“ANTIQUE” SILVER ETROG BOX

1. Start with a box large enough to hold an etrog. It could be made of wood, metal or sturdy cardboard. (Be sure it has a cover.) If the cover can be removed during construction, remove it and proceed with the box and cover separately. If the cover is not removable, remember to leave the hinge area exposed.

2. Cut out designs from heavy cardboard and affix to the box with Elmer’s glue. Suggested designs:

3. Use English or Hebrew letters for a name. Cut short lengths of twine or cord and affix to the box with Elmer’s glue between and around cardboard designs as shown:

4. Prepare length of household aluminum foil, one sheet large enough to cover bottom and sides of lower half of the box and another sheet large enough to cover top half and sides of cover. Do not crush foil, but wrinkle slightly.

5. Brush Elmer’s glue over entire surface of box, design and cord. Start pressing foil onto box. Work top and bottom separately. Start in center and work outward, pressing slowly and carefully into all designs and cording, and over edges. Trim excess with scissors or knife and let dry.

6. Brush surface with Flat Black Enamel paint or black shoe polish and wipe off quickly with a rag, allowing paint only into the creases of the foil. If not enough “antique” look, repeat last process and let dry.

7. Spray or brush with clear varnish or lacquer and let dry (optional).

8. Line box with felt or velvet to suit your taste.

9. Enjoy your “Antique Heirloom”.

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