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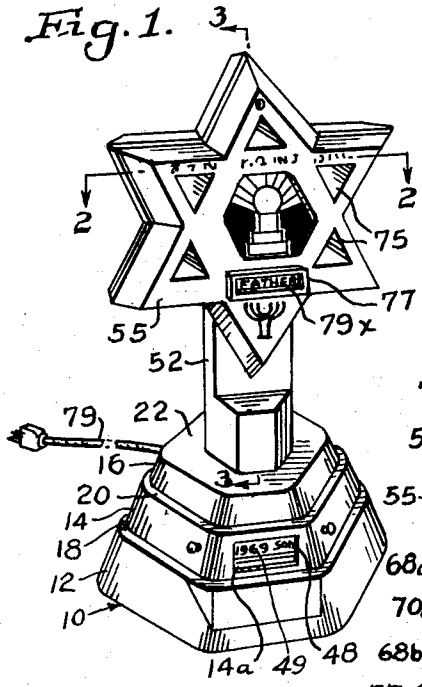


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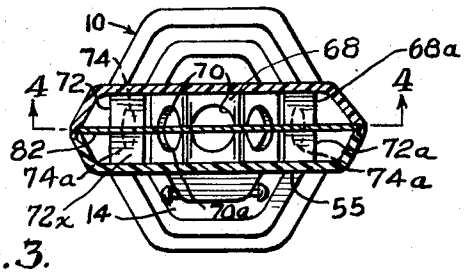


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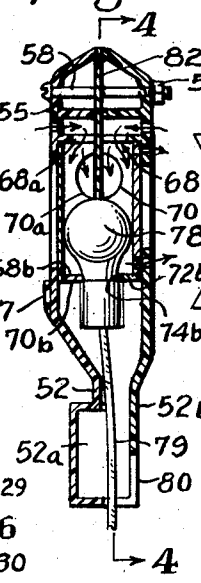


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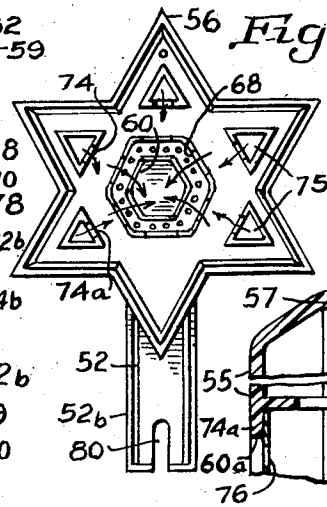


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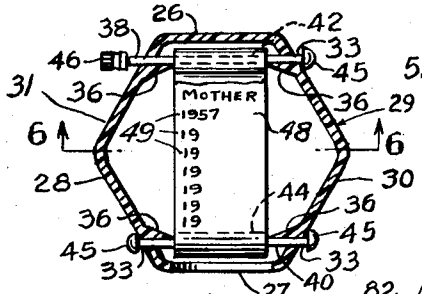


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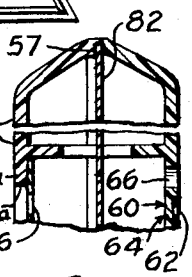
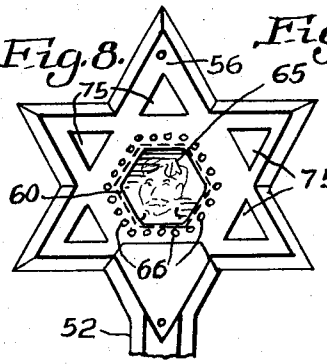


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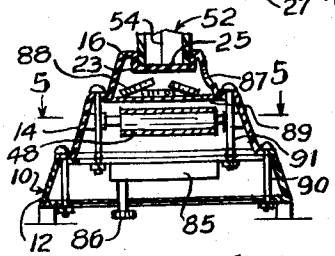


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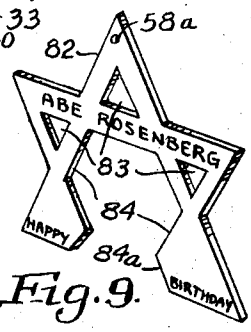


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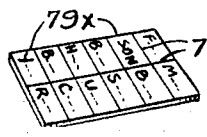


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This invention relates to an article which is used as a symbol of remembrance regarding the deaths of loved ones, and as a reminder of special occasions.

