



# Feast of Hanukkah

Messianic Jewish Haggadah  
*"Festival of Lights"*

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# Hanukkah Haggadah

## Our Vision

**Leader:** Often times when celebrating holidays at home with our families, we perform the very shortest of customs and thus the time that would be so rich for our family's interaction and discussion is lost.

In Judaism, every year at Passover, we sit down for a seder (order) meal and go through the Haggadah (the telling) which is a booklet that provides us history, customs, and a spiritual emphasis that leads us through a meaningful time of learning and sharing. God has called for us to remember Him through these special appointed times.

Well, with such a wonderful benefit, why not have this for all our holidays? (This was a question of radio host, Dennis Prager.)

Just think, the normal Hanukkah celebration includes everyone singing the blessings, lighting the Menorah, exchanging gifts, and chocolate "gelt". (money)

However, these holidays should be a time for our families to go deeper and bring God into everything we do. Add to our family: friends, co-workers, and neighbors and our time together becomes even more enriching?

To receive the most of this Haggadah, follow the following:

1. Involve everyone taking turns so everyone reads.
2. Page 3-5 should be repeated after the 1st night when additional people attend with you.
3. Enjoy the discussion questions to stimulate your thinking concerning the four themes of Hanukkah.

May this Haggadah foster a great time of fellowship as we enjoy God and all that He has done for us throughout history and into this present time. Our prayer is; what God has done in the past will provide us with great hope for the future.

May God richly bless you!

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(also spelled "Chanukah")

## Read During The First Night

**Reader:** The Hebrew word, Hanukkah, means "dedication". This is one of the important themes of Hanukkah. However, first, let's read a short history of how the festival of Hanukkah began.

**Reader:** Approximately 325 years before Yeshua (Jesus), Alexander The Great conquered Syria, Egypt and Israel. He allowed the people under his control to continue observing their own religions. In fact, everything was so good, many Jews assimilated into the Hellenistic culture, adopting the customs, the dress, and the language of the Greeks.

**Reader:** Sound familiar? It should. Most Christians, Jews, and even Messianic Jews have assimilated into American culture just like the Jews of that time became Hellenistic.

**Reader:** Then, Antiochus IV came to power. He began to oppress the Jews. He made it against the law to practice the Jewish religion, and he had pigs sacrificed in the Temple. He even had Jews killed for practicing their faith.

**Reader:** Mattathias and his son Judah Maccabee led a revolution, and even though they were greatly outnumbered, after many tough battles – they won. They went to rededicate the Temple and found it was a mess. According to tradition, as recorded in the Talmud (rabbi's commentary), at the time of the rededication, there was very little oil left to light the Temple menorah (candelabrum). There was only enough oil to burn for one day. Yet a miracle happened, it burned for eight days! Thus Hanukkah, an eight day festival was declared to remember this miracle.

**Reader:** Hanukkah is not mentioned anywhere in the Hebrew scripture, though it is mentioned in the New Covenant: John 10:22 says, "Then came Hanukkah; it was winter in Jerusalem. Yeshua was walking in the Temple around Solomon's Colonnade.

**Reader:** We get much of our information about Hanukkah from the Apocrypha - a selection of (15 books which were published in the original 1611 King James Bible. These apocryphal books were positioned between the Old and New Covenant. They are part of the Catholic canonization of the Bible, and are not considered scripture by the Protestant, Jewish, or Messianic Jewish faiths. Yet, Hanukkah is a rich holiday with many important scriptural themes.

**Reader:** Five important themes of Hanukkah.

**1. God is a miracle working God**

You are the God who works wonders. You have made Your power known among the peoples. Psalm 77:15

**2. God has delivered us. We have freedom because of Him.**

“For freedom, Messiah set us free—so stand firm, and do not be burdened by a yoke of slavery again. Galatians 5:1

**3. Yeshua is the light of the world. Our light is a reflection of Yeshua in our life.**

“In the same way, let your light shine before men so they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

**4. Yeshua serves us and calls us to serve others.**

“Brothers and sisters, you were called to freedom—only do not let your freedom become an opportunity for the flesh, but through love, serve one another.” Galatians 5:13

**5. We dedicate our lives to God. Hanukkah means dedication!**

“I urge you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy, acceptable to God—which is your spiritual service. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Romans 12:1-2

**Challenge:**

Each person present, take one of these 5 themes and explain what it means to you. And then have a season of prayer.

