Women’s League for Conservative Judaism

BOOK PLATES

We are the “People of the Book”, so what can be more fitting than to have one’s own bookplates? The several designs shown here are only to whet your appetite. There are many more ideas, I’m sure, floating around in your own mind.

You can try your own monogram in Hebrew and English, flying horses, dreamy pictures of a serene countryside, or ships at sea. The possibilities are endless – just use your imagination.

A good size for a bookplate is 2½” x 3”. Collect whatever sayings and drawings you would like to use and put together for a combination to please yourself, or a friend. They make excellent gifts.

As carefully as possible, draw your picture within the boundaries you’ve made. Do the first drawing lightly, so that all the corrections can be made. Go over the finished drawing very carefully with a Fine permanent marker pen.

(If you are not using your own drawing or tracing, or if your drawing is too large, a printing shop or copying machine can reduce any picture you like to the size you want.)

A quick-printer will reproduce as many book plates as you like for very little money. You can have your choice of paper and colored ink, also. One color at a time.

I suggest that you do not have it done on glued paper. Unless the bookplates are used all at once, the glue tends to dry and curl the plate. However you may want to use large pressure sensitive labels.

Now, have fun and dress up your library.

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