



The Sixth Night of Chanukah!

This is a Chanukah Lamp made in India at the end of the 19th century, or the late 1800s. It is in the shape of the Star of David, and has the word "Zion" written in Hebrew at the center. This Chanukah menorah was most likely from the Mumbai area of India, on the western coast, where the Bene Israel community lives.

"Zion" is another word for the Land of Israel. Around the time when this Chanukah menorah was created, many Jews around the world were interested in finding a home in what is today the country of Israel. However, some people in the Bene Israel community of India were nervous that they would not be accepted in a Jewish homeland founded by Jews from Europe.

Why do you think the Bene Israel community was worried about not being accepted by the European Jewish community? How can we make sure that all Jews feel welcome, no matter where they are from?

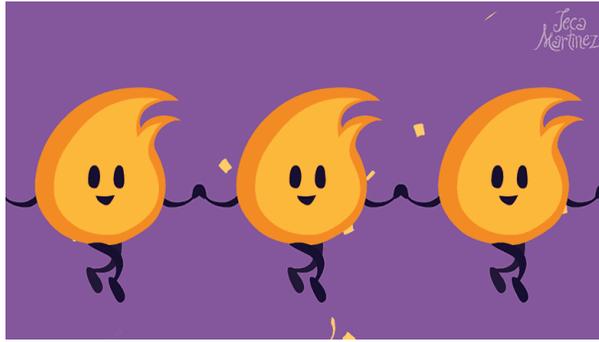


This Chanukah Lamp is part of the Jewish Museum's collection.



Chanukah encompasses a lot of opposites: light and dark, destruction and miracle, fear and strength. Take a look at the image above. First, let's focus on the snapshot towards the left. **What do you think the two characters are feeling as the soldier is yelling at them? How would you feel if someone in power were yelling at you?** Then, take a look at the snapshot on the right. This is the same character as before, but he is acting differently. **What do you think he is feeling and thinking in this second image? Why do you think his feelings changed?**

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Zogt nor, zogt / Ikh bin a latke / Ikh hob a kleyn dreydl - a traditional Ashkenazi song

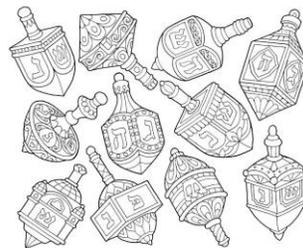
This song is performed by the Lori Cahan-Simon Ensemble in the Klezmer music style. Klezmer is the traditional music of Ashkenazi and Eastern European Jewish communities. Lori says, "My mission is to encourage the revitalization and renewal of Yiddish in American Jewish life, educating through the arts and introducing Yiddish to a new generation through enjoyable activities such as song, story, dance, games, theater, and cooking; and to disseminate the material, instilling a love for the culture in young children, families, and the larger community."

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There are several different Jewish communities that call India their home. The Bene Israel Jews are a historic Jewish community that lives in Mumbai, India on the western coast. The Cochin Jews descend from ancient traders, and settled in Kerala, India on the southern coast. Other Jewish groups from around the world made their way to India as well, including the Paradesi Sephardic Jews and the Baghdadi Jews from the Middle East. Learn how to make **pakor**s, a yummy, fried vegetable snack that is enjoyed all over the Indian subcontinent!

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Color in these fancy dreidels! Do any of these dreidels look like the ones you have at home, or the origami dreidel you made? Find all the different Hebrew letters, and use previous e-mails as a tool or reference!

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