

A NOTE ON BELIEFS

JUDAISM IS A LIVING, CHANGING CULTURE THAT HAS EXISTED IN CONVERSATION WITH ITSELF FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS AND SUPPORTS MANY DIVERSE AND CONTRASTING OPINIONS. PUT PLAINLY, WE LIKE TO ARGUE! EVERYTHING IN THIS ZINE IS SOURCED FROM JEWISH TEXTS, BUT OTHER JEWISH TEXTS MAY CONTRADICT IT, THAT'S OKAY! FEELINGS ON SHEYDIM HAVE RANGED FROM FEAR AND HATRED, TO CAUTIOUS RESPECT, TO OPEN CURIOSITY AND A WILLINGNESS TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP.



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SELF-PROTECTION

IRON IS CONSIDERED EFFECTIVE AGAINST SHEYDIM DUE TO ITS USE IN WEAPONS AND THE FACT THAT IT WAS CREATED AFTER DEMONS, SO THEY HAVE NO IMMUNITY TO IT!

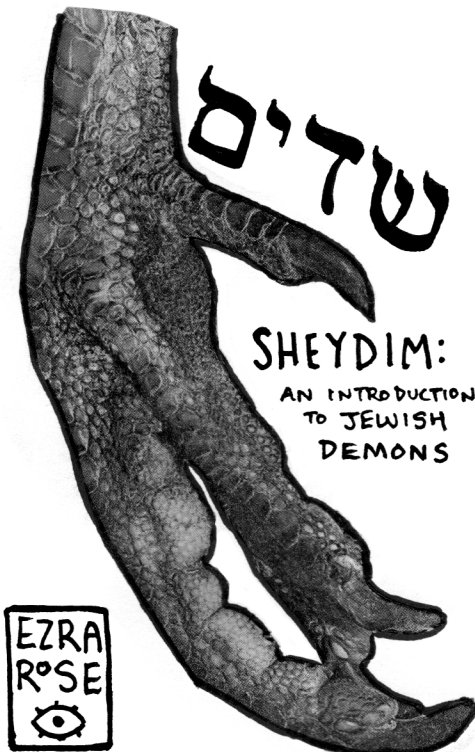


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AMULETS AND TALISMANS INCLUDING



RELEVANT BIBLICAL VERSES, NUMERIC CODES AND NAMES OF THE DIVINE ARE OFTEN USED. PIOUS BEHAVIOR AND SAFETY IN GROUPS (3 OR MORE AT NIGHT) IS USUALLY THE BEST DEFENSE.



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FAMOUS SHEYDIM

LILITH / לִילִית

THE APOCRYPHAL FIRST WIFE OF ADAM, SHE IS OFTEN DESCRIBED AS A DEMON DESPITE HER ORIGIN. SHE PREYS ON CHILDREN, PARTICULARLY NEWBORNS, AND HER OWN CHILDREN (LILIM) ARE UNQUESTIONABLY SHEYDIM.

7NTOWN / ASHMEDAI

THE "KING" OF DEMONS WHO APPEARS IN THE TALMUD AS SOMEWHAT HUMOROUS AND BENEVOLENT (NOTABLY, HELPING SOLOMON BUILD THE TEMPLE).

WHAT IS A SHEYD?

WHILE "DEMON" IS THE MOST COMMON ENGLISH TRANSLATION, IT TENDS TO FLATTEN THE CONCEPT. JUDAISM HAS A DIFFERENT RELATIONSHIP WITH ITS "EVIL" CREATURES AND SPIRITS! EVERYTHING SERVES A PURPOSE IN OUR UNIVERSE AND EVERYTHING IS MADE BY / CONNECTED TO THE DIVINE.

SHEYDIM ARE ENTITIES, MOST OFTEN SERVING "WICKED" PURPOSES, FALLING SOMEWHERE BETWEEN MALACHIM (ANGELS) AND HUMANS ON A SCALE OF HOLY BEING ↔ ANIMAL.

ACTIVITIES OF SHEYDIM

◦ EXCITING THE YEZZER HARA ("EVIL INCLINATION") OF HUMANS

◦ INFESTING FOOD AND WATER LEFT OUT OVERNIGHT

◦ SEDUCING HUMANS FOR REPRODUCTION (AS INCUBI AND SUCUBI)

◦ BRINGING HARM (RANGING FROM "TRICKSTER" ACTS TO SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH)

◦ OCCASIONALLY POSSESSING HUMANS! A JEWISH EXORCISM IS MORE LIKE MEDIATION - TALKING TO + BARGAINING WITH THE SHEYD FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT

AT A GLANCE

☀️ CREATED AT TWILIGHT ON THE SIXTH DAY

✋ WINGS LIKE ANGELS, ABLE TO FLY + OBTAIN SECRET KNOWLEDGE

🍷 EAT, SLEEP + PROCREATE LIKE HUMANS, ARE NOT IMMORTAL (BUT LONG-LIVED)

🦋 DISTINGUISHABLE BY THEIR BIRDLIKE FEET

👁️ VERY NUMEROUS! "1,000 AT YOUR SIDE, AND 10,000 AT YOUR RIGHT HAND" (PSALMS 91:7)

🦋 INVISIBLE TO MOST HUMANS