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הדור מצוה

Enhancing a *mitzvah*

While lighting only one *hanukkah* is necessary to fulfill the *mitzvah* for the household, many families have the *minhag* (custom) to enhance the *mitzvah* by having one *hanukkah* for each person in the household.

What else do you do to enhance your Hanukkah celebrations?

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תיקון עולם

Making the world a better
place

The Maccabees and their followers believed that Jewish values and behaviors make the world a better place. They believed that they needed to act as God's partners in the world.

How can you contribute to making the world a better place?

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צְדָקָה
Tzedakah

There is a growing custom to devote one night of Hanukkah to helping others. Some people donate presents and food while others volunteer their time.

What might you do to help others during Hanukkah?

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הַפֶּרֶת הַטוֹב

Showing Appreciation

The Maccabees and their followers recited *Hallel*, psalms of praise to God, as a way to show appreciation for the miracles that God made in defeating the Seleucid Greeks and relighting the Menorah. *Hallel* is still said on Hanukkah today.

What are things that you appreciate?
How do you show this appreciation?

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גְּבוּרָה
Courage/Strength

Hanukkah is an important holiday in Israel because of its message that a small group of people can show strength against a larger force to defend what they believe is right.

How do you defend your beliefs even if people disagree with you?

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עַם יִשְׂרָאֵל חַי
Jewish Pride

Traditionally, the *Hanukkah* is placed in the window so that passersby can see the glowing candles. We can show our pride in being Jewish when we publicize the *mitzvah* of lighting candles in this way.

When do you feel proud about being Jewish? How do you show that pride?

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אמונה
Faith

The Maccabean army was tiny compared to the Seleucid Greek army, but the Maccabees and their followers had faith that God would help them defeat the Seleucid Greeks.

**In what way might you express your
emunah in God?**

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אור לגוים

Light Among the Nations

We fill our homes with light from 44 candles (including the *shamash*) during Hanukkah.

**What do these lights represent to you?
How will you bring the light of Hanukkah
out into the world?**
