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Message from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

This weeks Torah portion describes a dream Joseph had, in which he and his brothers were collecting grain stalks in the field and binding them into sheaves.

In addition to the many explanations for this incident in the Torah commentaries, one that stands out is that the field, the outdoors, represents the world outside, away from a Jews comfort zone, and Joseph and his brothers were collecting the sparks of holiness that may have been lost there at the time of Creation.

G-d created the world in a way that holiness is concealed everywhere, and our job is to uncover and elevate those sparks back to their original source. You cant find these sparks by staying inside, in the comfort of your home. You need to go out and bring the light of Torah and Judaism to the furthest reaches of the universe; only then will the sparks be returned to where they belong.

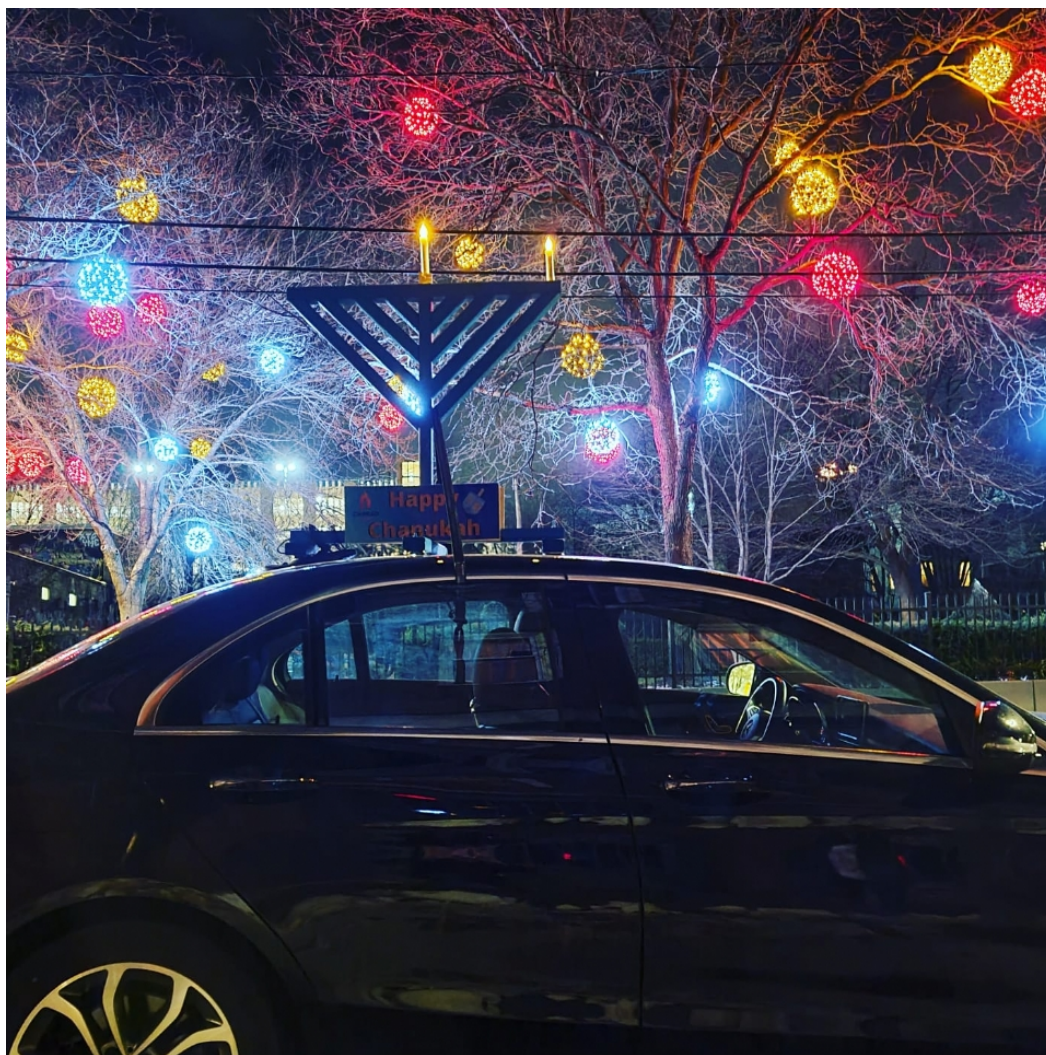
This is also the message of Chanukah, which begins Thursday night. We light the menorah outdoorseither at a window or a doorpostand specifically at night, symbolizing the job of every Jew to light up the night!

Shabbat shalom and happy Chanukah!

Rabbi Wilansky



Menorah Parade and Lighting Photos!



What a fantastic Menorah Parade and City Hall Lighting! Click the image above to view photos from the event.

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Family Menorah Hop!



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FAMILY MENORAH HOP



Front Lawn of Your Home

Enjoy music, hot latkes & donuts, dreidels & gelt, crafts and The Chanukah Big Book!

**SUNDAY DEC 13 -
THURSDAY, DEC 17**

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Chanukah Class: The Miracle Of The Oil



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THE MIRACLE OF THE OIL

What the Greeks Misunderstood

In a secular environment, should I keep my beliefs private, or should I strive to be a "light unto the nations?" In a most curious fashion, this question comes up in the story of Chanukah, and the key to the answer is found in the oil.


