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Parshat Mikeitz

FISCHER'S FLAMES

A little bit of light dispels a lot of darkness.

-Tanya

**THE
CHANUKAH EDITION**

WHAT TO THINK ABOUT AFTER LIGHTING THE MENORAH

BY ROSH YESHIVA HARAV FISCHER SHLITA

As I am looking at the Chanukah Neiros after they are lit, I ask You, Hashem to please help me:

1. Purify my eyes from things that I have seen in the past- like a mikveh for my eyes
2. To only see the good in others
3. The Torah that I learn is not an intellectual pursuit but its the "Ohr", the light of Hashem and that it is spiritual. When I learn, please Hashem that I connect to that part of the Torah-"Vihaer Eineinu bisorasecha"
4. Everything I see in the world, I see Hashem- it helps my Emunah that everything I see is from Hashem
5. That I become a light for other people, a strength, support, and kiddush Hashem to everyone who meets me. That I can be a light for others and that the entire Jewish nation can be a light and strength for all of humanity
6. From now on I will not to look at things that are not good for my eyes to see
7. "The candle of G-d is my soul" I look at myself as a neshama and I see the G-dliness in myself and in others
8. I pray for those who are less fortunate, physically, mentally and spiritually. For someone who is in his "own darkness" whether abused, in pain, sad, disconnected from G-d, disconnected from themselves. The light of Chanukah will help every Jew wherever they have "light their midst"

LAND OF THE FREE??

BY MICHOEL TRETCHIKOV AKA ROCKO

Freedom is what Judah fought for. Freedom is what the Jews in Germany yearned for. Freedom is what we believe we have now. We like to define freedom as the ability to be able to serve Hashem with no oppression, but is that all there is to true freedom. It seems as if we are less free then ever before. The oppression the yevanim put forth upon us caused us to fight back with strong hands, because it was the drive and yearning that they weren't able to take away from us. The approval the modern world gives us dampens the fire within, while the appeal of the short term pleasure and attractive ideas that promise to "unload our burdens" captivate our minds. The infinite distractions handicap our ability to focus on truth, and the constant images of perfection unable us to work on our small unattractive flaws. We've fought for freedom for thousands of years, this fight is one never fought before. Yet it's the biggest of battles that our biggest strengths are shown. May we all find out inner strength to conquer our challenges and find the true freedom we've always yearned for together!

FUEL OR POISON

SHLOIME TESCHER

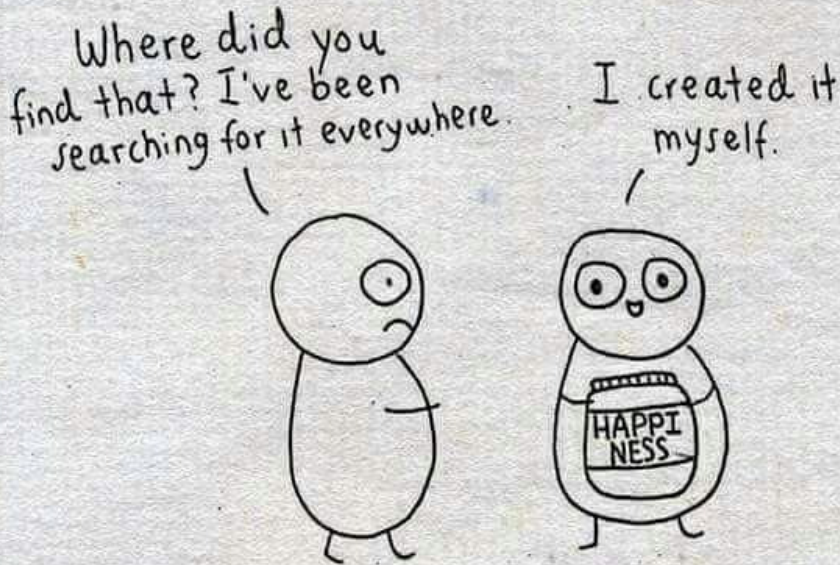
What should I write about? Oh, I'm sorry, should would could are bad words. What do I choose to write about? Hmm...

