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YOUR MENORAH!**
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“... there is always a drop of
'pure olive oil' hidden deep
in the heart of every Jew,
which, if kindled, bursts into
a big flame... and will
pierce the darkness.”
—The Rebbe

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**BATTLE
OF THE
BANDS**
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HEY KIDS!

It's time to set up your menorah,
pull out those spinning dreidels,
and work up an appetite for some
tasty oily latkes and doughnuts!

Read all about how G-d helped a tiny group of Jews
defeat a huge Greek army in our special holiday spread
on the *Battle of the Bands* (p. 8)! Wondering what
war has got to do with a menorah? Good question! On
Chanukah we commemorate not one miracle, but two!

The second has to do with a tiny jug of oil that was found in the temple
after the war, and with which the Maccabees lit the temple menorah.

Miraculously, the oil burnt for eight days and nights! That's why Chanukah is
sometimes called the **Festival of Lights**—it's our chance to add light to the
world and make it a brighter place! Find out about how Jewish girls and women
get to do this every week, when they light **Shabbat candles** (p. 16). In *Out of this
World* learn some fun facts about oil (p. 6), then join *Pearl in the Pot* to prepare a
super-special Chanukah treat (p. 23), then onto the **fun pages** for holiday games
(p. 24). And don't miss out on **Joey** and his wild Chanukah story about a giant
dreidel that wouldn't stop spinning (p. 20)!

Happy Chanukah!

CELEBRATE IN STYLE, THEN ENTER TO WIN SOME TERRIFIC CHANUKAH PRIZES!



GET CREATIVE—make your own menorah, then light it.



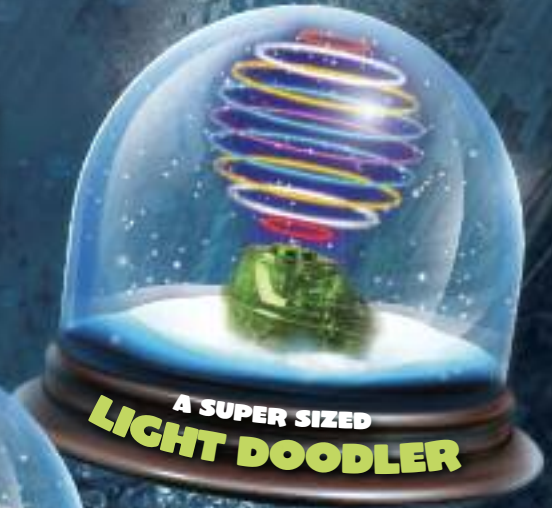
ATTEND a public Chanukah menorah lighting.



GIVE some of your Chanukah gelt to charity.



GET TOGETHER with other Jewish kids to celebrate Chanukah—together you can read about the story of Chanukah, light the menorah, play games of dreidel and share delicious doughnuts and latkes.



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Did you know that the menorah in the Holy Temple was lit with pure olive oil?

When the Greek army defiled the Second Temple in their war against the Jews, only one tiny uncontaminated cruse of olive oil remained, enough to burn for just a single day. But G-d performed a miracle and the oil lasted for eight days and nights! To commemorate and publicize this wondrous miracle, we light the menorah each night of Chanukah. Although the Chanukah menorah can be lit with candles, it is best to use olive oil.

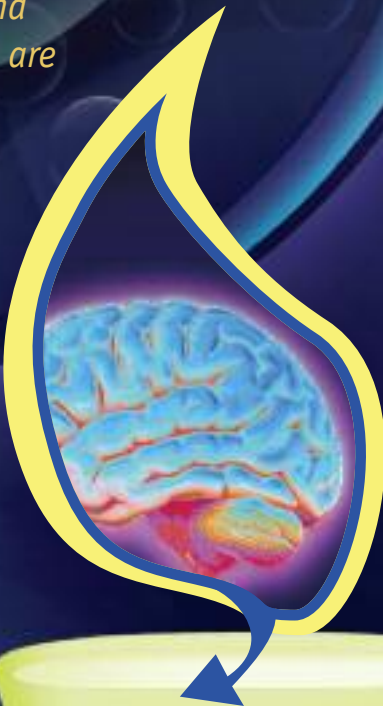
Oil has always been a valuable and important natural resource. Here are a few interesting facts about oil:



FROM AVOCADO TO WALNUT...

The number of oils out there would make you dizzy!

There are dozens of different oils that can be used for cooking and baking. Although olive oil is a favorite, other popular oils include sunflower oil and safflower oil, almond oil and sesame oil, canola oil and peanut oil. Oil is also used to produce soaps and oil paints. . . and the list goes on!



OILY BENEFITS

Suffering from a sore throat? Chinese Medicine prescribes olive soup!

Looking for a **natural breath freshener**? The Talmud's mouthwash recipe calls for water, salt and oil!

Cramming for an exam? According to the Talmud, olive oil enhances memory!

And, if someone's snoring is getting to you, suggest he or she consume some olive oil, which naturally lubricates the throat muscle and makes for softer, quieter breathing.



OIL POWER

Did you know that oil is one of America's most important energy resources?

We use oil for energy, as fuel for cars and to heat our homes. The oil comes from oil wells that lie deep underground and look more like rocks than black pools. Inside the pores of these rocks are tiny droplets of oil. The pressure from the rocks combined with the Earth's heat releases the oil from the rocks, enabling us to access a vital source of energy!



UNDERWATER SPILLAGE

The **Gulf of Mexico oil spill** dumped **205.8 million gallons** of oil into the ocean, damaging our natural resources and endangering wildlife in the ocean. Since the spill, hungry dolphins have been observed “acting drunk” and **60 dolphins** were seen blowing oil through their blow holes! To clean the water, oil is being burned and special machines are being used to separate the oil from the water.



GREASE THOSE WHEELS

Well before the invention of suntan lotion, **Greek athletes** would slather their bodies with **olive oil** and a light **dusting of sand** to protect their skin from the sun and to regulate their body temperature. Warriors also used oil, which they'd rub on their leather shields to make them extra supple. Hot oil was used in battle, too, as a weapon of sorts to repel the enemy.



EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

Did you know that paper cups are coated with plastic or wax to make them waterproof? Plastic is derived from oil and wax is too!

Ever wonder about that slimy, waxy feel to some fruits and vegetables? That's a form of oil, too, it's called petroleum!

You might be wearing oil derived clothing right now! Polyester comes from plastic, which comes from oil!



DRINK UP

In 2009, the people of **Pingyan County, Guangdong Province in China**, filled the largest bottle of cooking oil ever recorded—the bottle was **5.12 m (16 ft 8 in)** tall and contained **3,212 liters (706.54 gal)** of camellia oil. It took less than one hour to fill the bottle! **But who knows how long it took to use all that oil??**

Out of this
World!
Fun Facts About **Oil!**

Celebrate

Chanukah in style and don't forget these essential ingredients:



We're scrumptious and sweet and everyone's favorite treat—filled with jelly or custard, and coated with sugar, chocolate or cream. Over on the next burner are our friends made of potatoes, carrots and even beets! Although they are fried like we are, they're not exactly sweet—so dip them in applesauce or sour cream if you prefer a tart treat. All of us here in your Chanukah kitchen were deep fried in oil to remind you of the tiny jug of oil that lasted for eight days and nights!