# Lighting the Hanukkah Candles

On the first night, begin by lighting the shammas (servant) candle (the highest one). Then light the candle furthest to the right using the shammas. Each night add one additional candle from right to left. Each time candles are lit, the shammas lights them. While holding the shammas candle, recite the following blessings. After reciting the blessings, use the shammas to light the candles from left to right (newest to oldest).

**Sing-a-long The Blessings At Our Website!**  
<https://www.shoreshdavid.org/chanukah/>  
**Hanukkah Blessings**

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ  
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה: (אָמֵן)



Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech ha-o-lam,  
a-she-ri ki-du-sha-nu b'-mitz-vo-tav vi-tzi-va-nu  
l'-had-lik ner shel Cha-nu-kah (Amen)

Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe  
who has sanctified us with His commandments  
and commanded us to light the candles of Hanukkah.  
Amen *(Each of the 8 nights)*

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי חֲנֻכָּה: (אָמֵן)

Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech ha-o-lam,  
she-a-sah ni-sim la-a-vo-te-nu ba-ya-mim ha-hem baz-man ha-zeh

Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe  
who performed miracles for our ancestors  
in those days at this time. (Amen) *(Each of the 8 nights)*

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
שֶׁהִחַיֵּנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵי חֲנֻכָּה: (אָמֵן)

Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech ha-o-lam,  
she-he-chi-ya-nu ve-ki-y'-ma-nu ve-hi-gi-a-nu laz-man ha-zeh. (Amen)

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe  
who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.  
(Amen) *(first night only)*



Place right to left; *Kindle* left to right

## Scriptures And Discussion Questions For Each Night Of Hanukkah

### Shammas Candle (Servant):

Service is a high calling as described in Matthew 20:26-28: "But whoever wants to be great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you shall be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

What does it mean to be a servant?

Whom are you serving?

What changes would you need in order to become a better servant?

### First Night Candle:

Genesis 1:3-4 describes the creation of the first light: "Then God said, 'Let there be light!' and there was light. God saw that the light was good. So God distinguished the light from the darkness."

Do you think that this light is only the physical light and darkness?

What other meaning could it have?

How does this make a difference in your life?

### Second Night Candle:

Exodus 13:21-22 reveals that God is the source of Israel's light: "ADONAI went before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead the way and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light. So they could travel both day and night. The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night never departed from the people."

Is God still with us both day and night?

Does God still lead us?

How do we recognize His leading and follow it?

### **Third Night Candle:**

King David reminds us that God Himself is the source of our own individual light; “ADONAI is my light and my salvation: whom should I fear? ADONAI is the stronghold of my life: whom should I dread?” (Psalms 27:1)

What does it mean that Adonai is my light and my salvation?

Is Adonai your light and salvation?

How does this make it possible for us to overcome fear?

### **Fourth Night Candle:**

Psalms 119:105 and Psalm 119:130 describe the light that comes from God’s Word: “Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path”. The unfolding of Your words gives light, giving understanding to the simple.”

In what way does God’s Word light up our path?

How have you seen this in your own life?

Give an example of how God’s Word has given you understanding?

### **Fifth Night Candle:**

Messiah Yeshua is the greatest light of all. “Now this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you— that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.” (1 John 1:5) “*Yeshua* spoke to them again, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. The one who follows Me will no longer walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’” (John 8:12)

What does it mean by light and darkness here?

What is the light of life?

Do you have the light of life?



### **Sixth Night Candle:**

As we come to know Messiah, we are to be a source of light for the world. Messiah tells us in Matthew 5:14-16: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on a lampstand so it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men so they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

In Isaiah 49:6 it says "indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'"

What does it mean to be a light to the world?

Is this light to go only to the Jewish people or also to the Gentiles?

Do you hide your light, or let it shine?

Are you a light to the world?

