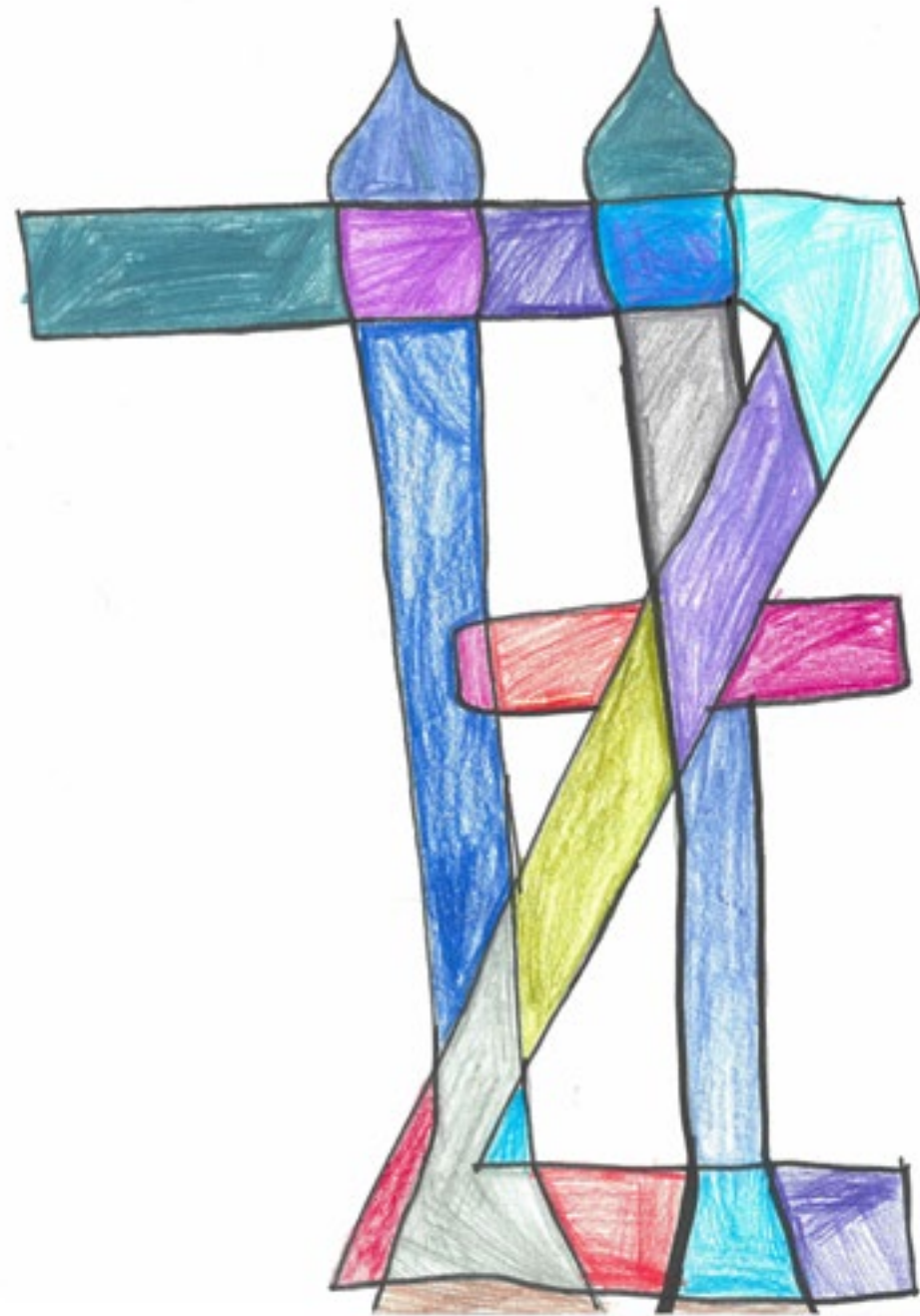


Shabbat

Shabbat, the seventh day of the week, is my favorite day.
 Shining candles burn
 Sitting in the oven the challah warms up
 Talking for hours at the table
 Singing zmeros enthusiastically
 Playing games with my brothers
 Making memories

By: Ahuva Fried, 6G





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Shabbos

Shabbos, the 7th day of the week, is so much fun.
Burning candles,
Reading books,
Sensing freedom,
Recognizing gratefulness,
Enjoying my friends

By: Devorah Gross, 6G



Shabbat

Shabbat
Holy, Spiritual
Calming, Relaxing, Soothing
A day of rest
Playing, Sleeping, Eating
Clean, Pure
Menucha

By: Michal Ratner, 5G



Shabbos

I read the book, which was brand new, on Shabbos.
Imagining the story
Eating challah
Dipped in tomato dip
Turning the pages
Hoping I'll remember it tomorrow

By: Layla Gross, 6G





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Shabbos

Shabbos, the holiest day, is my favorite day of the week.
Coming down the stairs, freshly showered
Lighting the candles, I watch my mother
Waiting patiently for my father to come home
Dancing candles in the moonlight
Spilling wine while pouring it in the cup
Singing zmerot around the table

By: Ariella Mermelstein, 6G

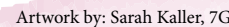


Shabbos

This is Shabbos Pesach
Kashering the crisp white kitchen
Dancing madly to classical music
Half napping, half mopping
Watching mysteriously as the candles flicker
Sitting curled up on the couch reading
Eating boiled eggs with salt water
Listening to the sound of the crickets chirping

By: Tsirel Ogince, 6G





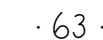
Shabbos is the holiest day of the week, one I look forward to.
Curling up on the couch,
Waving goodbye while skipping out the door,
Birds chirping as I stroll to shul,
Kids laughing babies sleeping,
Experiencing fun with friends,
Peeking at the clock,
Glaring at the bright havdalah candle,
Inhaling the strong besamim
Feeling down that Shabbos is over

By: Sara Pels, 6G



Shabbos, the seventh day of the week, is the day to rest and have fun.
Coming downstairs clean for shabbos,
Appreciating the special day,
Flickering, shining candles,
Waiting patiently for my father,
Sitting at the shabbos table
Talking after meals,
Friends waiting at the door

By: Chana Raff, 6G





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Shabbos

Shabbos, the seventh day of the week, brings families together.

Waking up late

Setting the table for the meal

Eating lunch with my family

Playing games with my siblings

Walking over to my friend's house

Jumping on my trampoline

By: Hadassah Remez, 6G



Shabbos

On Shabbos we have Shabbos meals that bring families together.