What are we?

I've got eight lampholders, all of the same height, and a shamash, or tall beeswax candle, with which to light. I come in many shapes and sizes and sit most comfortably on your windowsill or in a doorway, from which I spread my light and the miracle of Chanukah for all to see! While I like olive oil best, candles are fine too, just don't forget the order in which my lights are lit: begin with the candle furthest to the right, and on each night add one light to the left of the previous night's light, always lighting the newest light first.

Can you guess what I am?

See page 26 for lighting instructions and brachot.

In ancient Israel, Jewish children used me to hide their study of Torah from the mean Greek patrol. As soon as they'd hear that the Greeks were around, they'd stow their books safely, then spin me round and round. I've got four sides and a letter on each one, do you know what they are and what they stand for? The **nun** is for **nes**, which means **miracle**, **gimmel** is for **gadol** which means **great** or **big**, **hei** is for **hayah** which means **was** or **happened** and **shin** is for **sham** which means **there** (our Israeli brothers and sisters have a **pei** for **poh**, or **here**, instead) = a great miracle happened there (or here)!

What am I?

Whether shiny and round or paper-like and kind of gray, we're pretty valuable in so many ways. On Chanukah parents often give us to their kids, who either save us up or use us right away to buy a favorite new toy. Whatever you do remember to share the beauty of this holiday with other girls and boys, by giving charity and helping those who may not be as lucky as you! **What are we?**



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Past

Back in the days when the Holy Temple stood in Jerusalem, there was a live concert every single day! The Levites performed on various musical instruments—including flutes, harps, and trumpets, to accompany the preparation and offering of the daily sacrifices in the Temple.

But the Levites' music wasn't just a backdrop for the real thing. Instead, it was considered an important part of the service itself. Sometimes, the Levites' songs were instructional, informing those working with the sacrifices on how to do it right. At other times, the songs were mainly inspirational—they stirred people's emotions and made them feel the sanctity and holiness of the Temple.



MUSIC IN MOTION

Present

Music has evolved tremendously since the times of the Temple. Musical traditions from all around the world have introduced many genres from **HEAVY METAL** and **PUNK** to **ROCK**, **POP**, **JAZZ** and **CLASSICAL** music and so much more. And the number of musical instruments has also expanded over the centuries. In fact, these days musical instruments can be found just about anywhere you look. Scientists have determined that any sound, from the chiming of a glass of juice to the thumping of a snowy shoe on a rug, produces a musical note—one of seven notes on the musical scale. That means that just about any object out there—from a **pot** to a **boot** and from a **book** to a **clock**—can be used to create music. It also means that any sound really is music.

To keep up with the constant innovations in the music world, musicians themselves are also continually adapting and evolving themselves. A famous singer said that he could compose an entire album using only a plastic hairbrush. And, these days, symphonies are recorded on computers, with a single person often playing tens or sometimes hundreds of different parts. Some of the greatest contemporary musicians record on one instrument, then another, and then another, playing back the raw recording and jamming with themselves.



FUTURE

Just as we now recognize that music can be made from any object, it's also true that every person can be a musician and create his or her own music. This is pretty powerful stuff when you think about it, because music can reach and touch people all over the world.

And it gets better: According to Kabbalah, when Moshiach comes, a **new eighth note** will be added to the existing musical scale of seven whole notes. The eighth note will represent the harmony and unity of the world in the times of Moshiach, and will bring the musical scale to a whole new level of perfection.



MACCABEATS



MACCABEATS

BATTLE OF THE MACCABEES

THE CONTEST



Ah, I saw it all coming and I warned the Jews . . . I told them: *don't be adopting the Greek ways, stay true to the faith of our fathers, to the Torah and to G-d.*

Ah, but they wouldn't listen to me. And so began the battle waged by my son, Mattityahu, and his five sons, the Maccabees against the Greeks!

YOHANAN

I was getting on in years when things really came to a head. It happened when Antiochus's men arrived to our village of Modin and built an altar in the center of town. They demanded that I offer sacrifices to the Greek gods, but I refused!

My sons—**Simon, Judah, Jonathan, Eleazar and Joshua**—and I, and all who were on our side, we fought the officers and their men and destroyed the altar they had built.

MATTITYAHU

Before his death, our father, **Mattityahu**, asked that we **continue to defend the Jewish faith**. My brother Judah and I were to lead, I by dispensing advice, Judah through his might. Sure enough, Antiochus has begun to send his men to attack us.

SIMON

They are an army of more than 40,000 men, and we are so few in number, but strong in our faith and determination. **We know we must win these battles, so that Judaism and the Jewish people will continue to live on!**

JUDAH

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THE GREEK CHORUS



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They call me a madman because of how I shake things up. When I became king of the Syrian empire I just wanted to make our kingdom big and powerful, and mighty rich. I didn't want anyone getting in my way, least of all the Jews! I got rid of the their high priest Yohanan, and installed in his place his younger brother Jason—a Hellenist. I'd have none of that Jew-religion stuff. What I wanted was for everyone in my empire to pursue the Greek ideals of beauty and culture and forget about G-d! And of course I wanted to bring in money—so that the kingdom would become wealthy!

ANTIOCHUS

When Antiochus came to power, I offered him a handsome sum of money in exchange for becoming the new high priest in the temple. I was a true Hellenistic Jew, and did everything in my power to adopt the ways of the Greeks, and encourage other Jews to do the same.

I even built the first-ever gymnasium in Jerusalem! Alas, my successes were short-lived. Menelaus, a fellow Hellenistic Jew, offered the king a bigger sum for the priesthood and I was forced to leave my position.

JASON

This isn't just about money—this is a battle of the bands! We're talking a real battle between the ancient Jewish religious stuff, and modern Greek culture. Sure, Jason considers himself a Hellenistic Jew, but he still had some soft spots for Judaism, and Antiochus will have none of that.

I know the Jews accuse me of plundering the holy temple and pawning its vessels for cash, but what I am really after is being of service to Antiochus and his empire. Let the battles begin!

MENELAUS

ABOUT THE GREEK CHORUS



The Greek Chorus has its roots in the ancient Syrian powers that ruled the Holy land more than 2,000 years ago.

Proud of its culture and practices, with an emphasis on physical beauty and bodily pleasures, the chorus has sought to educate all people living in its empire, especially the Jews, in the ways of the Greeks.

The Jews were a special target because they had a grand temple filled with magnificent precious ritual objects and furnishings, which could contribute to the wealth of the empire. They also posed a particular threat, because of their commitment to the Torah and to Jewish tradition.

The Greek Chorus became more and more popular with time, gaining tremendous power and spreading their influence across the Syrian empire. Of course, any outside cultures were not permitted to flourish in this environment. In fact, by the time Antiochus IV came to power, there was really no room for any religion outside of the Greek-Syrian tradition, and the observance of Jewish rituals was outlawed.

Although this did not bode well for the Jewish people, there were some who did embrace Greek culture. Known as the Hellenists, these Jews were some of the chorus's top fans and have helped to make it a great and accomplished band.