### **Seventh Night Candle:**

The prophet Isaiah speaks of the future glory of a restored Israel in Isaiah 60:1-3: "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. "For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples; But the LORD will rise upon you and His glory will appear upon you. "Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising."

What does it mean: "the glory of the Lord has risen upon you"?

What is the darkness that will cover all the earth and the people?

Do we need to be afraid of the darkness?

### **Eighth Night Candle:**

Revelation 21:22-24 gives us a description of our glorious eternal dwelling place in the New Jerusalem: "I saw no temple in her, for its Temple is ADONAI Elohei-Tzva'ot (Lord God of Hosts) and the Lamb. And the city has no need for the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God lights it up, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations shall walk by its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it."

What is the New Jerusalem?

Why would we not need the sun or moon for light?

8 Who is the Lamb that allows for the nations to "walk by its light"?

**All Sing: "Oh Hanukkah"**

Oh Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah come light the menorah  
Let's have a party we'll all dance the hora  
Gather round the table we'll give you a treat  
A shiny top to play with, and latkes to eat.

And while we are playing the candles are burning low

One for each night, they shed a sweet light  
To remind us of days long ago (repeat)

Oh Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah festival of joy.  
A very special holiday for every girl and boy.  
Spin the whirling dreidels all week long.  
Eat the sizzling latkes, sing the happy song.

Now light them tonight then,  
The flickering candles in a row.

Retell the wondrous story, Of God in all His glory,  
And dance by the candles cheering glow. (repeat)

**All Sing: "The Dredel Song"**

I have a little dreydel, I made it out of clay.  
And when it's dry and ready, then dreydel I shall play  
O dreydel, dreydel, dreydel, I made it out of clay  
O dreydel, dreydel, dreydel, now dreydel I shall play

It has a lovely body, with leg so short and thin;  
And when my dreydel's tired, it drops and then I win.  
O dreydel, dreydel, dreydel, with leg so short and thin;  
O dreydel, dreydel, dreydel, it drops and then I win

My dreydel is always playful. It loves to dance and spin;  
A happy game of dreydel, come play, now let's begin.  
O dreydel, dreydel, dreydel, it loves to dance and spin  
O dreydel, dreydel, dreydel, come play, now let's begin



**All Sing: "Ma-oz Tzur"**

Ma-oz tzur y'-shu-a-ti  
L'-cha na-eh l'-sha-be-ach  
Ti-kon bet t'-fi-la-ti  
Ve-sham to-dah n'-za-be-ach

L'-et ta-chin mat-be-ach,  
Mi-tzar ham-na-be-ach

Az eg-mor b'-shir miz-mor  
Cha-nu-kat ha-miz-be-ach (repeat)

Rock of ages, let our song  
Praise Your saving power;  
You among the raging foes  
Were our shelt'ring tower.

Furious they assailed us  
But Your help availed us,

And Your word broke their sword  
When our own strength failed us. (repeat)

**All Sing: "Ner Li"**

I light my little candle on Hanukkah (2x)  
It will shine as I sing songs of joy that Hanukkah brings (2x)

Ner li ner li ner li da-kik Ba-cha-nu-ka ne-ri ad-lik

Ba-cha-nu-ka ne-ri ya-ir, Ba-cha-nu-ka shi-rim a-shir (2x)



# Dreydel Game

When it is time for the meal there are traditional foods. Because of the miracle of the oil, it is customary to eat foods cooked in oil, such as latkes (potato pancakes) and Sufganiot (Israeli doughnuts).

Another reminder of the miracle of this holiday is the game of dreydels. These wooden or plastic tops have different Hebrew letters on each of their four sides: Nun, Gimel, Hey, and Shin standing for the phrase Nes Gadol Hayah Sham (A Great Miracle Happened There)

There is an interesting story behind the dreydel. It is said that the Jewish children of Judea during the Maccabean period wanted to study Torah (first 5 books of Moses) but the anti-Semitic policies of the Syrians made this difficult. They came up with a creative answer: They would study the scrolls in the streets until a foreign soldier came. Then they would quickly hide the scroll, bring out the dreydels, and pretend to be engrossed in a game of tops. When the soldier left, the Torah study would begin again.



