

## Ushpizin Info Sheets

### Day 7: David

#### David's story:

David was the youngest of seven sons and a descendant of Ruth and Boaz. He used to tend to the sheep of his father, Yishai. At this time, Shaul had been anointed by the *navi* (prophet) Shmuel as the first king of Israel, but after Shaul sinned, Shmuel came to anoint David. Before officially taking over as king, David came to Shaul's palace as a skilled harpist who would help calm Shaul when he was troubled. Shaul's army was battling the Philistines at the time, and they needed a strong warrior to take on the Philistine giant, Goliath. Even though David was far smaller than Goliath, he managed to defeat the giant, which helped David grow in popularity, making Shaul jealous. This jealousy led Shaul to attempt to kill David a number of times. David developed a deep friendship with Shaul's son, Yonatan, with Yonatan even helping protect David from his father.

David had to escape from Shaul, at different times hiding from and being chased by Shaul and his men. Along the way, David gained his own strong set of followers. Eventually, Shaul and Yonatan were both killed in battle, and David slowly became accepted as the new king of Israel. Under his reign, David waged many wars to great success, grew his kingdom and his family, and unified the people and the land of Israel. He also had many controversies during his reign, including family conflicts, and being told by God that he was not the right person to build the *Beit Hamikdash* (the holy temple). However, God promised David that his legacy would live on forever, something that we see to be true today, and David's son Shlomo was the one to build the first *Beit Hamikdash*.

#### David's character traits:

David is known for his musical talent, his warrior spirit, his strong relationships with people as well as with God, his willingness to apologize and learn from his mistakes, and his kingdom and legacy.