NOW PLAYING: Battle of

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After the death of Mattityahu, Antiochus sent his general Apolonius to attack the Maccabees. Although the Syrians were greater in number and had

more weapons, they were defeated by the Maccabees. When the Syrians lost a second battle to the tiny Jewish army, Antiochus decided to send a full-fledged army out to attack the Maccabees.

Under the leadership of commanders Nicanor and Gorgias, 40,000 Syrian men swept through the land, prepared to attack and defeat the Jews. But Judah and his

brothers prayed to G-d, and after many battles they won the war! Miraculous, but true!

But the story of Chanukah wasn't over yet. When the Maccabees re-entered the Jerusalem temple, they found it in a state of utter disarray. Not only was the place a huge mess, but Greek idols were strewn across the temple grounds. First, the





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ABOUT THE MACCABEATS



The *Maccabeats* burst onto the scene after years of turmoil in the Holy Land, during which Syrian-Greek influence spread far and wide among the Jews.

Drawing on their profound faith and commitment to G-d and the Torah, the Maccabeats—who take their inspiration from their grandfather Yohanan, the High Priest—have created a strong and successful band that, despite its small size, is incredibly powerful.

Not only is this band ready to wage battle and defend itself against any attackers, it also has devised ways to help Jewish people observe their traditions despite the Syrian laws. So, for example, the Maccabeats invented the dreidel, a phenomenal spinning top toy that Jewish children keep on hand while they study Torah. This way, if Syrian officers pass by, they immediately pull out the dreidels and begin to play, thus avoiding certain punishment. They've also learned to escape deep into caves to protect themselves from the harsh persecution of the Syrians. Determined to protect the rights of the Jewish people to observe their religious traditions and live as free people in the Holy Land, the Maccabeats have built a powerful band that will triumph against all odds!

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Maccabees got to work cleaning up the temple. They then rebuilt the altar and, to replace the golden menorah that had been stolen by the Syrians, built a less expensive but still functional metal one in its place. Now it was time to light the menorah. But in the temple, the menorah could only be lit with pure

olive oil. Although they searched high and low, the Maccabees could not find containers of oil that had the seal of the High Priest still intact. Finally, they found a single cruse of pure olive oil that had not been tampered with. It was enough to last for just one day. But G-d performed another miracle, and that tiny cruse of oil

lasted for eight whole days and nights!

To commemorate these miracles we fill up on oily treats like latkes and doughnuts. We play dreidel to remind us of the times when Jewish children had to hide their Jewish observance from the Syrians. And, most important of all, we light an eight-branched menorah!



Imagine being powerful enough to rip apart a hungry lion with just your bare hands, or to unhinge the gates of an entire city with no sweat at all.

There was once such a man—the mighty Shimshon.

PIOUS STRENGTH

One day, before Shimshon was born, his mother Zealphonis was taking a walk in the fields of Zorah, a town in the land of Israel, when an angel appeared and told her that she'd be blessed with a son who would be "stronger than a lion and fleetier than a deer" and who would protect the Jewish people. The angel instructed Zealphonis that the boy was to be a

Nazirite—someone who never cuts his hair and never drinks wine or liquor.

Jewish HEROES

THE MIGHTY SHIMSHON

Shimshon

AKA: Shimshom Ha-gibor
(The Mighty Samson)

Ruled the Jewish people: 20 years,
2810 to 2831 from creation.

Wife: Delilah

Mother: Zealphonis

Father: Manoah



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SHIMSHON THE LEADER

Things turned out just as the angel had foretold. A pious boy, Shimshon grew up to be a great leader of the Jewish people, and he served them for twenty years.

At that time the Jewish people who lived in the Holy Land were surrounded by enemies who targeted them often. Time and again, Shimshon rose to their defense defeating those who attacked the Jews. Not surprisingly, Shimshon was hated by the enemies of the Jews. The Philistines in particular had experienced firsthand Shimshon's incredible strength and were determined to find a way to destroy him. One day, they hit upon a scheme: Secretly, they approached Shimshon's wife, Delilah, and pleaded for her help in finding out the source of her husband's great strength. Sadly, Delilah fell into their trap.

THE SECRET

When Delilah asked Shimshon to tell her the secret behind his physical powers, he refused to tell her anything. But after tremendous pressure, Shimshon broke down and told Delilah that the mystery of his strength lie in his hair, which had never been touched by a razor. Late that night, as part of her terrible deal with the Philistines, while Shimshon was asleep, Delilah cut his hair for the very first time. When the Philistines surrounded the house, Delilah woke her husband, shouting "the Philistines are upon you!" Immediately, Shimshon arose and prepared for a counterattack, but his strength had left him, and he was quickly defeated by the Philistines, who tortured him and took him as their prisoner.

Overjoyed with their achievement, the Philistines broke out in celebration, and brought their prize, Shimshon, to the party, to display him for all their guests. They placed him between two large pillars that were supporting the building in which the party was taking place. Shimshon prayed to G-d that He return his powers to him one last time. His prayers were answered and with his last great spurt of strength Shimshon tore down the two pillars, bringing down the entire building, killing himself and everyone inside.

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 For All Jewish People
 Hear the Megillah, Send Misloach Manot,
 and give to the poor, have a feast!



Clips from the Purim Story:

1



**SHE DEFIED THE KING...
 WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?**

Ahashverosh: The audacity! The brazenness! My wife, queen Vashti refused to appear at my party! I won't stand for it, no, not I!

Haman: Your honor, you are right to be angry. Vashti must be punished, she must be put to death!

2



A KING WITHOUT A QUEEN... UNHEARD OF!

King's servants: Esther, we are here by order of the king, who is searching for a new queen. You must come with us to the palace.

Esther: Oh, uncle Mordechai, I'm so afraid to leave you behind, to go so far away from my family and people.

Mordechai: Don't worry Esther, perhaps there will be a great purpose to your being in the palace. Whatever you do, dear Esther, do not tell the king you are a Jew.

3



OF ALL THE MAIDENS FROM HODU TO KUSH... WHO WILL THE KING CHOOSE?

4



MORDECHAI IS A MAN WHO WILL NOT BOW DOWN TO THE KING'S PRIME MINISTER...

Haman: Oh how I detest this man Mordechai! Here I am practically second in command to the king yet he refuses bow down before me. I will take my revenge—I will have the king sign an order to kill all the Jews of his empire!

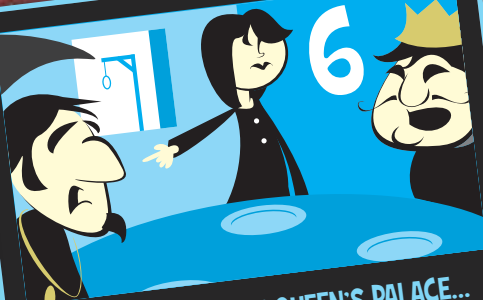
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THE DECREE HAS BEEN ISSUED...

Mordechai to Esther's servant: Please, tell Esther that the king has ordered the Jewish people killed! Tell her that she must intervene!

6



A ROYAL PARTY IN THE QUEEN'S PALACE... FOR THREE

Ahashverosh: This is the second time you have invited us. What is it that you want, dear Esther?

Esther: Your Majesty—I and my entire people are to be destroyed!

Ahashverosh: What?! Who would do such a thing?!