Eating delicious food

Playing board games with siblings

Bringing food to the gorgeously set table with the gray tablecloth

By: Sara Richland, 6G





Artwork by: Chany Perl, 4G

Shabbos

All week I await for Shabbos to come.
Watching the flickering flame
Pouring soup in the red flower bowls
Sitting at the table while my father tells a story
Curling up in my toasty bed,
Sinking my head into the pillow
Getting dressed in my warm fuzzy clothing
Walking to shul as the tip of my nose turns bright red

By: Breindel Stock, 6G



Shabbos

Shabbos, the 7th day of the week, brings families together.
Lighting up the night
Flickering candles
Waiting to eat crunch challah
Filling the house with zemiros
Playing family games in the afternoon
Inhaling besamim to close the Shabbos day

By: Gabriella Teitelbaum, 6G



Shabbos

Shabbos, one of the most enjoyable days of the week, brings people together.
Lighting the burning candles,
Waving goodbye as my father leaves to shul,
Filling the house with zmiros,
Holding the kiddush cup up high,
Reciting the brachot,
Breathing the sweet smell of bisamim.

By: Pearl Sabel, 6G



Shabbos

Shabbos, a special day Hashem created just for Jews, brings my family joy.
Waiting patiently for my father to return from shul,
Reading my favorite comic book,
Eating food to make my stomach delighted,
Playing outside to pass time,
Laughing happily with my family

By: Reva Schreiber, 6G



Shabbos

Shabbos, the 7th day of the week, is a time for family and friends,
Whispering quietly, I read my beloved book.
Giggling and laughing, my family talks about our wonderful week.
Drifting off, my sleepy siblings climb into bed,
shining brightly, the sun starts to rise
Screaming playfully, kids run around shul
Singing melodies, me and my father sit together,
Clicking pieces, are heard as my family and I play a game,
Flickering, the havdalah flame dances high.

By: Minna Van Halem, 6G



Artwork by: Tiferes Werth, 4G





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Avraham

I am from integrity and greatness
 I am from a tent with 4 openings
 From wealth and success
 From a glorious lifestyle
 I am from fields and flocks of cattle
 I am the forefather of the Jewish nation
 From Sarah my wife, of beauty and grace
 From hachnasat orchim and treating every guest equally
 I am from discovering G-d
 To serving Him faithfully
 I am from influence and vigor
 From wondrous miracles
 And inspiration and awe
 I am from my children, Yitzchak and Yishmael
 I am from a bright shining tent where Sarah's candles glow
 And the protective cloud hovering over
 I am from sacrifice and greatness
 From selflessness and bravery

By: Sara Leah Abraham, 7G and Adira Algarin, 7G



Yitzchak

I am from my heritage
 Two loving parents and unlimited faith
 I come from the great
 Avraham Avinu, my father,
 Is my special honor,
 three malachim as men appeared
 And suddenly my coming was near,
 I am from growing up in the way of Hashem
 From raising two children in the spirit of my childhood
 Two twins as different as day and night
 Yaakov to follow in my path and carry on my name,
 Eisav went the other way and took the wrong lane,
 I am from my wife Rivka
 From growing with her in loyalty, emunah, and prayer
 From mixed-up blessings that turned out right
 From trust and dedication
 I am from Shabbos in Sarah, my mother's tent,
 Warm and peaceful,
 I am from climbing the mountain
 From self-sacrifice
 I am from being marked holy at a young age
 I am Yitzchak

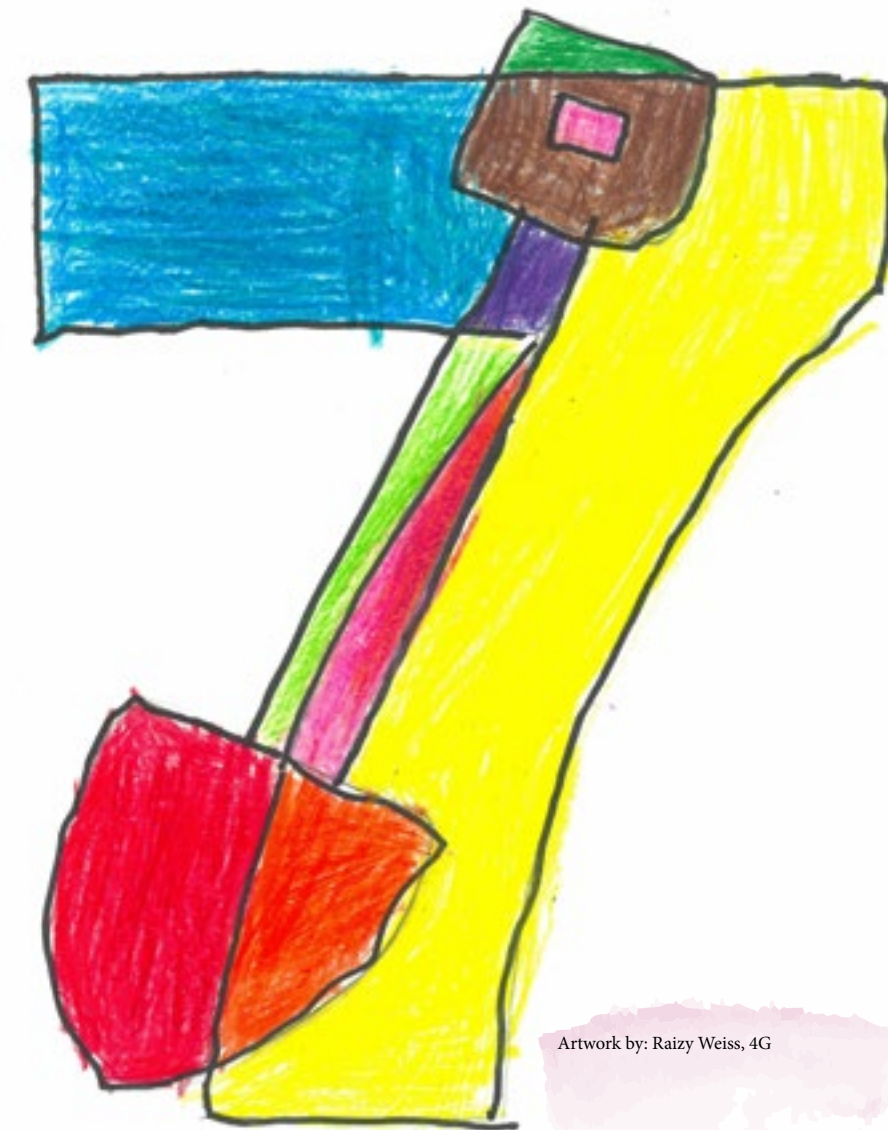
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Yaakov