I think I'll choose to write about Choice. When people think of choices, they tend to think it applies only by big things, like which house to buy, or what kind of career they want to go into. I will give you an example of what a smaller choice, but equally as important, may look like. My internal dialog when I came back to yeshiva, after being out of yeshiva for almost 2 Years: (me) Back to yeshiva a clean new start, who knows what awesome things can come out of this. (me) But I've done this already, grow up, don't be such a baby, you think this yeshiva will be any different, maybe your just hiding from the real world...I now have a choice. Do I bring the old me along, to mess up my precious gift, or do I choose to take advantage of the present Hashem gave me, and work hard to better my life? I chose the latter. My dear friends, in almost all challenges in our lives we have the ability to choose, if the challenge will serve us for the good and give us fuel, or will the challenge serve us for the bad and poison us. The choice is yours, do you choose fuel or poison? I chose fuel (premium fuel).

Shabbat Shalom!

Most people search for the city of happiness,
they don't realize the city of happiness is a state of mind.

-Yossi Jakob



A BRIEF INTERVIEW

WITH SIMCHI ECKHAUS, FOUNDER OF "MODEH"VATION

The lights dim.

They flicker, and turn back on, as the caretaker yells out, "Sorry about that!"

Snare beat. Cymbal crash. The drummer emerges.

FF: Hey Simchi, thanks for joining us. How's your Chanukah

SE: Chanukah's been super groovy so far, and incredibly enlightening.

FF: That's awesome. Can you describe that in a drum beat?

SE: Yes, as a matter of fact, music is the only form of expression that can get close to describing the feeling. For more on that, come see my band Mishkan at Blaze!

FF: Mmmmm. Now what's one fact about you we should, sorry, must, all know?

SE: I'm obsessed with gematria Torah.

FF: I thought so. Bye bye for now!

ONE LIGHT

BY SHAYA LEXIER

What I find as the days grow shorter, the nights longer and as the bone-chilling cold winds of winter begin to kick in, is that a strong longing for toasty rays of hot summertime sun arises. It is precisely at this time of year that we are graced with eight days of warmth called Chanuka.

So, I'm no rabbi, but I can't help but ponder as to why we start with lighting one single candle on the first night and don't simply start with lighting all eight?!

If the Chanuka candles represent the dispelling of darkness and the bringing of light to the dark world around us, it makes sense that not only is lighting all eight candles for all eight nights a power move, it would also maximize the light and brightness of our pure and lofty candles to a much greater extent! So why start with one?

As I sat at the window staring at the purifying flames of my candles and the darkness of night that lay beyond them, I was struck with a powerful thought. The only way we can get ourselves to a fully illuminated menorah is by starting with one single candle who breaks the darkness. This single candle musters the courage to stand alone, hold onto the truth and burn bright in the face of a night that is overwhelmingly greater than him. Because of this courageousness, twenty four hours later the candle next door gets ignited and joins the first candle in the quest to illuminate the darkness. This happens nightly until a fully illuminated menorah sits in front of us, powerfully piercing the night in which it sits. Aspire to be the first candle of Chanuka! Aspire to be courages because in doing so, we will inspire each other and surely merit to live in a time when all of Am Yisroel burns together with the intensity of a fully glowing menorah!

HALACHICALLY SPEAKING

WITH NESANEL ALEXANDER

One should turn his entire body in a different direction (even if that means you will not face east) so that the woman is off to his side if a **תפוח** of skin is uncovered. If this is not possible, one may close his eyes or turn just his head in a different direction. If less than a **תפוח** is uncovered, one may close his eyes or turn just his head in a different direction and say the text.



26 Kislev-

The day the world became a brighter place.

Happy Birthday Berko!!

We love you and miss you so much.



Mom, Dad, and Pora

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

BY HESHY LEVINE

You ever have that feeling of wanting something, but not wanting it enough? I want to go to shachris, I want to lose weight, I want to go clean, but every time you start that endeavor you just burn out within a week? Why does this happen? Why cant I improve more in my life? What is stopping me? A very simple answer is that it's hard. It's hard to change, to push, to fight. So how could you overcome this? One of the ways of working on this is working on you're want. You could work on making it something you truly value. Make it your're avodah, make it your passion, make it life. Research the goal you're trying to accomplish, understand it, break down why you want to do it, and how you want to do it. Keep motivated, look up motivation, read motivation, watch motivation. Keep it your focus, keep it your drive. Become an owner of yourself. Make it in your head that the rugelach is trief, not an even option. Its definitely easier said than done, but as the saying goes: No Pain, No Gain. Remember that everything is a mindset and the more you push, the more you will see results. Have an Amazing Chanukah!!!

