



The Eighth Night of Chanukah!

This Chanukah Lamp was made in Colonial America in the 18th century, or the 1700s. That is over 300 years ago! It was found during an excavation, or a historical dig, in Newport, Rhode Island. The oldest Jewish house of worship, the Touro Synagogue, is located in Newport. That means that this may be the oldest known Chanukah lamp in North America!

Like many of the Chanukiahs we've learned about, this one uses oil instead of candles. It is made out of tin, rather than copper or silver, as it is a more affordable material, and easy to clean and take care of!



Chanukah, often referred to as the Festival of Lights, celebrates a miracle. After the Temple in Jerusalem was desecrated, or made dirty, by the Greek army of King Antiochus, the Jewish people were having a difficult time cleaning it up. The Greeks had knocked over or taken most of the oil that was needed to light the Temple Menorah. There was only enough oil to light the Menorah for one night. But, when the Temple priests lit the Menorah, the flame lasted for eight nights! The miracle in this story is that somehow, maybe it was magic, maybe it was God, oil that was only supposed to last for one night, ultimately lasted for eight nights.

But do all miracles need to be magical? In reality, miracles are just events that seem very unlikely to happen. Maybe you studied really hard for a test but still were worried about passing. When you got your test score back and it is 100%, you might have been very surprised and excited. Maybe you would consider that a miracle! Or, maybe someone in your family is very sick and the doctors said it was going to be really hard for them to get better. After a lot of doctor's visits, healthy eating, and patience, your family member got better. What a miracle! The doctors didn't think it was going to happen! But what caused all of these miracles to occur?

PEOPLE! You studied to pass the test. The doctors worked hard to heal your family member. Each and everyone of us has so much power and potential to make miracles. Through dedication (or chanukah) and hard work, through empathy and caring, we can make miracles in the world around us. We can help people get food when they are having a hard time, we can send cards to people who feel lonely, and we can fight for a better future.

What are some miracles you hope for this coming year?

How can you, how can WE, make this miracle come true?



Puppy for Hanukkah by Daveed Diggs

Broadway's Hamilton star, Daveed Diggs, wrote a fun song for Chanukah! What gifts did you receive or give during the holidays this year?

[Listen to the Song](#)

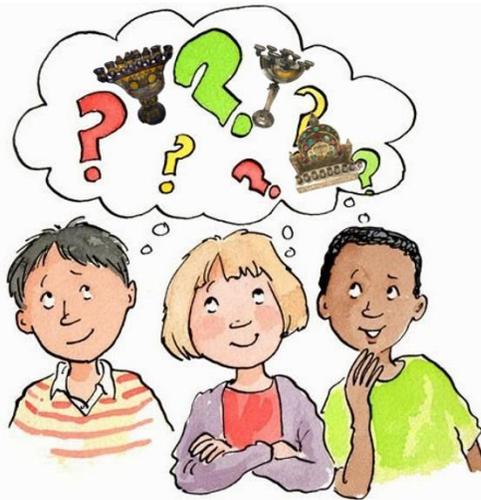


Did you know that potato latkes were not the original Chanukah delicacy? Potatoes come from South America, and Europeans didn't know about potatoes until colonizers brought them back on their ships in the 1500s. Without potatoes, there are no potato latkes! In addition to oily food, cheesy food is and was very popular to eat during Chanukah. But why cheese?

While we learn about Judah Maccabee every Chanukah, you may never have heard of the heroine Judith. Similar to Judah Maccabee, Judith was unhappy that foreign invaders were making life difficult for her Jewish community. In order to defeat the invading army, she was able to distract the Army General with yummy cheese and wine. Her efforts worked! Holofernes, the Army General, was so distracted by the food in front of him, that Judith was able to chop off his head! Now, maybe we shouldn't celebrate chopping off people's heads, but we can celebrate the strength that Judith showed in trying to save her Jewish community. And what better way to celebrate than to eat cheesy food!

Cassola, or a Sweet Cheese Pancake, is a yummy dessert that many Jews in Northern Italy would enjoy during the Festival of lights.

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It's been eight nights of learning, listening, playing, and eating yummy foods. Now it's time to see if you remember what you learned over the Eight Nights of Chanukah! You can play the Chanukah Menorah Memory Game online, or printing out your own memory cards!

Online Game Rules:

There are 16 individual blue squares on the screen. By clicking on a blue square, you will reveal one of the Chanukah Menorahs that were featured in this Chanukah e-mail series. Click on a second blue square to see if you can find the same Chanukah Menorah. Try to remember where each Chanukah is on the game board, as you try to match all eight Chanukah Menorahs.

Playing Card Game Rules:

- Shuffle the cards.
- Lay out the cards face down in rows forming a large rectangle on the table or floor. Make sure the cards are not touching each other. They need to be able to be flipped over without disturbing any cards around them.
- The first player chooses a card and carefully turns it over.
- The player then selects another card and turns it over. If the two cards are a matching pair, then they take the two cards and start a stack. The player is awarded another turn for making a match and goes again.
- If the cards are not a match they are turned back over and it is now the next player's turn.
- The game continues like this until all the cards are played and collected by the players.
- **EXTRA CHALLENGE:** When you make a match, try to remember the story behind the Chanukah Menorah! Can you remember where it was made, when it was made, and any important details?

Printing Instructions: You will want to print the PDF document of the Chanukah Memory Card Game double sided. Make sure to print so that the pages flip on the long edge. This will ensure that your Memory Cards have a Malkhut Logo side and a Chanukah Menorah side.

[Print Your Memory Cards Here](#)

[Play the Online Memory Game Here](#)

I hope you had a wonderful Chanukah this year! Thank you for taking an educational journey through discussion questions, videos, songs, recipes, and fun activities. If you have any feedback about these resources or this e-mail initiative, please do not hesitate to reach out to youthinstitute@malkhutqueens.org.