Add  
One



Win  
Half



Win  
Everything



Win  
Nothing

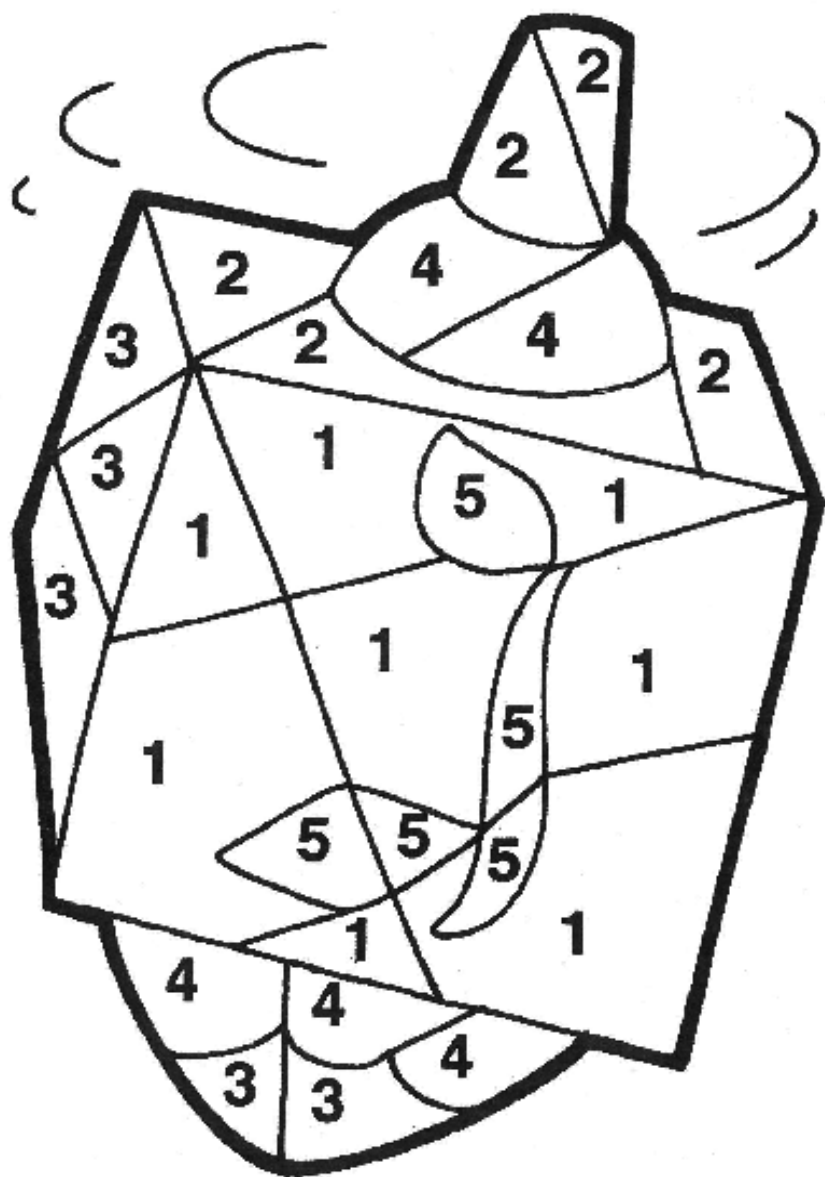
## How To Play The Dreydel Game

1. Give each person the same amount of candy, nuts, or Hanukkah gelt (chocolate money), etc.
2. Each player puts one piece in the pot.
3. The first player spins the dreydel and does what the dreydel says.
4. After a player gets a gimel, everyone adds one piece to the pot.
5. Everyone gets a turn. When you are finished playing, enjoy your candy, nuts or chocolate.

HAPPY  
HANUKKAH



# COLOR BY NUMBER



1- Pink

2- Blue

3- Yellow

4- Green

5- Black

# SEEK AND FIND

Look up, down, and diagonally to find the names of the letters on the dreidel.