Chanukah Class

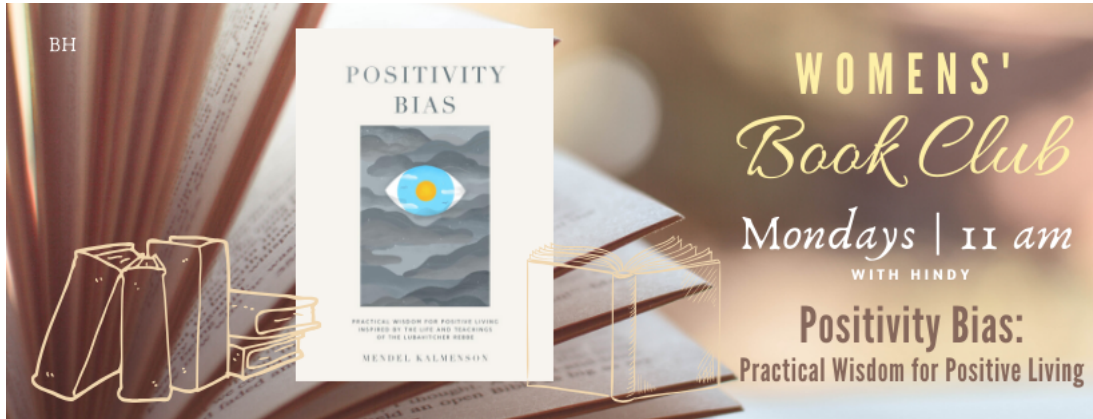
Join Rabbi Levi for a special class on the miracle of the oil.

Tuesday, December 15, 9:30 am.

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Join Hindy for the weekly womens Book Club!

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For many, this Hanukkah will be like no other, celebrated in isolation, either alone or only with close family members.

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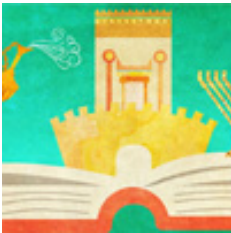


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The Story of Chanukah

What is the story behind this popular Jewish holiday? Watch this short 3-minute video to learn how good overcame evil, light won over darkness, and miracles triumphed over morass.

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ESSAY

Why Don't We Read a Megillah on Chanukah?

The miracle of Chanukah, is about shining light outward, and to the outside. The original requirements for the Chanukah menorah stipulate that it be lit only once it is dark. And where? At the door of your house, on the outside. Why? As the Talmud states, to publicize the miracle.

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CHANUKAH THROUGH THE AGES

What Do I Stand For?

It was the twenty-fifth of December. A Jewish girl from Queens had fulfilled her secret dreams, decorating that bright, forbidden tree

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Parshah in a Nutshell

Parshat Vayeishev

Jacob settles in **Hebron** with his **twelve sons**. His favorite is seventeen-year-old **Joseph**, whose brothers are jealous of the preferential treatment he receives from his father, such as a precious **many-colored coat** that Jacob makes for Joseph.

Joseph relates to his brothers two of his **dreams** which foretell that he is destined to rule over them, increasing their envy and hatred towards him.

Simeon and **Levi** plot to kill him, but **Reuben** suggests that they throw him into a pit instead, intending to come back later and save him. While Joseph is in the pit, **Judah** has him sold to a band of passing **Ishmaelites**. The brothers dip Joseph's special coat in the blood of a goat and show it to their father, leading him to believe that his most beloved son was devoured by a wild beast.

Judah marries and has three children. The eldest, **Er**, dies young and childless, and his wife, **Tamar**, is given in **levirate marriage** to the second son, **Onan**. Onan sins by spilling his seed, and he too meets an early death. Judah is reluctant to have his third son marry her. Determined to have a child from Judah's family, Tamar disguises herself as a prostitute and seduces Judah himself. Judah hears that his daughter-in-law has become pregnant and orders her executed for harlotry, but when Tamar produces some personal effects he left with her as a pledge for payment, he publicly admits that he is the father. Tamar gives birth to twin sons, **Peretz** (an ancestor of **King David**) and **Zerach**.

Joseph is taken to Egypt and sold to **Potiphar**, the minister in charge of **Pharaoh's** slaughterhouses. God blesses everything he does, and soon he is made overseer of all his master's property. **Potiphar's wife** desires the handsome and charismatic lad; when Joseph **rejects her advances**, she tells her husband that the **Hebrew slave** tried to force himself on her, and has him thrown into **prison**. Joseph gains the trust and admiration of his jailers, who appoint him to a position of authority in the prison administration.

In prison, Joseph meets Pharaoh's **chief butler** and **chief baker**, both incarcerated for offending their royal master. Both have disturbing **dreams**, which Joseph interprets; in three days, he tells them, the butler will be released and the baker hanged. Joseph asks the butler to intercede on his behalf with Pharaoh. Joseph's predictions are fulfilled, but the butler **forgets** all about Joseph and does nothing for him.



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