I am from religion and legacy
 From an evil twin
 and tricks at the altar
 I am from a kindhearted mother and a blind father
 and hunger and escaping
 From loving and mourning
 I am from a colorful coat and jealous sons
 And battles with angels
 from secret codes and a deceiving father-in-law
 I am from 4 wives and 12 children
 and a name gifted from G-d
 from spotted cattle and striped sheep
 I am from 14 years of hard work
 and the promise of Israel
 from Avraham and Yitzchak
 I am from learning Torah all day long
 I am from religion and legacy
 I am Yaakov Avinu

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Moshe Rabainu

I'm from spirit and family
 From Amram and Yocheved
 And my siblings who shaped me
 From a woven brown basket, drifting down the river
 Of a glowing soul at birth and forever after
 From prophecy and leadership
 From loyalty and partnership
 From facing the burning bush
 To facing G-d
 I'm from slavery to salvation
 I'm from dreams of entering the Holy Land
 I'm from constant prayer
 And unwavering faith
 I'm from carrying out G-d's promise
 I'm from the tribe of Levi
 From casting plagues upon the enslavers
 And from desert travels
 After crossing the deep blue ocean
 I'm from bravery and savior
 Humbly serving Him and His nation

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Yosef

I am from strong will and piety
from exquisite beauty and the favorite son
from a colorful enveloping coat of fur
I am from dreams of produce of the field and wonders of the sky
and gone for 22 years, then overwhelming reunion
I am from hollow pits and Arab caravans
and employed only to be manipulated
I am from years gone by in a harsh prison cell
from a butler and a baker
I am from charisma and standing strong
and supreme intelligence and successful interpretation
from fearlessness
I am from second-in-command to the most powerful king
from divinity of a level that transcends worldliness
from the moral standpoint that blood is thick
and from fathering two children that we aspire to emulate
I am the little boy that stood out among my brothers.

By: Blimi Farkas, 8G and Esther Weinstein, 8G



אהרן הכהן

I am from the clay Egyptian house
From devotion and care
I am from celebrating in the glamorous dancing hall
And having a “dangerous” baby brother, who was concealed by the weeds
I am from reuniting with him after years apart
And together standing for the Jewish nation
I am from my dear sister Miriam
And from guiding the Jewish population out of captivity
I am from summoning the clouds of glory
And accepting the death of my sons
From making peace between others
And wholesome purity
I am from glistening stones on my chestplate
And serenity and ease

By: Kineret Greenwald, 8G and Bracha Pomeranz, 8G



Aharon's Wife

I am from spirit and faith
And holiness and kindness and purity
From heartfelt prayer
I am from mothering the Kohanim
From the bravery of my husband
And the great prophecy of my brother-in-law
I am from accepting hardship
And from strength and willingness
And from joyous song and dance
From the pride of a Jewish mother
I am from the shevet of Judah
From the nation of Jews
From being raised as a child in the household of Aminadav
To raising children in the household of Aharon HaCohen
And experiencing great grief yet still having *Emuna*
From modesty and miracle
And endless endurance

By: Elisheva Mandel, 7G



Dovid

I am from power, humility, and righteousness
From ruling the Jewish people
From taking time to write Tehillim
I am from the seven ushpizin
From numerous wives
I am from making tough decisions that weren't always right
From fighting against Goliath for the sake of the Jewish nation
From collecting money for building of the Beit Hamikdash
And from ripping part of Shaul's coat
I am from power and holiness and prayer

By: Yona Morell, 8G and Leah Shtaygrud, 8G



7 Leah and her Children

Leah

I'm from the Jewish nation
 From gold jewel gifts and silver rings
 I'm from having 7 sons
 And maternal love
 I'm from Lavan
 I'm from having soft eyes from crying so much
 From spreading knowledge about tefila.
 From praying amidah
 From being the first one to have children with Yaakov
 From being buried in the Mearas Hamachpela.

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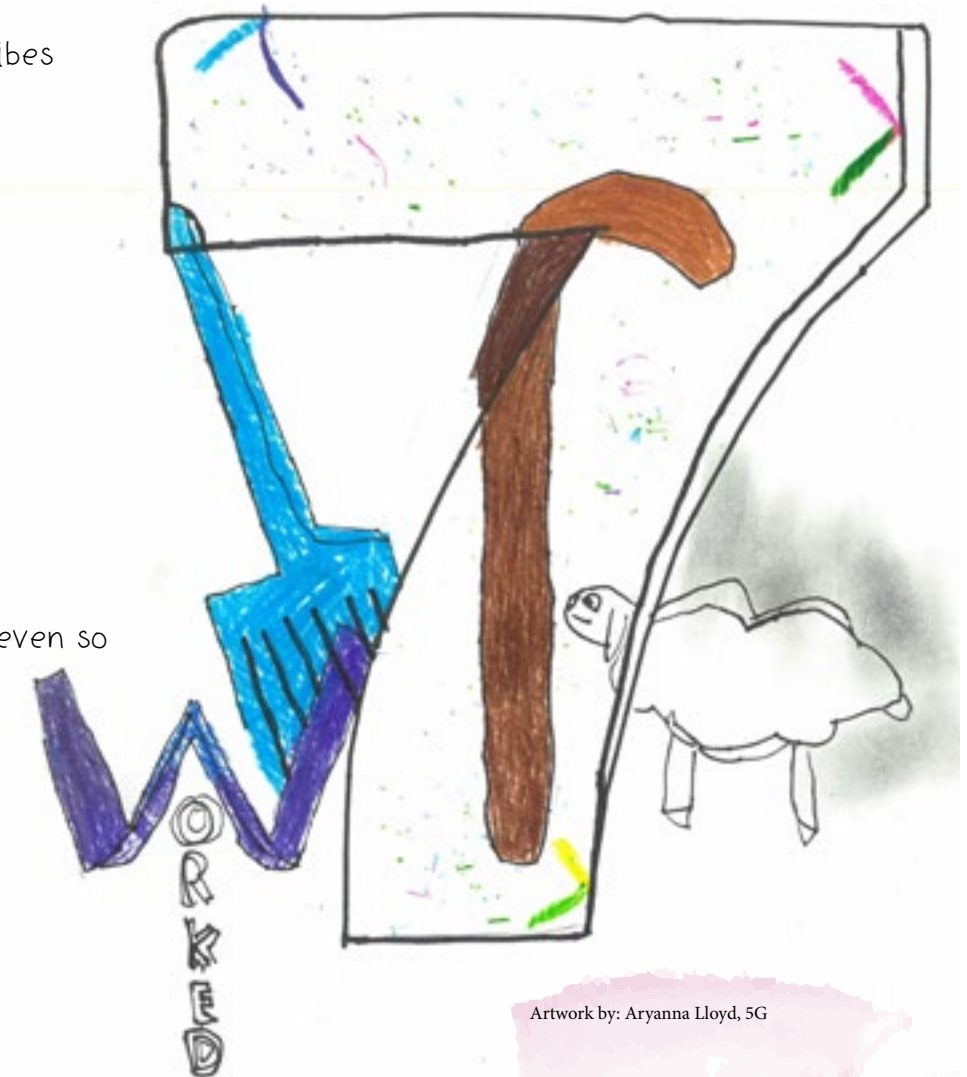