NUN נ

GIMMEL ג

HAY ה

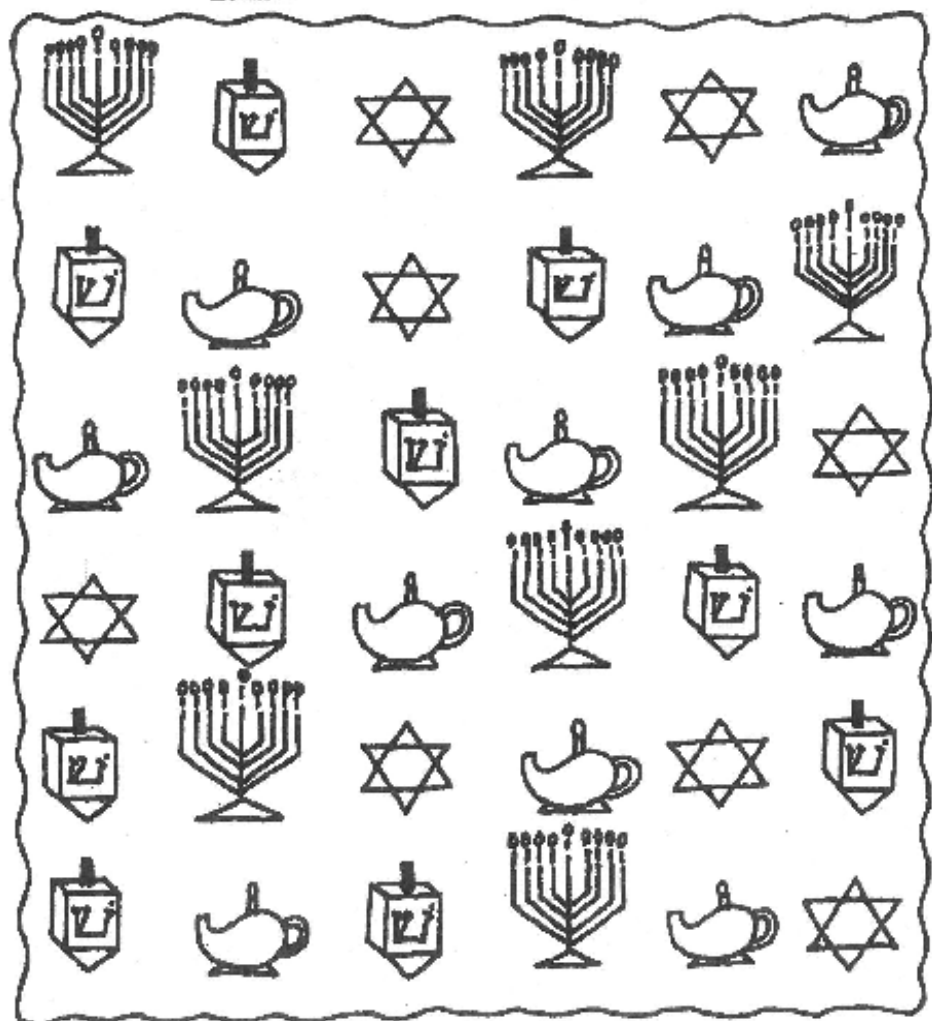
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J	Y	G	C	D	B	C	T	O
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N	