COMING HOME

BY SHALOM WEISBERG, DDS

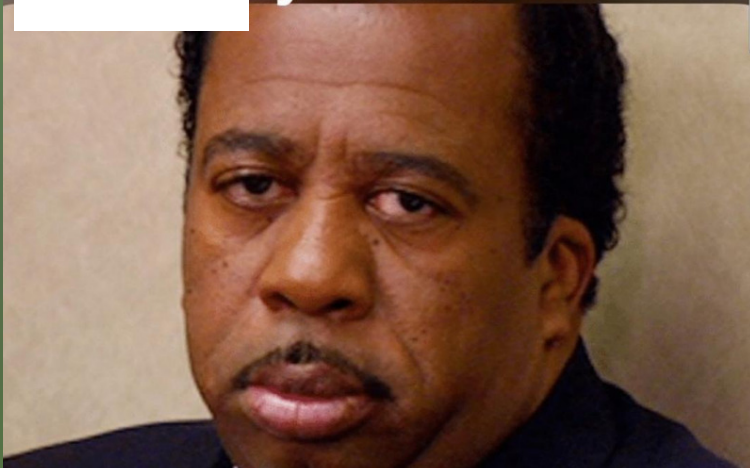
So I'm sure you all were expecting a Battle of the Beards Part II, but it has to wait because I'm sitting on a plane writing this article, and I can't help but be trippin out and thinking back to a different article written by OG Shaya Lexier that once you leave yeshiva and head to the states or some other place even for very short time, those tweaks starts to come, and they come brothers. I loved to get home, see some nice white powder, hit some slopes, some Simchas, but what's my home? I know it's that Moshav Matityahu, Rabbi Fischer, being real since 2016, and I love that place and every single person that's in it! Happens to be that I was also trippin that the Fischer bochurim are holding the world up-I saw Moshe Hamburger, Eitan Hagler, Sam Schuck, and I know Weezy is there too- but that's where you find your home away from home, pillars for the world. So what I'm saying is, the tweak is real and it be tweeeeking so I'm wanna keep added to the feel fire and I love my home Rabbi Fischers baby and all those who make it what is it-the most special place in the world. Battle of the Beard next week. Shiiiiiiiiiii



When you buy your tickets to the Siyum HaShas for the wrong week:



The look on Rabbi Fischer's face when you say shou*d



THE PERFECT PLACE

BY YEHUDA MITTEL CIRCA 8TH GRADE, 2011

I know a place where You can be Yourself
 No one telling You to do, to go, to be!
 Whoever is there its up to you
 It can be him or her, Your family or me!

I know a place where You can do whatever You want
 You can go crazy, know only fun, no shame!
 Eat what you want, go to sleep late
 Nobody telling You to be tame!

I know a place where You can have what You like,
 You can live in a palace, with robots for slaves!
 is there school? Only if You want
 You can chill at home all day, ot hit the waves!

I know a place, just the perfect place
 Its Hakuna Matata no worries no care!
 And if You have to leave for a day or night,
 its always with You, will always be there!

If You got this far, I see i have your attention!
 If You got this far, You must want to go to this
 place i know
 So i won't make You wait any longer; I'll give You
 directions
 1) Close your eyes. 2) Imagine. 3) Believe





CHANUKAH MUSINGS FROM A FISCHLET IN FISCHER'S

BY MEIR SHOENIG

Oh wow! I have so much to say! Which a shocker because.... well if you don't know why, then you obviously don't know me. So let's begin: Holy cow! Can you believe it's already Chanukah? The year just started and it's almost already over! The zman ends by pesach, but let's be realistic, everyone bounces right after Purim. It's almost as if people enjoy flying with a hangover! And then if you factor in the Mehzby trip and midwinter vacation - another 2 hangover opportunities - it doesn't leave much time to shteig and/or work on yourself, whatever your cup of tea, coffee, or hot cocoa is. But I'm not here to bum you out, that's your roommates job. Or to motivate you, that's Yitzi Grunwald's job. I'm here to talk about what a lit week we had in yeshiva!

Where do I begin?

For starters, do you know where we live? Does the name Matisyahu ring a bell? What about Chashmonaim? Kiryat Sefer? Brachfeld? On this very land is where the story of Chanukah took place. Matisyahu and the chashmonaim would sit and learn in the caves of Kiryat Sefer during halftime from war with the Greeks. (Yes, that is actually how the city got its name!) Seminary girls get excited to "walk in the same streets as Moshe Rabeinu", and when you're shidduch dating (cough, cough) you can tell her that you lived where the actual battles of Chanukah took place!