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Leah

I am from my seven children, all members of the twelve tribes
 And from my sister Rachel
 From my father, Lavan
 And his tricks and trades
 I'm from a motherly role
 And caring for my children
 From misery and tears turned into Tefillah
 From constant prayer and Jewish faith
 From broken promises and unbroken trust in G-d
 I'm from strength and resilience
 Desert roads and open tents
 I am from marrying one of our forefathers
 And beginning a chain of Kohanim, Leviim, and Yisrael
 I am from my name which means tired and never stopping even so
 I am from gratitude and thanksgiving
 And royalty

By: Esti Elbaum, 7G



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Rewen

I am from Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yaakov
From the seven sons of Leah
From a mother of passion and a father of glory,
From a long green field and lots of work.
From the leaders of the Jewish nation
I am from a figure where no one has ever sinned before
My soul is devoted to the sacred Torah
My name means "Behold, a son" for I am the firstborn to my father
I am from a chaotic background
From responsibility and respect
I am from mistakes and accountability

By: Mimi Yaniv, 7G



Shimon

I am from the 12 tribes
I am from Birkat Yaakov
From the Jewish nation
I am from blessings of strength
From fighting a war against Shechem
I am from suffering and pain
From a family of 12
I am from the nation of G-d
From selling the favorite child
I am from the second son of Leah
From the brothers who were chosen to go down to Egypt

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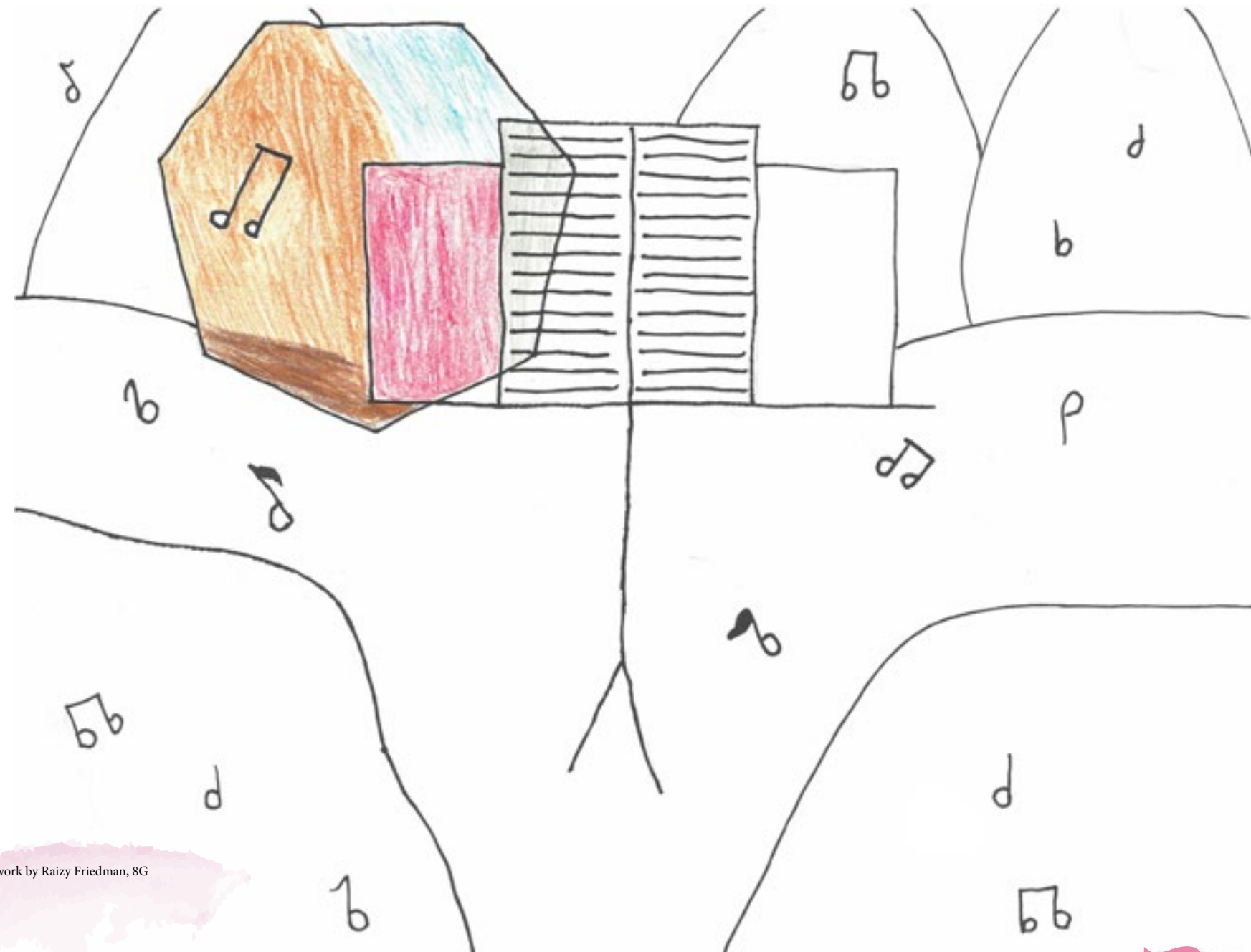