R	A	N	L	C	M	A	Q
F	Z	K	I	V	N	H	H	E
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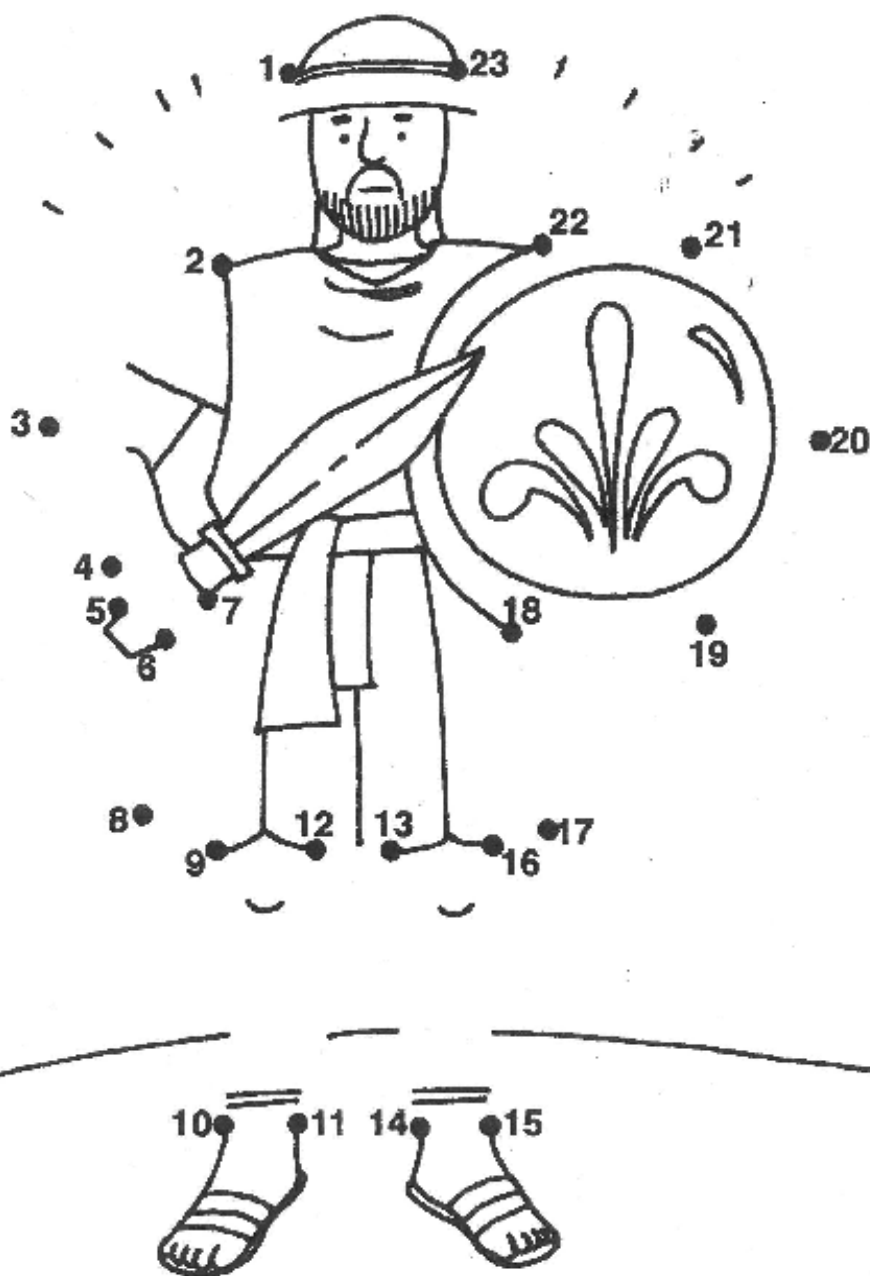
# PICTURE FIND