Now for the week in review: (considering this article is due Tuesday, something's were written before they actually happened, and I can't guarantee that everything here is factually correct.)

On the first night of Chanukah: after everyone lit what seems to be the exact same menorah and sang a hartzeg rendition of Moaz Tzur, yeshiva threw it down with some authentic sufganiyot and brought in Hasidic music star Yoily Klein featuring our very own Ezra Eliyahu on the keyboard. Wow! What a night! Thank you for keeping the music up to par with Rabbi Stampler standards. Did y'all see Noam spinning like a dreidel on the dance floor? By the end of the night the room was spinning like a dreidel around me.

On the second night of Chanukah: a few Rabbim threw down a shiur Chanukah party, just so we can remember what homemade food tastes like. While some laid out a feast, others gave you the ingredients and said "get to work!" Later at 10 o'clock yeshiva was graced with a visit from the holy Rav Shimon Galai. After some lebidig dancing where the Rav out-danced the entire yeshiva, we sat down to hear some words of wisdom. Shockingly that didn't happen right away, as all the Rav wanted to do was dance. We got to hear Divrei Bracha through Kiryat Sefer's version of google translate. We ended the visit with everyone lining up neatly () and getting a bracha from without-a-doubt the happiest person alive. (Side note: I haven't seen a happier person since the last time I looked in the mirror)

On the third night of Chanukah: we had the Talent Show that never was. But we got to enjoy some deeeeeelicious latkes courtesy of Zion, Dovid, and Effi.

On the fourth night of Chanukah: ...I don't know, it hasn't happened yet

On the fourth DAY of Chanukah: I'm assuming that Rabbi Varon took the guys on his favorite tiyul of all time - the nearby hike to Kivrei Maccabim. Which is pretty self explanatory. A nice 45 minute to 3 hour nature walk in the forest with just some cows for company. Of course there is a 10% chance that we might do something different this year, and then most of you will have absolutely no idea what on earth I'm talking about.

On the fifth day of Chanukah: that would be Friday... right? So you're gonna need a Dvar Torah to tell your father, here goes: When was the last time you heard the name "Antiochus"? He was the evil Greek king who took control during the second beis hamikdash, that didn't want to kill the Jews, he just wanted them to assimilate. He didn't like the fact that Jews considered themselves supreme to everyone else. (I was going to make a pun about the clothing brand, but I'm not sure it's still relevant. I'll have to consult my stylist) he wanted Jews to follow Greek philosophy, that's why he forbade 3 seemingly insignificant mitzvos that help Jews remember who we are. Rosh Chodesh, bris milah, and shabbos. That's why the Yom Tov of Chanukah always has at least one shabbos, Rosh Chodesh Teves, and it's 8 days long. We also eat as much oily food as possible to show the Greeks that we don't care about their perfect made up bodies.

On the sixth day of Chanukah:

SHABBOSSsszzzzzzz (is my.....!)

On the seventh day of Chanukah: that hasn't happened yet

On the Eighth day of Chanukah: this hasn't happened yet either? I don't know why I'm still writing.

Whatever, I hope your Chanukah was as enjoyable as mine! Enjoy France!

WHICH HAND IS BEST TO LIGHT THE MENORAH WITH?

NEITHER, IT'S BEST TO LIGHT IT WITH A CANDLE.

WHAT DID THE OLDER HANUKKAH CANDLE SAY TO THE YOUNGER ONE?

YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO SMOKE.

WHY DON'T WE EAT CLOWNS AT HANUKKAH?

BECAUSE THEY TASTE FUNNY.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HANUKKAH AND A DRAGON?

ONE LASTS FOR EIGHT NIGHTS, THE OTHER SOMETIMES ATE KNIGHTS.

HOW CAN YOU RECOGNIZE A CHANUKAH HIPPIE?

HE'S THE ONE WITH HIS HAIR IN DREIDEL-LOCKS.

WHAT DID THE CANDLES SAY WHEN THE MENORAH COMPLAINED ABOUT GETTING TOO HOT?

WHOA, A TALKING MENORAH!

WHAT'S THE BEST THING TO PUT INTO THE SUFGANIYOT?

YOUR TEETH.

WHAT DO YOU CALL A SPECK THAT FALLS INTO THE LATKE PAN?