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Levi

I am from the twelve tribes
and the strength of Kohanim
I am from Yaakov and Leah
and power from Hashem and the different opportunities given to me.
From the story of Shechem
and escaping the imprisonment in Egypt
I am from bringing karbonot to Hashem
and blessing for Bnei Yisrael
rom Learning Torah
I am from singing songs in harmony
I am from withholding from the golden calf
From friendship and unity with my brother Shimon
From saving my sister Dina
And from inheriting the Kehuna
I am from being the third tribe
From a family of 7 siblings
I am Levi

By: Ahuva Remez, 8G and Shira Schwartz, 8G



Levi


I am from Leah and Yaakov
from the twelve Shvatim and I am the third son
I am from the father full of significance
and a mother who is strong
from the father that worked powerfully to escape his brother
I am the father of Gershon, Kehot, and Merari
from my delightful wife Milka
I am from the Shavet that sings, plays music,
and opens and closes the gates in the Beit·Hamikdash
from before the ancient times of the Torah
from the Shevat that escaped labor in Egypt
I am from my old age and days
from the time of Eretz Cnaan

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יהודה

I am from eleven brothers and one mother
From an extended family that is there for each other
I am from a house of holiness and blessings
from a father of gold and a mother of pity
I am from the depths of Judaism and G-d
from the start of galut Mitzrayim
I am a shevet, one of twelve
From the light of Torah
from bravery and sorrow
I am from standing up for my brother
Through times of hardship and pain
I am from living a fulfilled life
From an impossible hope
I am from desperate and uncertain times
From a broken truth and a kiss of misery
I am from a thankful birth
From a shadow in the light
I'm from having a silent thunderstorm in my heart
From an untrue victory
I am from a wonderful life
From fear and prayers
From a disordered household of many people
From being disruptive and rebellious
I am from last minute mistakes
From rugged silence and pain
I am from the slight drip of olives
From the best land available
I am from the start of Judaism
And from the paradise of history



By: Kaila Kirsh, 7G and Malky Mintz, 7G

Dina

I am from many brothers and no sisters
From grace and beauty
I am from a family of prominence
From leaders and peacemakers and mentors
I am from overprotective parents and murderous brothers
Who saved me and then destroyed the city
I am from extraversion and tact
I am from despair and woes and still sticking to the Torah
I am from my twin and all my brothers
I am from my half-siblings who share the same father
I am from charm and beauty
From kindness and nature
From influence and positivity

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7 נביאות

Sarah Imainu

I am from the warmhearted Imahot
 from the name Sarai, renamed to Sarah
 I am from my beloved husband Avraham
 from Hachnasat Orchim
 I am from my unique tent
 and all the miracles that entered with it
 I am from exquisite manners
 from a life full of triumph, passion, and delight
 I am from a charming soul and face
 from the beauty in the world
 and the beauty inside of me
 I am from teaching the people to observe Hashem
 From the tears of laughter
 I am from virtue
 from divine communication
 I am from words of wisdom, sagacity, and righteousness
 from the seven Naviot
 I am from being unquestionable towards G-d
 from enlightened offspring
 I am from the devotion of all my people

By: Sarah Kaller, 7G and Nava Schechter, 7G



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מרים

From leadership qualities and motherly care
From musical tambourines and wondrous miracles and dreams of
Entering the promised land
Of songs of praise and brotherly protection
Of devotion to Hashem and an empowering wisdom
And responsibility by
Flowing rivers, of visits to outer ranks
With holy blemishes, She's made of protectivity, and pride
Dancing and influence, of taking action and heroism
And womanly symbolism, of miniature taivehs
And life-saving decisions and the emblem of our nation
She's made of spirituality and modesty
Of an interpretive name representing her nation's challenges
Of struggles with gossip
And genius with guidance
Of humility, resilience, and courage

By: Michal Benovitz, 8G, Eliyanah Gruenebaum, 8G and Ariela Neiman, 8G



Miriam

I am from the little house by the Nile
And peering through the reeds
I'm from leading the women in song and dance after crossing the
Red Sea
From Teshuva
I am from leadership and ambition
From being the oldest sister
I am from assertiveness
I am from femininity and virtue
From honesty and integrity
Initiative and influence
I am from musical instruments
and from shaking tambourines
To merit and a rock flowing with water
From inner and outer beauty
I am from speaking with G-d
From spirit and blessing and prophecy
I am from my two parents, Yocheved and Amram.

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7 Sons of CHANA



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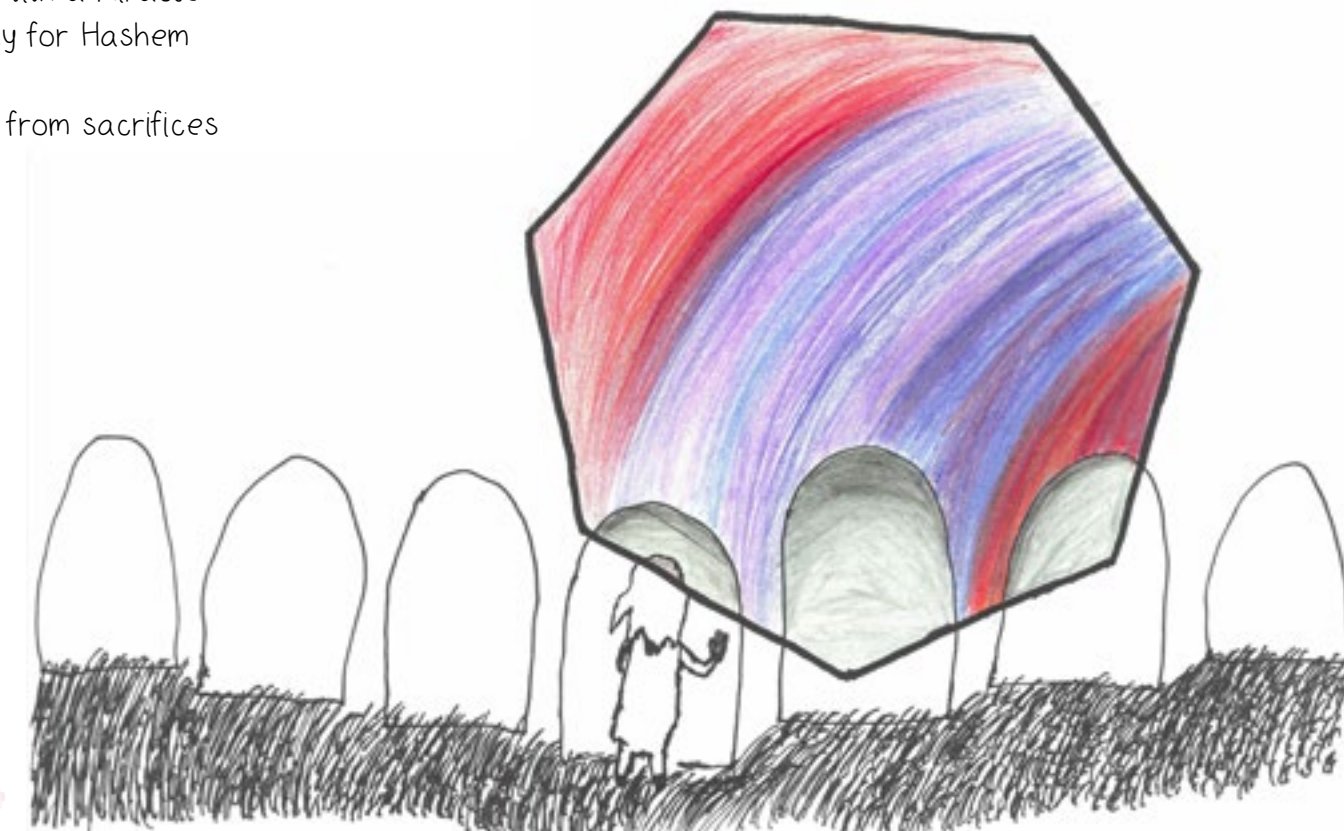
חנה