Esther: The evil Haman! He has even built a gallows on which to hang my uncle Mordechai!

Ahashverosh: How dare he?! Haman, then, shall be hanged from those very gallows, and I will issue a new decree so that you and your people may defend yourselves and fight anyone who attacks you!



Shushan Town

I Shpy

וְלֹא כִפְּנוּ כָּל יְהוּדֵי דָת וְרוּחַ הַהִקְרָב אֲלֵינוּ כִּי אֵין
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והי בימי אחשורוש הוא אחשורוש המלך
 מהרו ועד כושי יעבעל ועשירים ומה מדינה
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 למלכו לכהן לכהן ולכהן וזיל פרס
 ערי המדינות לפניו בהראתו
 כותו ואת יקר הפצרת גדולתו
 גם נמאת יום ובמזלות הימים
 כך לכל הלם המזלות בשלשין
 בועל קטן מילתה יעבעל ימים
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 השקלה בכסף על רצפת בהט ויעמודו עליו
 מלכות רב כיד המלך והשתייה בדת אין אלם
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 המלכה לפני המלך בכתר מלכות להראות
 העינים והשירים את פיה כי טובת מראה היא
 והמאן המלכה וישתי לבוא בלבר המלך איש
 ביד הסרסים ויקצף המלך מאד וחמתו בערה
 בו ויאמר
 המלך לוהכמים ירלי העיתים כי כן דבר

I Shpy a flower basket, 2 bows, and a bell, a top hat, Megillah, the gown of a queen, a costume, a pink straw, a happy clown, and a sign to direct us to Shushan Town.

I Shpy a gallows and a short red string, a pencil, a notebook, a signet ring, a Nintendo Wii, some hamentashen , a map of Persia and a book in Russian.

Brighten the World one Flame at a Time

To: Jewish Girls & Women

Subject: Your Shabbat candles
can help brighten the world, one flame at a time!


Did you know that the first woman to light Shabbat candles was Sarah, wife of Abraham and mother of Isaac? Because of her righteousness, Sarah's candles remained burning from Friday to Friday. When Isaac married Rebecca, the very same thing happened to her candles—they stayed lit for an entire week!

Back then, before the invention of electricity and the light bulb, fire was the only source of light at night. Because one of the laws of Shabbat is not to create fire, lighting candles before Shabbat was pretty essential. Without these candles people would be left in the dark—literally!

Today, we've got all kinds of contraptions that allow us to keep our electric lights on timers, or let them burn for 24+ hours straight, so that we can enjoy Friday evening dinners with plenty of light. But Jewish women and girls continue to welcome the Jewish day of rest by lighting candles each and every week, before sunset on Friday. Even though candles are no longer necessary for light, lighting Shabbat candles remains an important mitzvah, one that Jewish women have been careful to maintain until today!

No need to RSVP. Check candle lighting times in your area with your local Rabbi or on the World Wide Web.





In the beginning...the world was a
dark place...

then G-d said,

"Let There Be Light,"

and He created Light.

But the story isn't over yet, because the world still has many dark spots in it. Look around you.

What is darkness? Does it have a color, a shape, a size? Does it exist only at night, outside or in an unlit room?

Maybe. But darkness can be many other things as well. Some feelings are dark, like sadness, anger and loneliness. Thoughts can be dark too—thoughts that scare us or make us worry. When we don't understand a complicated math problem or can't remember something we once knew, these are also types of darkness. When this happens, it's as if the light inside our heads has gone off and we can't seem to find the switch to turn it back on.

...Now Think About Light!

What does it look like? Where does it come from? And how much light does it take to get rid of darkness?

Sometimes, light can mean a friendly smile or a helping hand. Other times it might take more to brighten up the dark: Standing up for a friend who's being picked on, spending time visiting the sick or giving your parents' a much needed rest by offering to do the dishes or fold the laundry—these are all switches that can work to add light to someone's life, and to the world.

In fact, any good deed we do adds light to the universe, and makes it a brighter place for people everywhere! And it only takes a little bit of light to dispel a whole lot of darkness!



Jewish Judges

When Will All These Wars Finally End?

The sun shone brightly, the breeze was crisp and birds chirped happily as Yoav and his brother Ehud played peacefully in the sand. From afar they could hear their father working the fields, as their mother prepared dinner on a stone oven outside their little tent.

Soon it was time for dinner and the boys quickly brushed themselves off and headed home, with their father following behind. But once home, the boys noticed the expression on their father's face, and their hearts sank. Their mother had noticed, too.

"What is it now Moshe?" she asked.

"War."

Chana's face paled, "Oy, another war! When will all these wars finally end?"

"Some of the elders have just traveled to the town of Shiloh where our great Tabernacle, the home of G-d proudly stands, and they will ask G-d for assistance and blessing."

Chana sighed, "I really hope we win this battle, I can't take this much longer. Just look at the kids, they have hardly known a day of peace since their birth, first it was a civil war in the Jewish community, then our great judge passed away, then we were attacked and our sheep were stolen from us, and then my brother Naftali was killed in battle. Oh please G-d, give us some peace!"

instructing them on how to lead their lives, and, when necessary, by gathering the army and preparing it for battle.

One example of a famous judge from that period is the mighty **Samson**, who literally 'took down the house' (check out the Jewish heroes' page). Another is **Devorah**, the only woman to serve as a judge, and also as a prophetess, who led the Jewish people to victory against the great general Sisra. Her husband Barak served as the general of the Jewish army, yet was afraid to take on mighty Sisra. Devorah offered to join the troops in battle. Indeed, her presence at the front was a great factor in the Jewish victory.

At the beginning of the period of the Judges all of the Jews lived either inside of Israel or just across the Jordan River. But when, shortly after

Joshua's passing, a civil war broke out between the tribe of Benjamin and the other eleven tribes of Israel, about one hundred people from the tribe of Benjamin emigrated from Israel and moved to Italy and Germany. Ever since, the Jewish people have been scattered around the world. Never again has the entire nation lived together in the land of Israel.



Be sure to tune in next time as we uncover the story of a man who went to look for his donkeys and ended up becoming the first great king of Israel...

Conversations like the one above give us a sense of what Jewish life was like for more than **350 years after** the passing of Joshua, the leader who brought the Jewish people into the Land of Israel and helped them settle the land. After his death, the Jews found themselves constantly embroiled in wars, sometimes with each other, sometimes with neighboring nations. Peaceful times were few and far between.

But the Jewish people were not entirely without leadership during this time. In fact, this period is generally known as the period of the **Shoftim**, or the Judges. There were **15 judges in total** over this period. Judges were appointed by G-d to lead the people by teaching them the Torah and

TIMELINE OF THE

JEWISH JUDGES

WHO RULED ISRAEL

STARTING:
2533 FROM CREATION
(1228 B.C.E.)

