

Leo Lebendig was born Hans Jürgen Troegel on August 12, 1939, nineteen days before the beginning of the Second World War, in Arnsberg, a small town in the then “Third Reich”. As a child, he escaped the horrors of the war; as a youth in the newly founded Federal Republic of Germany he was confronted with the horrors of the Holocaust; as a student he concerned himself with Art and Pedagogic. In Saarbrücken he studied Design of the Weimar Bauhaus Movement under Prof. Oskar Holweck, and as a young painter in Dortmund he discovered the laws of color in Goethe’s “Theory of Colors.” Influenced by the teachings of Joseph Beuys, “Every Person Is an Artist” and in that spirit, he founded “Art as Social Sculpture,” a socio-cultural center in Dortmund with the journalist Klaus Commer. After a period of physical-spiritual pain and the rediscovery of the power of the religious experience, he was reborn in 1985 as “Leo Lebendig.” Since then, the subject of his art has been “light as the essence of the human soul.” Following the principle that “every person is sacred,” the now 70 year old has been able to combine the idea of peace with his “Initiatory Light Art” and let it shine across national borders as the LIGHT OF PEACE FOR THE RELIGIONS as here in Netanya – again working with Klaus Commer.



LEO LEBENDIG  
LightPainter

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THE STAR  
FOR NETANYA  
FROM  
DORTMUND



LEO LEBENDIG

## Vision

In the spectrum colors of the light,  
Godly promise  
and the human longing for peace  
are united in the  
hexagram.



As a ray of hope  
the light shines  
through the clear prism above ground  
into the lifeless darkness of the  
sarcophagus  
lying under the earth.

Yad Vashem  
Jerusalem



THE STAR FOR NETANYA  
is a body of light.

Its elements  
- the cells of its body -  
are enlivened by the sign of the  
Menorah.  
It gives eternal life  
symbolizing the connection with God.