I am from despair, tragedy, and immense loss
From sacrifice and devotion
I am from respectable defiance, and struggle for the sake of trust
From sons who loved Hashem to the end
I am from a woman who shared my name, but not my fertility
From a חנה that cried and begged for a child, and was falsely accused
She is from sharing a home with a spiteful woman
From tears of joy when being blessed with a miracle
She is from having her child love solely for Hashem
And blessings of prophetic abilities
She is from second chances, and I am from sacrifices
We are חנה

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Devorah

I am from constant belief in Hashem,
From leading Bnei Yisroel to victory,
I am from where I sat under a palm tree
And from giving advice and warning
From passionate music and spiritual prayer
I am from praising the men in Israel who took the promise,
From warriors who offered their lives on the battlefields,
I am from the terrible battle, and the miraculous victory
From forty years of peace under my wisdom and guard,
I am from prophecy and faith
Wisdom and leadership
I am Devorah

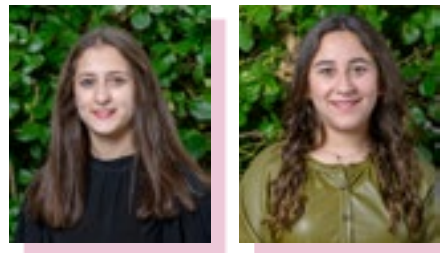
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Avigail

I am from a land flowing with milk and honey
from an abusive husband and lifesaving wisdom
I am from gifts for peace
and exceptional beauty
I am from taking the blame
and Nabal the traitor and Dovid the king
I am from prophecy and peacemaking and generosity
from intelligence and righteous judgment
I am from marriage and children
and a son named Daniel
I am from blessings and curses
from one of seven and a prophetess
from second wives and a second son
I am from the time of the Beit Hamikdash
I am Avigail Hanaviah

By: Zehava Isaacson, 8G and Raizy Friedman, 8G



Chulda

I am from only nine verses
From a refreshing, kind act
I am from the divine inspiration resting in me
And from flimsy remembrance for the later generations
I am from the shadows of the seven naviot
And from the name of a pest
I am from divinations to the women
From the promise of a message
From only nine verses

Author's note: Since so little is known about Chulda, and there are only nine "verses" about her in Tanach, the author incorporated this into the poem and made the poem only nine verses.

By: Bracha Pomeranz, 8G



Esther

I am from a Jewish nation
 A nation that's broken like a curse
 I am from a single man
 Who is not rich but not poor
 A man with holiness in all depths of his heart
 I am a woman of beauty
 Righteousness
 I am from many names
 Each with its own meaning
 I am from the name Hadassah
 A name of secrecy
 Also from the name Istahar
 A name filled with beauty
 I am from the house of Mordechai
 with hope and wonder
 I am a woman of secrecy
 Completing the impossible
 Guided by G-d and with miracle
 I am a woman of incredible accomplishments
 I am attached to the one and only
 The one who guided my nation through terror
 I am a woman with graceful influence
 I am a woman as bright as a star
 I am a queen
 I am Esther

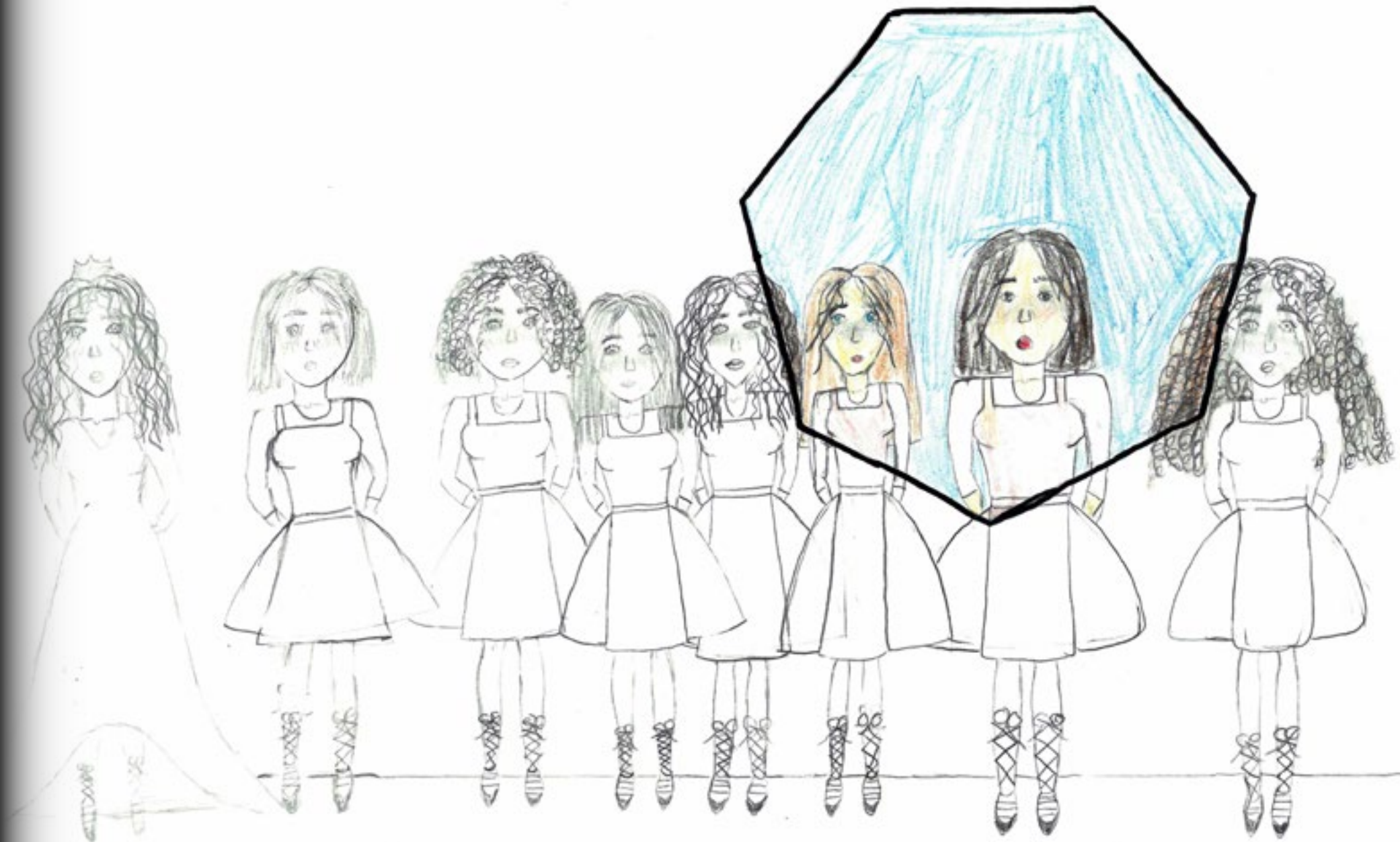
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Esther