More specifically, the invention provides an article that may be placed in an appropriate place in the home or place of worship, and carries reminders which record the relationships of loved ones and the dates to be remembered pertaining to them and to special occasions.

This article is specially designed for, but not limited to, the use of people of the Jewish faith, because the Jews have a series of religious festivals and holy days, such as the Sabbath, when all places of business are closed, and including Passover, Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkoth, etc. This article may also be used as a symbol and reminder of special occasions, such as the dedication of the gravestone one year after the death of a loved one, and also in regard to birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

The device also provides a place for a changeable symbol or picture of a loved one, and a light to illuminate the same, it being an object of the invention to provide a changeable element within the article which will identify a loved one, said element having the property of light and color transmission, and an additional changeable element on the outside of the article to identify the relationship of the loved one.

Another object of this invention is to provide, in combination with the aforesaid features, an article that is covered with luminous paint to increase visibility in the dark, and an article which has a base portion wherein is provided space for an anniversary calendar, a bank and a music box.

It is also an object of the invention to provide, for carrying out the foregoing objects, an electrically illuminated structure with improved ventilating means to prevent overheating.

An additional object of the invention is to provide, for reminding of deceased persons and past occurrences, an article of simple, practical and economical construction that may be assembled and disassembled without special tools or skilled labor.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention resides in the arrangements and combinations of elements described and illustrated hereinafter, and then particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, illustrative of a preferred embodiment of the invention,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an article embodying the invention.

Fig. 2 is a horizontal section on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a vertical section on line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a vertical section on lines 4—4 of Figs. 2 and 3.

Fig. 5 is a horizontal section on line 5—5 of Fig. 6, the scale being enlarged and parts below the line of section being omitted.

Fig. 6 is a vertical section on line 6—6 of Fig. 5.

Fig. 7 is a vertical section through the upper part of Fig. 1.

Fig. 8 is a partial elevation of the back of the device.

Fig. 9 is a perspective, detail view of an insert used within the device.

Fig. 10 is a perspective detail of the record strips used with the device.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the transparent base **10** is molded or otherwise formed, desirably out of plastic. This base is of a hollow, generally conical shape, being hexagonal in plan view, and having tiers, chambers or steps **12**, **14** and **16**, and ledges **18**, **20** and **22**.

Said top ledge **22** is provided with a central, hexagonally shaped socket **23** (Fig. 6), having upright side walls and a bottom wall **25**. As shown in Figs. 5 and 6, the step **14**, in cross section, consists of walls **26**, **27**, **28**, **29**, **30** and **31**, said walls **26** and **27** being parallel as to their horizontal dimensions. Bores **33** in walls **28**, **29**, **30** and **31** are reinforced by internal wall projections **36**. Rods **38** and **40** are mounted in said bores **33**, and have fixed to them sleeves **42** and **44**. The end portions of these rods project beyond the sides of the base and they have three headed ends **45**, the fourth rod end being furnished with an operating knob **46**.

Mounted on sleeves **42** and **44** is an endless belt **48** having printed on it a series of anniversary dates **49** visible one at a time through sight opening **14***a* and which may have special meaning with reference to a departed loved one, such as "Mother," shown on belt **18** in Fig. 5. Knob **46** may be turned so that the next name and series of dates to be observed will be visible through the transparent base **10**.

A pedestal **52** of hexagonal cross section and made preferably of non-transparent plastic, except where matter to be read underlies its wall, is elsewhere painted with luminous paint, fits snugly and uprightly in socket **23**. This pedestal is made in two parts **52***a* and **52***b* joined together along line **54** (see Fig. 6).

Formed on the upper part of pedestal **52** is a "Star of David" symbol having a front face **55** (Fig. 1), and a rear face **56**, the two face portions being joined by a bolt **58** and nut **59**. The back face, see Figs. 4 and 7, has a hexagonal opening **60** provided with a rabbet **62** for mounting a changeable insert **64** carrying a suitable illustration **65**, see Fig. 8.

A series of small air outlet holes **66** follows the outlines of hexagonal opening **60** within rabbet **62** and an inturned hexagonal flange **68** has arcuate notches **70** and encompasses the series of holes **66**. Small triangular flanges **72** extend inwardly from the casing wall, see Figs. 3 and 4, and have arcuate notches **74** opposite to notches **70**.

