



Women's League for Conservative Judaism
Mishpachah: The Modern Jewish Family

MODERN RITUALS
A Search for New Meanings

Creating a Family Map

A new way to look at a family tree



Think about the people and values that are important to your family.

Select a shape that appeals to you: circles, stars, ovals. In creating this family map, we chose the *magen david*. The *magen*, or shield, represents protection.

Choose family traits that you value. We put three into the center of each star: love, respect, faith in one; Torah, acceptance, tolerance in the other.

We wrote our names in Hebrew (on the points of the stars) acknowledging the interconnectedness of our Jewish and secular lives. The two stars intersect with our daughter (Tami) starting her own family, but still is part of us. There is plenty of room to add more stars (or other shapes) as the family grows.

This would make a great quilt or even needlepoint.