I am from growing up with my cousin Mordechai
 To living in a palace
 From a plain childhood to a majestic life
 Of bravery and selflessness
 To saving the Jewish nation
 From royalty and queenship
 Standing up to the harshest kind
 Of being the chosen one
 And playing the part
 I am from simplicity and splendor

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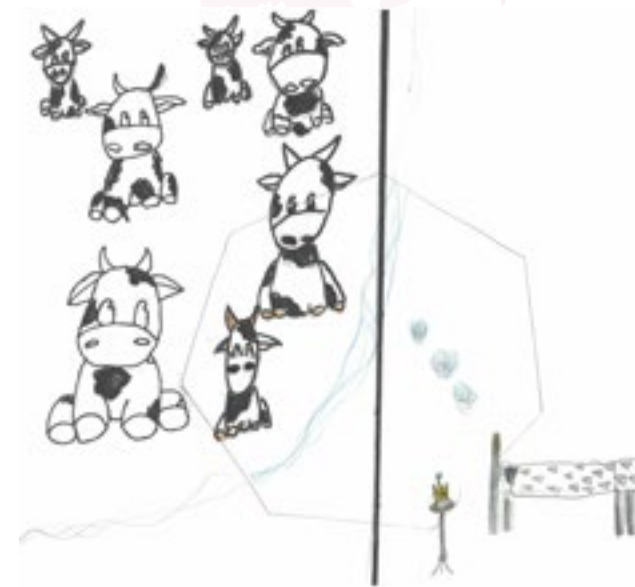
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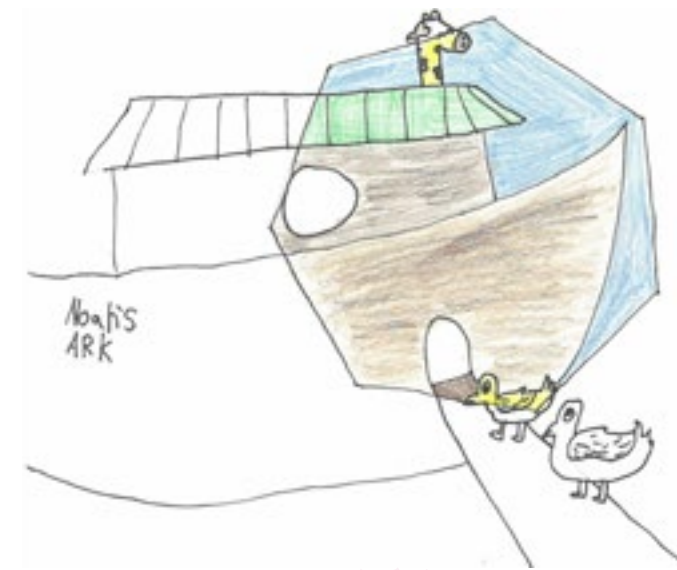
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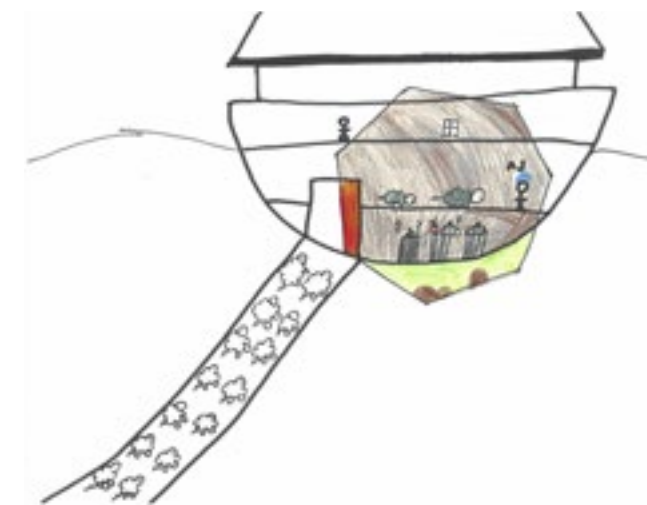