2533 (1228 B.C.E.)
OTHNIEL BEN KNAZ

EXACT DATES UNKNOWN
SHAMGAR BEN ANATH

2694 (1067 B.C.E.)
GIDEON

2573 (1188 B.C.E.)
EHUD BEN GERAH

2654 (1107 B.C.E.)
DEVORAH THE PROPHETESS

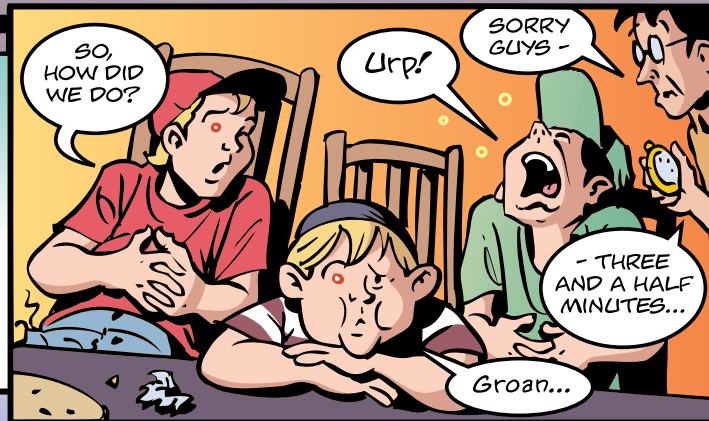
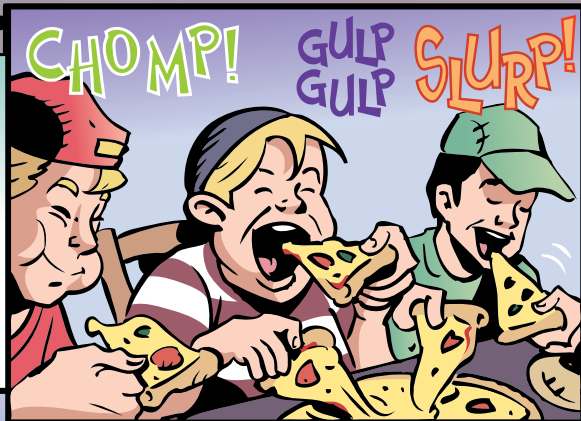
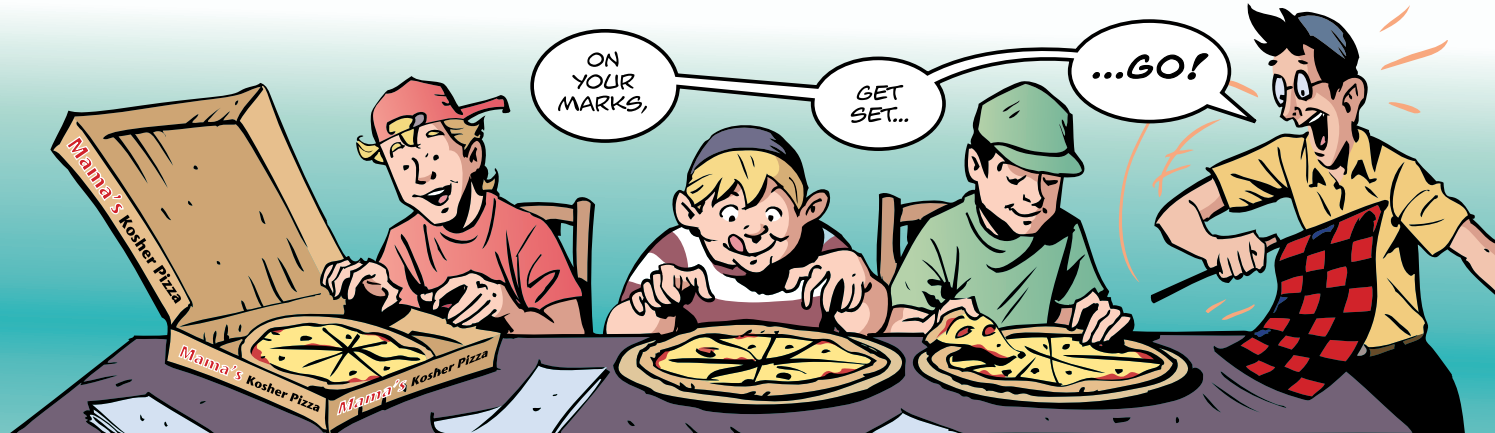
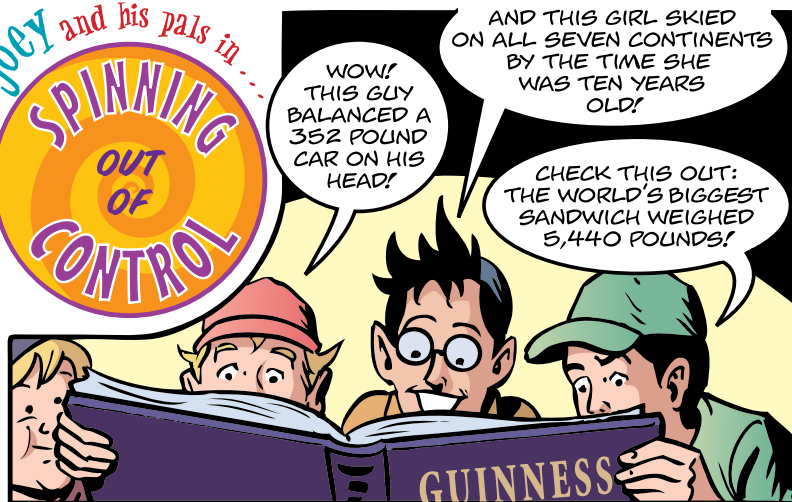


EHUD'S VICTORY OVER THE MOABITES



RULE OF
JUDGES
ENDS
2875 (890 B.C.E.)

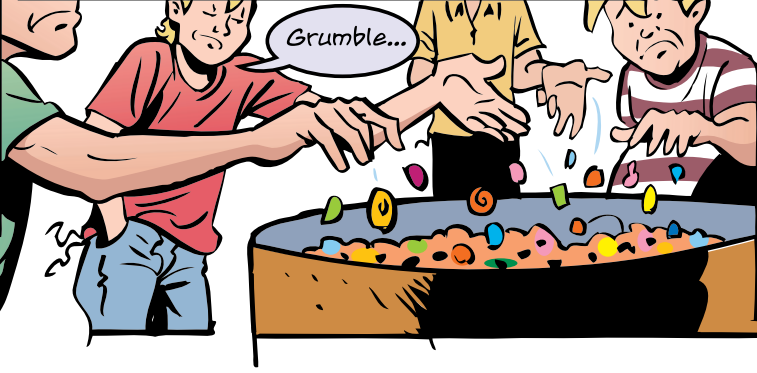
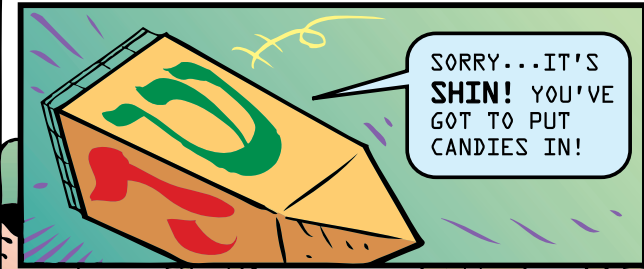
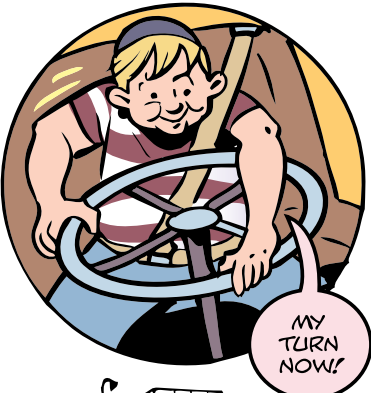
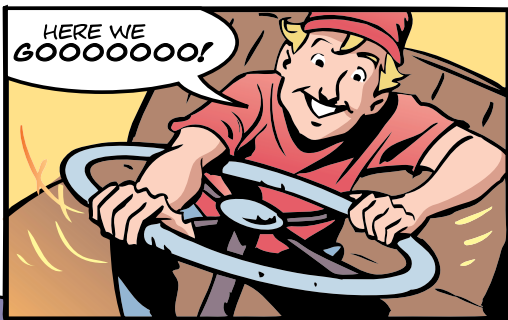
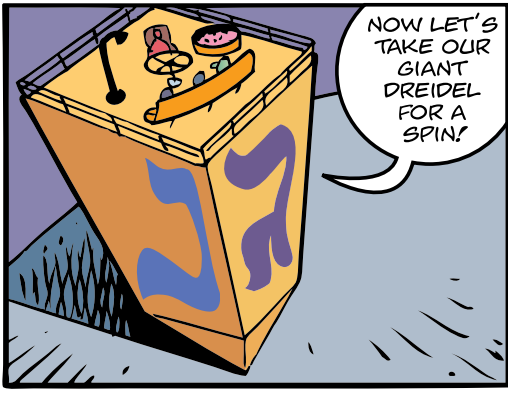
Joey and his pals in...
SPINNING OUT OF CONTROL

