

MORE LETTERS

Dear Mr. Tell:

Thank you so much for continuing to send us the Israelite. We have hesitated in subscribing to your paper because we get so many papers and magazines, that many do not get read, but we find that we read every issue of your paper and enjoy it thoroughly. It presents an additional insight into life in Las Vegas and we particularly enjoy your column and the profiles of prominent people we know. I am enclosing a check for the subscription and best wishes for a happy holiday. Warm regards, Bob & Ruth Glinski (Las Vegas)

Dear Jack:

Keep 'em coming. You are doing a good job. Best regards, Harry Brandwein (N.Y. Times)

To Bea & Jack:
Our warmest regards and best wishes to you both. Estelle & Harry Goldstein (Miami, Fla.)

Dear Friends:

Greetings to you from California. Glad to hear how well Jay is doing. It's good to meet young fellows like him these days. There are so many of the other kind. God bless you both at this time of year. Sincerely, Pastor & Mrs. John Clarkson (Rosemead, Ca.)

Dear Mr. Tell,

I have taken the pleasure of sending you some Shmurah Matzoth (hand made) to be used at the Pesach Seder. I hope they arrive in good condition. My best wishes to you and all your loved ones for a very happy and Kosher Pesach. Sincerely, Yehuda Krinsky (Lubavitch News Service)

Jack Tell & Family:

Sincere good wishes for a cheerful and happy Passover feast right from my appreciative Irish heart for the good you brought about to "all people." Humbly, Pat Whelan (Los Angeles)

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PASSOVER FEATURE
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Hadassah..... a myrtle (a girl's name)
Civia..... a deer (a girl's name)
With the establishment of the State of Israel, many Americans have followed the Israeli practice and given their children Hebrew names which are common in Israel. Here are a few of these: - Zahava, gold; Yaffa, pretty; Tziporah, a bird; Lavana, moon; Rina and Gila, joy; and Dafna, a laurel.

If you are at a loss for some Hebrew names, here are a few common ones, but ones which certainly carry beauty and significance for the Jewish people, both historically and culturally.

For example, David in Hebrew means beloved. And one who does not know the story of King David, the mighty warrior and poet of Israel. Or Deborah, which in Hebrew means a bee, was also a mighty warrior of Israel; or Isaac, Abraham's son, which in Hebrew means laughter. And of course, Moses, drawn from the river.

Before we go on with more names, we must note that since Biblical days, it has become customary and wide spread to switch male and female names. In modern Jewish life, it may be a problem when one has to name a new born child after a grandparent of the opposite sex. Here are a few switches: Dan and Dina, Chaim and Haya; Uri and Orah; Yona and Yonina, Yehuda and Yehudit; Tzvi and Tzvia and Shlomo and Shlomit.

Many Israelis name their children after one of the 12 tribes of Israel: Dan, Benjamin, Reuben, Gad, Simeon, Menashe, Judah, Zebulun, Naphtali, Asher, Issachar and Ephraim.

We did some research and came up with some common, some uncommon Hebrew and Yiddish names. But before we list them, the reader should understand that the list is inexhaustible, and we make no claims of picking all the names:

- Ben Zion..... Son of Zion
- Benjamin..... son of the right hand
- Nathan..... He gave
- Levi..... joined
- Laban..... white
- Ziona..... daughter of Zion
- Ezra..... a helper
- Boaz..... strength and swiftness
- Ethan..... strength and power
- Alma..... maiden, fair
- Ann..... gracious, merciful
- Bathsheba..... daughter of an oath
- Delilah..... delicate, poor
- Dina..... she who is judged
- Eva..... a mother of life
- Hephzibah..... my delight
- Mindel..... comforter (Yiddish)
- Salome..... peaceful
- Judith..... she who praises, same for July
- Ruth..... a friend, beloved
- Jesse..... wealthy gift
- Joseph..... he will add
- Simeon..... hear
- Chayim..... life
- Ephraim..... fruitful, same for Efraim
- Abba and Abraham..... father
- Itamar..... island of palm
- Riva..... maiden
- Jethro..... riches

- Menachem..... comforts
- Naphtali..... struggled
- Kalman..... merciful
- Aviva..... spring
- David..... love
- Hanna..... grace
- Tova..... goodly
- Mazel..... luck
- Naomi..... sweet

There are many who name their children after the Prophets who gave us a moral way of life that has allowed us to live as a people for thousands of years. Here are some: Joshua, Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hesea, Nahum, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Haggai, Jonah, Zachariah and Micah.

Also from the Bible: Ruth, Esther, Daniel, Nehemiah and Ezra; Rebecca, a snare; Aaron, a mountain; Saul, asked of the Lord; Israel, contended with God.

Even in this article we have given you about 100 names. But there are many more Hebrew names which are beautiful and significant. We can suggest an excellent book, "What's Your Name," a dictionary of names compiled by Solomon Colodner and published by Bloch Publishing Co. Moreover, if you need help on a name to give to a child, it certainly is worth while to consult with your rabbi. For as we said, "one should be named after somebody or something, else a name is really only an empty breath."

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