

# Just for Fun .... Know Your Guild

Answers to the questions found on page 20 of the Fall 2011 issue of the *Paper Pomegranate*

## **Question #1 - When and where was the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework founded?**

The Guild was founded in New York City on January 24, 1977.

## **Question #2 - What is the derivation of the Guild name?**

As described by our founding members, the pomegranate has always been a favorite Judaic symbol of artists, illustrators, sculptors and embroiderers. Its meanings are manifold: It is one of the seven fruit species mentioned in the Bible that sustain life; It is one of most perfect spheres in nature; It is supposed to have 613 seeds, for the 613 mitzvot (commandments); It is a symbol of fertility and plenty.

## **Question #3 - Who were the founders of the Guild?**

Present at the first meeting were: Ita Aber, Sophia Adler, Barbara Chafkin, Gladys Rosen, Nira Shamir and Tsirl Waletzky. Unable to attend, but present "in spirit" were Moshe Davidowitz and Ina Golub.

## **Question #4 - What is our logo/trademark?**

The Guild logo is a stylized pomegranate with the stem transformed into a threaded needle.

## **Question #5 - Who designed our logo and when?**

The Guild logo was designed by one of our founding members, Tsirl Waletzky, in 1977.

## **Question #6 - What are the primary goals of the Guild?**

The primary goals of the Guild are to share the knowledge and teach the techniques needed to create both Jewish ritual and cultural objects as well as items of beauty for our synagogues, communities and homes.

## **Question #7 - What is the Guild membership year, and can one join at other times?**

The membership year runs from September 1st thru August 31st. Membership in the Guild is available at any time, and a new member can join from March 1st thru August 31st for one half of the annual membership fee.

## **Question #8 - How many Chapters are affiliated with the Guild as of this date?**

There are currently twenty Chapters in the United States and Canada as of October 11, 2011.

## **Question #9 - What is an Independent member of the Guild?**

An Independent member is one who is not affiliated with a particular Chapter.

## **Question #10 - How do most Independent members find the Guild?**

Most Independent members discover the Guild by searching on the internet for "Judaic needlework", or by having received a Guild informational bookmark included with purchases from One-800-Dreidel.

## **Question #11 - How many officers do we have on our Executive Committee, and what are they?**

There are currently eight elected officers on the Guild Board. They are: President, Vice President - Administrative, Vice President - Education, Vice President - Membership, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary and the Immediate Past President.

## **Question #12 - What is the *Paper Pomegranate* and how often is it published.**

The *Paper Pomegranate* is the quarterly publication of the Pomegranate Guild which is mailed to its members .... four times a year.

## **Question #13 - What is the URL of the Guild website?**

Our website is [www.pomegranateguild.org](http://www.pomegranateguild.org).

## **Question #14 - What are some of the things we find on our website?**

The Guild's website is full of useful information. There are pages dedicated to providing information about the Guild; News and Events; List of Chapters and representative's emails; List of Board members with contact information; Information on how to join the Guild; the Pomegranate Boutique; Favorite Links; and more.

## **Question #15 - What is the Members' Only area of the website?**

The Members' Only area is a restricted area in which members can find past issues of the *Paper Pomegranate*, as well as projects, patterns and articles related to needlework. There is also a Photo Gallery which contains photos from Guild Conventions.

## **Question #16 - What are membership dues to the Guild and what are they used for?**

Suggested annual dues are \$36.00. The portion of the annual dues that are sent to the Guild go toward publishing and mailing the *Paper Pomegranate*, providing seed money for the biennial conventions, maintaining the website, providing informational packets and seed money for new Chapters, the Guild Boutique, Grants and Special Projects, etc.