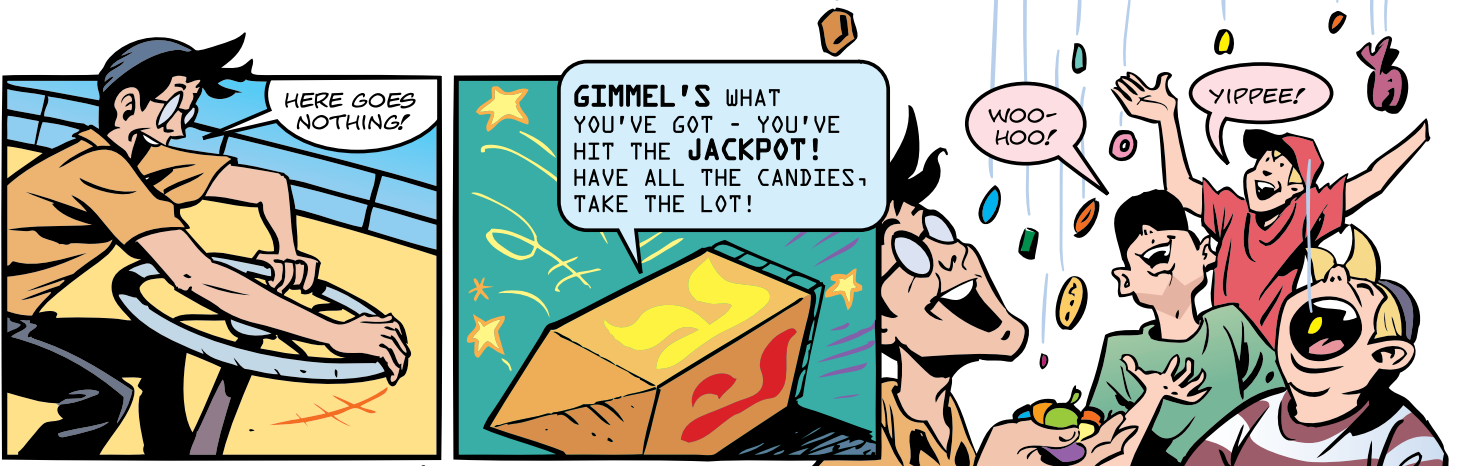


SO THE BOYS SET TO WORK.



WELL, GUYS, WE FINALLY DID IT!

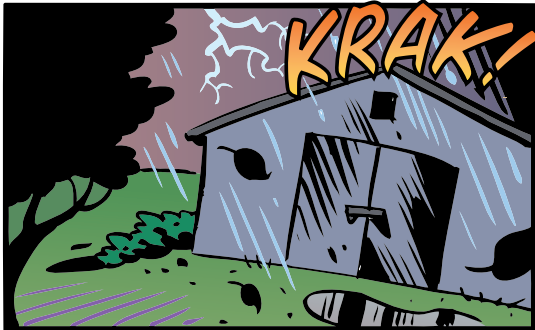




HERE GOES NOTHING!

GIMMEL'S WHAT YOU'VE GOT - YOU'VE HIT THE JACKPOT! HAVE ALL THE CANDIES, TAKE THE LOT!

WOO-HOO!
YIPPEE!



COME MORNING...
OH NO!
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
WE NEED TO FIND OUR DREIDEL!
HANG ON... I SEE SOMETHING SHINY OVER THERE...



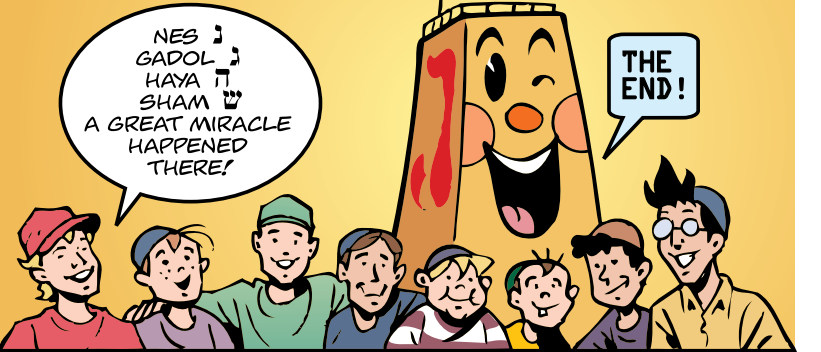
FOLLOW THAT DREIDEL TRAIL!



Hmm... THE TRAIL STOPS HERE.
LET'S TAKE A LOOK AROUND.



WOW!
OUR DREIDEL'S SURE BEING PUT TO GOOD USE!
BETTER HERE THAN IN A MUSEUM!



NES GADOL HAYA SHAM A GREAT MIRACLE HAPPENED THERE!
THE END!



"Let's make..."

GELT

for
Chanukah



Like so many Jewish kids—and adults—Pearl loves Chanukah. Not only is there an endless supply of donuts and latkes, as well as rounds and rounds of dreidel games, but Chanukah also means getting gelt, eight days in a row! Ever wonder why Jews celebrate Chanukah by giving their kids gifts, and specifically money? One reason is to teach us the importance of giving charity. When you set aside a portion of your Chanukah gelt for charity you'll be using your gelt to help someone else!

This Chanukah Pearl is making gelt in her kitchen—**chocolate covered apricot gelt**, that is, and she needs your help making these in time for Chanukah!



1. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. Ask your adult assistant to help you turn on the stove.
3. Heat chocolate in a double boiler. Let the water get hot but don't let it boil.
4. Use your spatula to scrape the chocolate from the sides of the pot.
5. Remove from heat as soon as chocolate has melted.
6. Immediately add all the apricots to the pot of melted chocolate and stir gently with your spatula until they are all fully coated. Or, you can hold the apricots in your fingers and dip them, one at a time, into the chocolate, so that they are just half covered.
7. Place your chocolate covered apricots on the baking sheets and refrigerate until the chocolate hardens, for about 20-30 minutes.
8. Now you can wrap your coins in small pieces of foil or candy wrappers for the real gelt look!

Don't forget the blessing and enjoy your home-made Chanukah gelt!

Blessing:

**Ba-ruch Atah Ado-nai Elo-heinu
Melech ha'olam She-hakol Nihiyeh Bidvaro.**
Blessed are You, L-ord our G-d, King of the universe, by whose word everything comes to be.



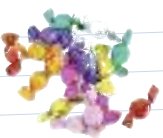
Things you will need:

Make sure you have these ingredients!



1 pound dried apricots

1 pound chocolate, chopped



Aluminum foil and/or candy wrappers



2 Baking sheets



Parchment paper



A double boiler



A plastic spatula



A fork

Just for
FUN!

In the final round of the Tournament, each competitor landed on a different letter. From the information below, can you figure out which competitor landed on which letter and what color t-shirt he or she was wearing?

COMPETITORS: Josh • Abigail • Sara • Adam

Josh didn't collect any money while Abigail collected half. The competitor wearing yellow took it all. Abigail wore a blue t-shirt. One competitor wore red. The male competitor wearing purple had to add money to the pot.



Spinner **WINNER**
DREIDEL TOURNAMENT



Hint: **Tournament Rules**
How to play dreidel:

- נ — **NUN**: NOTHING
If your dreidel lands on nun, you do nothing.
- ג — **GIMMEL**: EVERYTHING
Winner takes all.
- ה — **HEY**: HALF
You get half the pot.
- ש — **SHIN**: PUT IN
Add a piece to the center.

Name

Letter landed on

Color t-shirt

Famous Jewish Symbols:

MAGEN DAVID—Star of David

This symbol is comprised of two symmetrical triangles that create a six pointed star—hexagram.

Count how many triangles there are in total in this diagram.

There are more than you might think at first. _____



THE MENORAH

The menorah has been a symbol of victory and freedom ever since the story of Chanukah.

Both symbols can be found in synagogues, Judaic items, memorials, jewelry...

PICTURE Word Search

This may not look like a typical word search but it works the same way. The 13 words or phrases listed here can be found within this grid of pictures... reading left to right, up and down or diagonally. Can you find everything on the list?

- DONUT
(Dough+Nut)
- MATCHSTICK
- ELEPHANT
- POTATO PANCAKE
- TOY STORE
- OLIVE OIL
- ARMY
- SHAMASH
- EIGHT NIGHTS
- MACCABEE
- MENORAH
- JUDAH
- HOLY TEMPLE

Did you light correctly?



On the 8th night, which would be the correct sequence of colors beginning from the top?



A B C D

How to LIGHT your MENORAH

Chanukah begins on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev. This year, that date coincides with **December 2, 2010**. Because Jewish holidays begin at sunset of the previous day, the first night of Chanukah this year is **Wednesday, December 1st**.



1ST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH

Wednesday, December 1—Kislev 25, 5771

After sunset recite blessings 1, 2 and 3, and kindle one light on your menorah.



2ND NIGHT OF CHANUKAH

Thursday, December 2, 2010—Kislev 26, 5771

After sunset recite blessings 1 and 2, and kindle two lights on your menorah.



3RD NIGHT OF CHANUKAH

Friday, December 3, 2010—Kislev 27, 5771

Before sunset, recite blessings 1 and 2, and kindle three lights on your menorah. The menorah must be lit BEFORE lighting the Shabbat candles (18 minutes before sunset). Light Shabbat candles (see page 2 for your local times.)



4TH NIGHT OF CHANUKAH

Shabbat, December 4, 2009—Kislev 28, 5771

After night falls and Shabbat ends, recite the Havdalah (www.thkids.org/256963). Recite blessings 1 and 2, and kindle four lights on your menorah.



5TH NIGHT OF CHANUKAH

Sunday, December 5, 2010—Kislev 29, 5771

After sunset, recite blessings 1 and 2, and kindle five lights on your menorah.



6TH NIGHT OF CHANUKAH

Monday, December 6, 2010—Kislev 30, 5771

After sunset, recite blessings 1 and 2, and kindle six lights on your menorah.



7TH NIGHT OF CHANUKAH

Tuesday, December 7, 2010—Tevet 1, 5771

After sunset, recite blessings 1 and 2, and kindle seven lights on your menorah.



8TH NIGHT OF CHANUKAH

Wednesday, December 8, 2010—Tevet 2, 5771

After sunset, recite blessings 1 and 2, and kindle eight lights on your menorah.

LIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS:

- The menorah candleholders should be **level**, and the menorah should be placed in a **doorway**, opposite the mezuzah, or near the **window**, to spread the light of Chanukah.
- While candles are placed from **right to left**, each night we begin lighting with the newest candle, from **left to right**.
- The **shamash**, or ninth candle is used to light the menorah. Since the shamash is not one of the eight menorah lights, it is often set **above** the other candles.
- Chanukah lights should remain burning for at least **one half hour**. On Fridays, when we light extra-early, it is best to use additional oil or larger candles to ensure that the lights continue to **burn well into Shabbat**.

THE BLESSINGS:

1 בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוֵּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch Atah Ado-noi, Elo-hei-nu Melech Ha-olam, Asher Ki-de-sha-nu Be-mitz-vo-sav, Ve-tzi-vanu Le-had-lik Ner Chanukah.

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

2 בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים וּמוֹפְתִים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ, בְּיָמֵים הָהֵם בְּזְמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch Atah Ado-noi, Elo-hei-nu Melech Ha-olam, She-asa Nisim La-a-vo-sai-nu, Ba-ya-mim Ha-haim Biz-man Ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who performed miracles for our forefathers in those days at this time.

3 בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּים וְהַיְחָיוּ וְהַיְעִיבֵנוּ לְזְמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch Atah Ado-noi Elo-hei-nu Melech Ha-olam She-heh- chi-yah-nu Ve-ki-ye-mahnu Ve-hi-gi-ahnu Liz-man Ha-zeh.