AN UNIDENTIFIED FRYING OBJECT.

CAN'T HAVE A DONUT CUZ I'M sTiLL FleiShIGz

BY HUDA KRUPKA

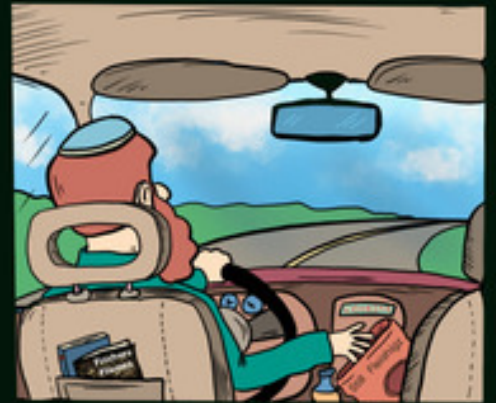
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OTIS AND BUSTER WERE BEST OF FREINDS



ONE DAY OTIS DECIDED TO VISIT BUSTER WHO LIVED FAR FAR AWAY



THE TRIP STARTED OUT JUST SPLENDID! OTIS MUNCHED ON SOME 'STILL-FLEISHIGZ™' BEEF JERKY AS HE LISTENED TO A FIREY R' KALISH SHMOOZE



TWO HOURS INTO THE DRIVE IT BEGAN TO SNOW. IT BECAME DIFICULT TO SEE.



FINALLY, OTIS REACHED A FORK IN THE ROAD. HE HAD NO CLUE WHICH WAY TO GO. HE FELT SO LOST. HE CALLED UP BUSTER IN DISPAIR.



BUSTER TOLD OTIS "DONT WORRY, YOU'RE NOT FAR AT ALL, I SEE YOUR HEADLIGHTS! STAY WHERE YOU ARE ILL COME AND GET YOU."

...AND THAT RABBOISAI, IS THE INYAN OF CHANUKAH. WE START OFF OUR JOUNEY ON ROSH HASHANAH WITH EXCITEMENT AND CLARITY FOR WHERE WE WANT TO GO THIS YEAR. BUT ALONG THE WAY THE DAYS GET SHORTER, THE NIGHTS COLDER, AND IT CAN BECOME HARDER TO SEE WHERE TO GO. WE FEEL LOST ON OUR WAY. THEN WE REACH CHANUKA, HASHEM TELLS US " YOUR'E NOT LOST AT ALL, I SEE YOUR HEADLIGHTS, I SEE YOUR NEIROS. STAY WHERE YOU ARE ILL COME AND GET YOU."WE SHOULD ALL BE ZOICHEH.....LCHAIM LCHAIM



HAVE A GIVALDIGGÉ SHABBOS!