The front face **55** has a similar hexagonal opening **60***a* (see Fig. 7), surrounded by a flange **74***a* for mounting changeable insert **76**. Flanges **68***a* and **72***a*, see Fig. 2, are mated, and flanges **72** and **72***x* mate each other.

All the aforesaid flanges which are said to be mated are mated in the sense that they are located directly opposite each other and close to each other, a hereinafter described Lucite wafer occupying the slight space between the mated flanges.

Flanges **68***b* and **72***b* have arcuate notches **70***b* and **74***b* for mounting on the horizontal wall they provide a small, luminous colored electric light bulb **78** opposite to inserts **64** and **76**. Wire **79** extends down within pedestal **52** from said light bulb and out a slot **80** to a source of current.

A panel **77** on front face **55**, Fig. 1, has mounted therein a strip **79***x* bearing a printed word identifying the relationship of the departed to those remaining. Fig. 10 shows a series of such strips **79***x* with intervening score lines **79***a* to facilitate removing same.

A wafer thin Lucite strip **82** is clamped between the front face **55** and back face **56**, said front face having a

co-extensive rabbet **57** to receive the edge portion of said strip as shown in Fig. 7. Said strip **82** has a similar configuration to said faces **55** and **56**, with cut-outs **83** and **84**, mating with hexagonal openings **60**, **60***a* and holes **75**. The strip **82** bears print identifying the loved one. The Lucite material absorbs colored light from bulb **78** and emits it from its edges. The spacious central cut-out **84** in the strip **82** is occupied by the globular portion of the bulb **78**, and a marginal cut-out **84***a* extends upwardly from the lower edge of the strip to said cut-out **84** to accommodate the neck of the bulb. Owing to the upper part of the device being vertically split downwardly from the top along its mid-width, provision is made for inserting between the parts formed by the split said Lucite strip **82**, which conforms in size and shape to the star shaped portion of the device. When the nut is applied to the bolt **58** in the upper part of the structure, said wafer is securely clamped in place, with the matter which is inscribed upon it visibly displayed. A hole **58***a* is provided in the upper part of the wafer for the bolt **58**.

It is evident that if the bulb **78** were to be left burning for a great length of time without ventilation therearound the air between front and back faces **55** and **56** would become overheated, with deleterious effects upon the inserts **64** and **76** and injury to the structure in general. Therefore, as shown in Figs. 2, 3 and 4, a stream of cool air is admitted, which constantly enters the holes **75**, passes through the underlying air passages, and cools the space adjacent bulb **78**. The heated air will then pass through outlet holes **66**. Thus the interior of the device will be constantly cooled.

Referring to additional structural details, in Fig. 6 the lowest casing tier **12** is shown containing a music box **85** furnished with a control knob **86**, and the uppermost casing tier **16** is provided with an opening **87** to receive coins **88** which rest upon a floor **89**.

Vertical, nut carrying bolts **90** and **91** secure the casing tiers to each other, the music box **85** being suspended by the latter bolts.

Before the side walls of the symbol are bolted together in assembling the device, the inserts **64** and **76** (see Fig. 7), are snugly fitted within the rabbets provided for them, and the wafer **82** is placed within the rabbet **57** provided for it in the front wall of the symbol.

It is to be understood that this invention includes all such changes and modifications in the arrangements and combinations of parts as come within the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. In a device of the kind described, a base, a pedestal upstanding therefrom, a hollow, symbolical figure carried by said pedestal, said figure comprising two upstanding side walls each with an inwardly deflected marginal portion directed toward that of the other, a wafer having visible matter inscribed upon it and having a marginal portion which is clamped between said deflected marginal wall portions, said wafer having a spacious cut-out throughout its central portion, and an electric lamp bulb supported by the device with its globular portion within said cut-out to illuminate the surrounding portion of the wafer.

2. The structure recited in claim 1, and a horizontal wall carried by the device subjacent to the mounted wafer, said wall having through it an opening vertically below said cut-out in said wafer, said wafer having extending upwardly from its lower edge a marginal cut-out communicating with its central cut-out, and said lamp bulb having a neck portion supported in said opening in said wall and extending upwardly through said marginal cut-out in said wafer.

3. The subject matter of claim 2, and said wall being formed by opposed flange portions of the device.

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