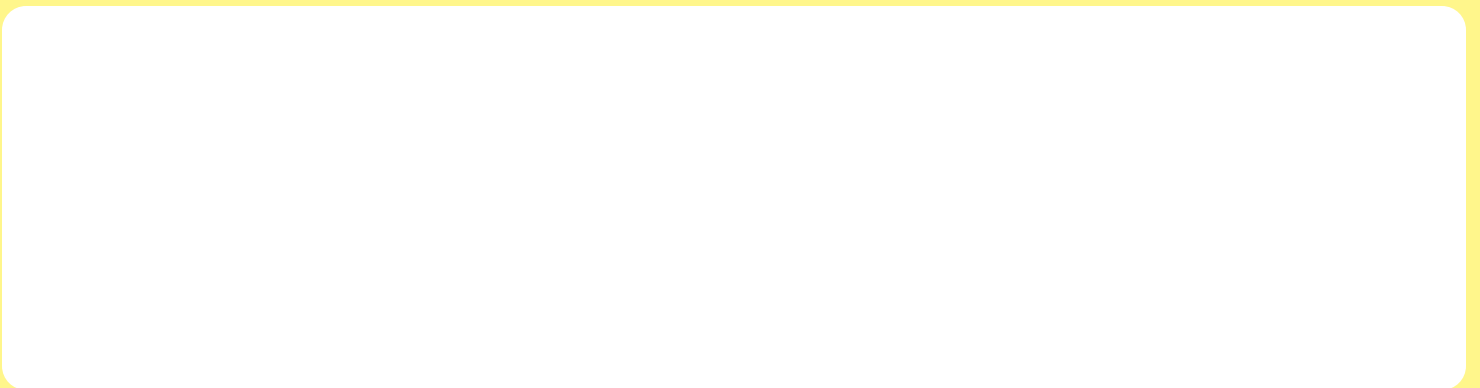
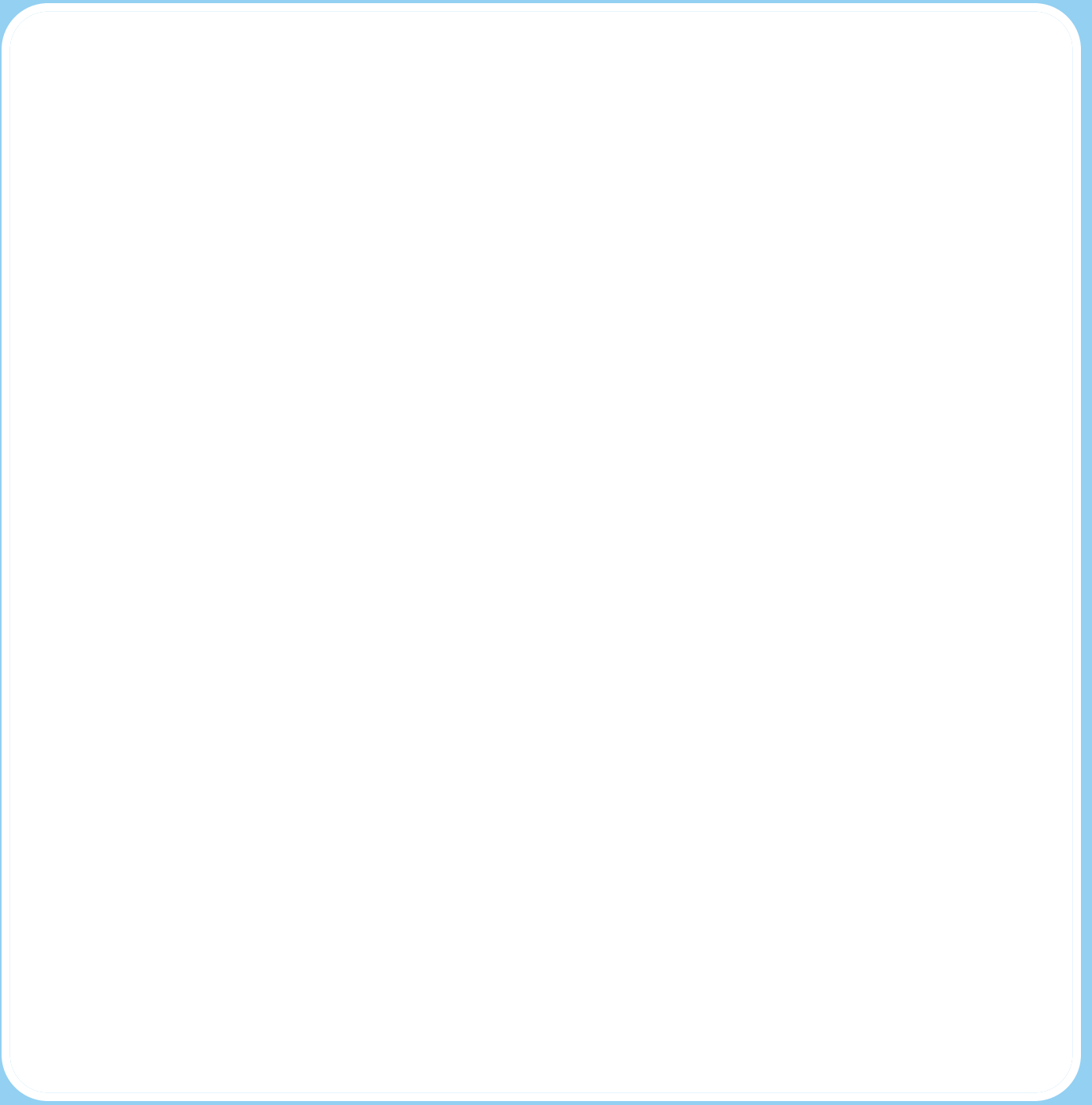
Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

AFTER YOU LIGHT, RECITE OR SING THE FOLLOWING SONG:

הַנִּרְוֹת הַלְלוּ אֱנוּ מִדְּלִיקוֹן, עַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת, וְעַל הַנִּסִּים, וְעַל הַנִּפְלְאוֹת, שֶׁעָשִׂיתָ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בְּיָמֵים הָהֵם בְּזְמַן הַזֶּה, עַל יְדֵי בְּהַגִּיד הַקְּדוּשִׁים. וְכָל שְׁמוֹנַת יָמֵי חֲנֻכָּה, הַנִּרְוֹת הַלְלוּ קִדְּשׁ הֵם, וְאֵין לָנוּ רְשׁוּת לְהִשְׁתַּמֵּשׁ בָּהֶן, אֶלָּא לְרְאוּתָן בְּלִבְךָ, כְּבִי לְהוֹדוֹת וְלְהַלֵּל לְשִׁמְךָ הַגָּדוֹל, עַל נִסְיֶיךָ וְעַל נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ וְעַל יְשׁוּעָתְךָ:

Ha-nei-ros Ha-la-lu Onu Mad-li-kin, Al Hat-shu-os, Ve-al Ha-nisim, Ve-al Ha-nif-la-os, She-a-si-sa La-avo-sei-nu Ba-ya-mim Ha-haim Biz-man Ha-zeh, Al yi-dei Ko-ha-ne-cha Hak-doshim. Ve-chol Shmo-nas Yi-mei Chanukah, Ha-nei-ros Ha-la-lu Ko-desh Heim, vi-ein La-nu Ri-shus Li-hish-ta-meish Ba-hein, Ela Lir-o-san Bil-vad, Ki-dei Li-ho-dos Uli-ha-lel Le-shim-cha Ha-ga-dol, Al Ni-se-cha Ve-al Nif-le-o-se-cha Ve-al Ye-shu-o-se-cha.

We kindle these lights [to commemorate] the saving acts, miracles and wonders which You have performed for our forefathers, in those days at this time, through Your holy Kohanim. Throughout the eight days of Chanukah, these lights are sacred, and we are not permitted to make use of them, but only to look at them, in order to offer thanks and praise to Your great Name for Your miracles, for Your wonders and for Your salvations.





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