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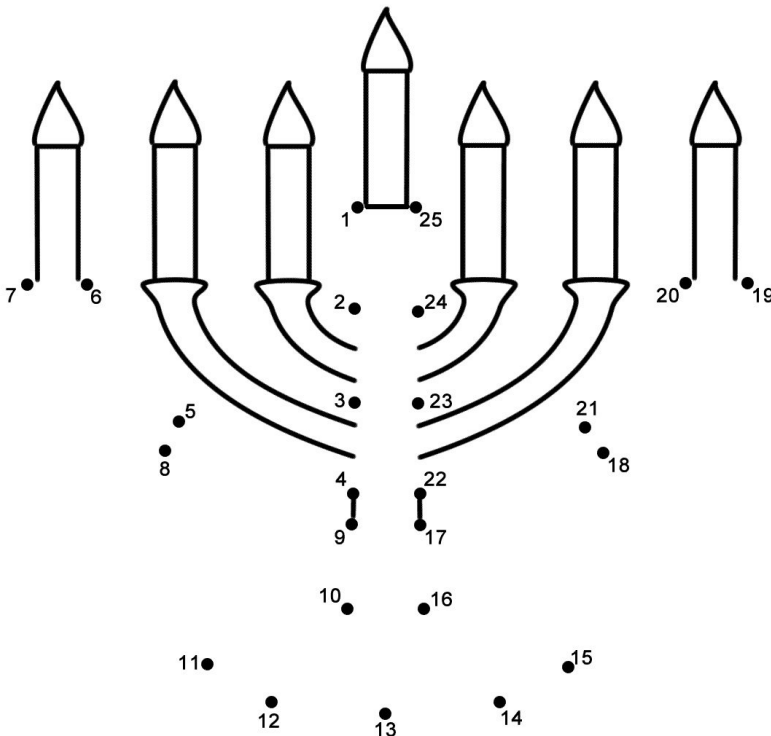
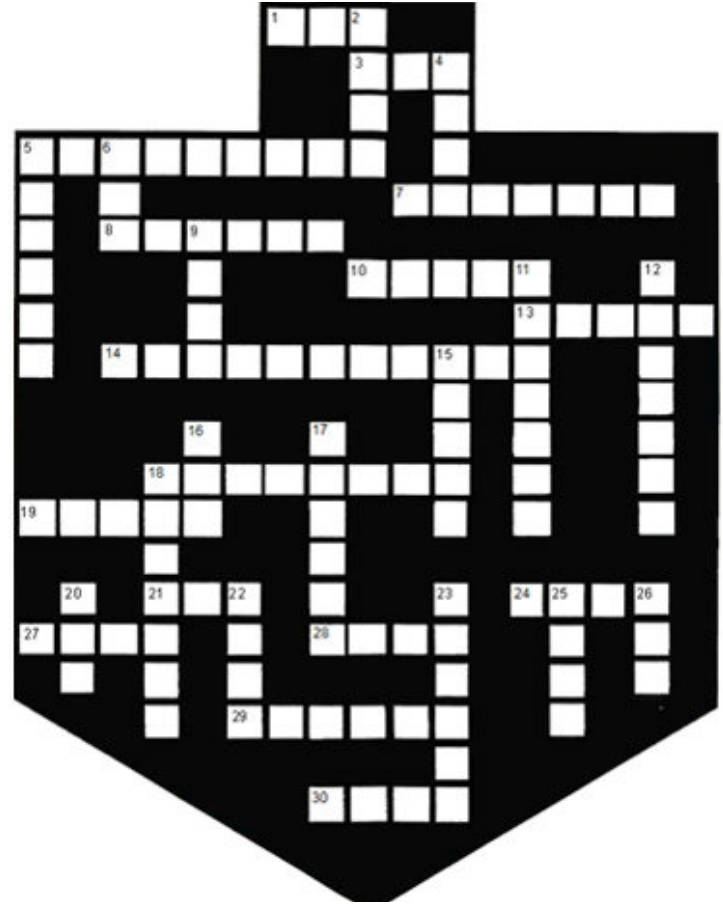
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1. The Maccabees found one _____ of pure olive oil.
3. I like to _____ fried donuts.
5. Fried donuts in Hebrew are called _____.
7. Some people place the Menorah opposite the _____.
8. Others put their Menorah in the _____.
10. Yehudis fed the Greek general cheese to make him thirsty. That's why we eat _____ foods.
13. The oil they found lasted for _____ days.
14. Chanukah begins on the _____ day of Kislev.
18. A Jewish warrior was called a _____.
19. Mattisyahu was the son of Yochanan _____ Gadol.
21. To remember the miracle we eat food fried in _____.
24. We play _____ the dreidel.
27. We re-tell the story of Chanukah every _____.
28. A miracle: They found one jar of pure oil with the _____ of the Kohen Gadol on it.
29. Chanukah comes in the month of _____.
30. The shamash candle is often made of _____ wax.

Down

2. Money given out on Chanukah is called Chanukah _____.
4. "In those days, at this _____"
5. A beautiful Menorah may be made of _____.
6. The Greek armies were many, but the Jews were _____.
9. The _____ of the Maccabees' home town was Modin.
11. The most famous Maccabee.
12. The candle we use to light the Menorah is called the _____.
15. Many Chanukah foods, like latkes and donuts, are _____ in oil.
16. The Greeks wanted to _____ certain Mitzvos.
17. Potato pancakes are also called _____.
18. We light the _____ on Chanukah.
20. The candle we kindle first is the _____ one.
22. We can _____ at the light of the Menorah, but we may not use it for anything else.
23. Oil for the Menorah is made from _____.
25. We all love to _____ dreidel.
26. First letter on the dreidel.



I U Y J X T B Z J N C J H A S
 H C H L U S D L P H U O K A T
 N P L A E A E H A F R E M B G
 P P O W Y K S S L N W S H P S
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CHAIKEL MENORAH
 DONUTS CHASHMONAIM
 LCHAIM LEISENSAUCE
 MATITYAHU DREIDEL SAMS