Look up and across to find these pictures in the same order.



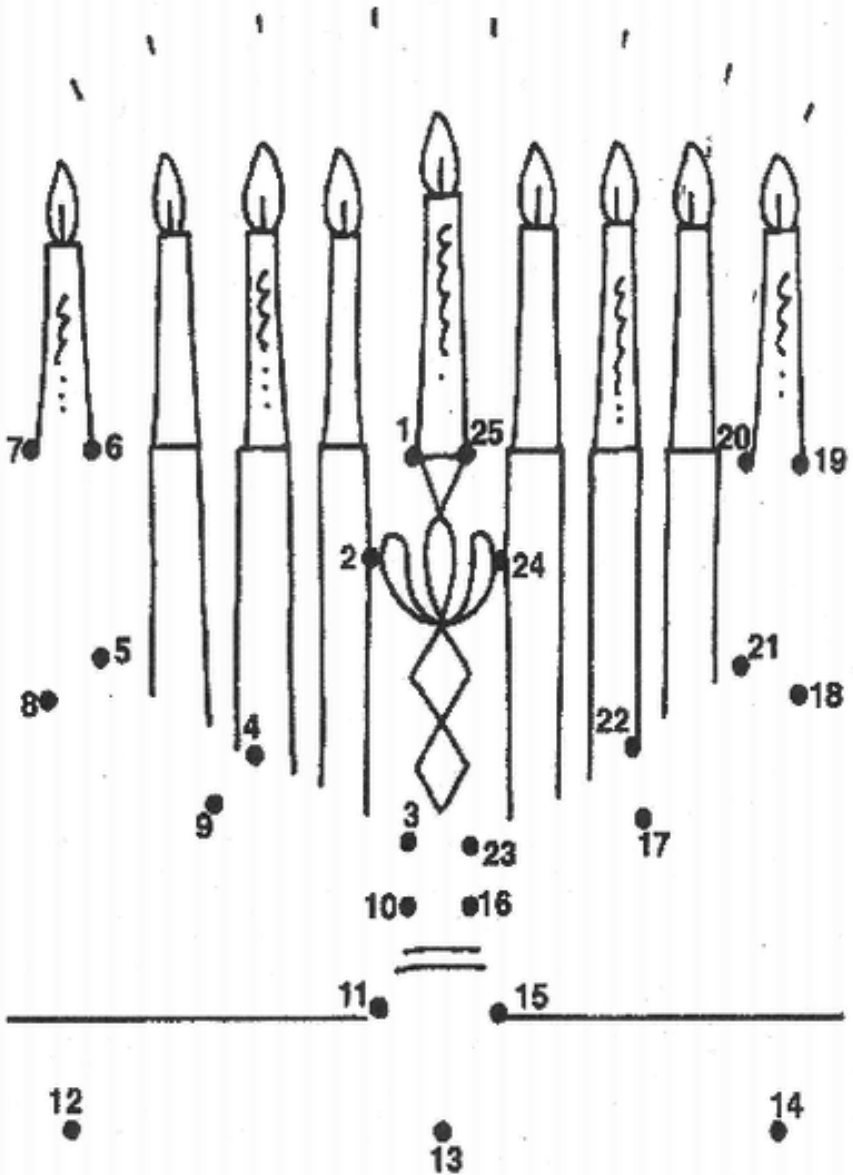
# Connect the Dots

to see who fought the Syrians.



# Connect The Dots

to find where we put candles during Hanukkah!



# Word Find

Antiochus  
Chanukah  
Chanukiah

**Another Name For Chanukah** When you have finished finding the words, circle every fifth uncircled letter. Write them until you fill the lines \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication	F	R	C	H	O	C	E	D	R	E	I	A	M	E	R
Deliverance	M	A	C	C	A	B	E	E	S	A	S	G	J	E	E
Desecrated	H	T	A	F	R	I	M	N	O	R	A	E	I	N	C
Dreidel	F	O	O	D	A	E	K	D	D	A	H	L	I	E	N
Endurance	R	P	A	F	C	D	Y	U	J	U	N	P	L	I	A
Faith	R	E	M	E	M	B	R	A	N	C	E	M	P	U	R
God	L	R	E	M	M	A	H	A	R	A	C	E	E	N	U
Hammer	D	S	N	E	A	S	C	A	T	P	H	T	M	A	D
Idols	D	E	O	H	A	D	U	J	A	H	A	C	T	H	N
Judah	E	C	R	S	G	F	C	H	P	R	I	R	E	C	E
Light	T	U	A	N	O	I	T	A	C	I	D	E	D	G	O
Maccabees	U	T	H	O	D	I	P	E	A	O	G	R	C	O	N
Mattathias	L	I	G	E	A	I	S	L	O	D	I	S	H	U	R
Menorah	L	O	D	F	T	E	L	I	R	N	Z	T	A	M	A
Oil	O	N	R	E	D	E	L	I	V	E	R	A	N	C	E
Persecution	P	R	Y	D	L	A	T	K	G	A	M	S	U	A	N
Pigs	A	E	A	E	N	D	U	R	A	H	N	C	K	E	T
Polluted	C	N	R	H	S	A	I	H	T	A	T	T	A	M	E
Prayer	C	U	P	C	C	M	E	E	I	O	A	I	H	A	M
Remembrance	A	E	C	B	M	E	M	E	R	L	N	D	D	I	P
Temple	M	A	T	A	T	H	I	A	H	D	U	J	O	E	L
Torah	M	S	H	A	M	A	H	B	L	J	E	S	S	E	D





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