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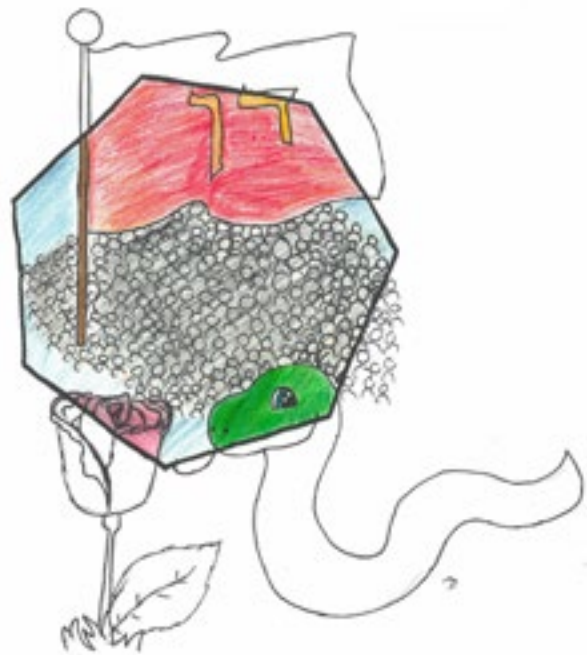
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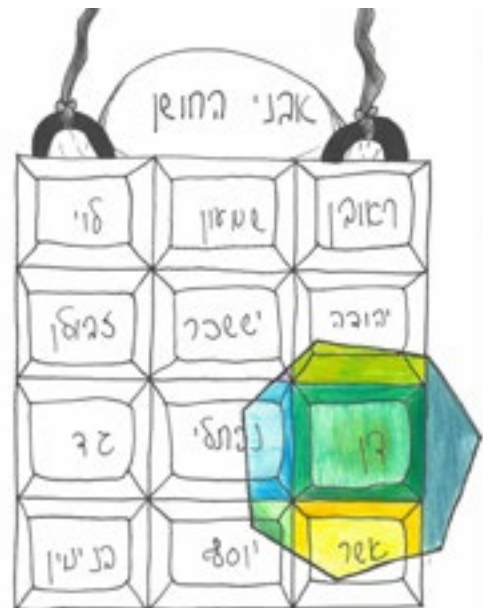
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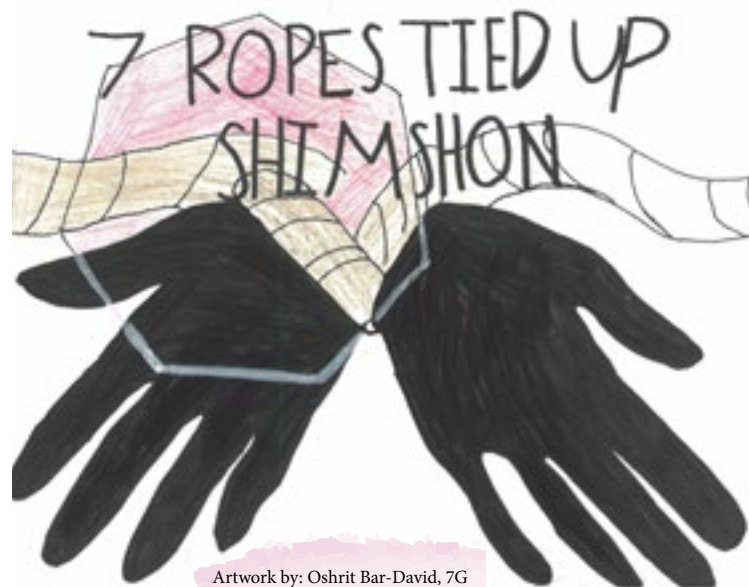
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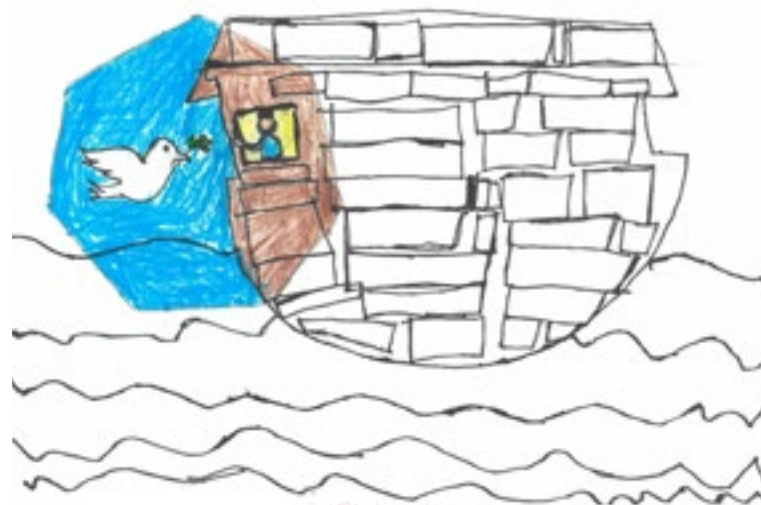
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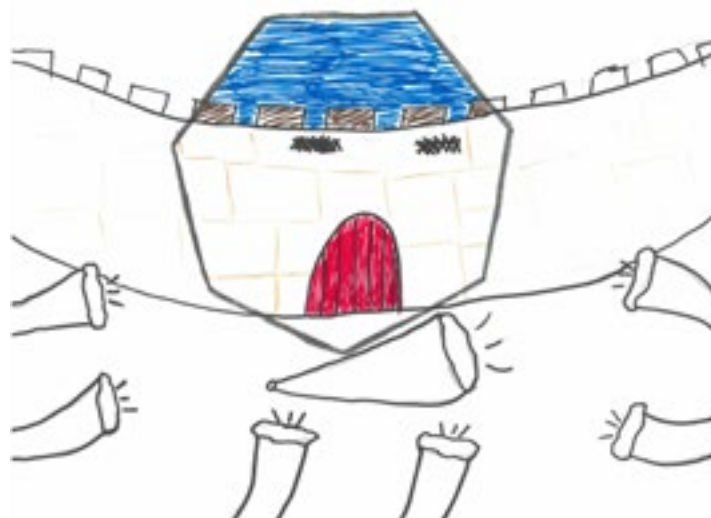
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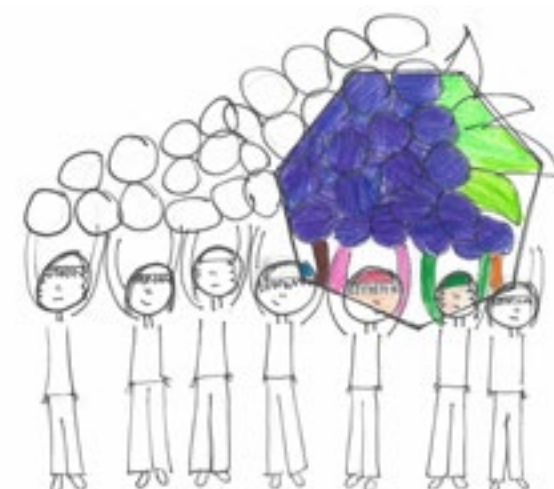
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