

# ACTIVELY GIVE LIGHT

This Chanukah reflect on how you actively give light to others. Use these questions to meaningfully engage and dialogue with others while creating memories to last a lifetime.

- How can you actively add light to the world this Chanukah?
- What does it mean to you to actively give light to others?
- What actively adds light to your life?
- What light do you carry with you always?
- Who is someone that actively brings light to your life?
- Who do you need to thank for bringing light into your life?
- What modern day miracles bring light into your life?



# GIFTS & CHANUKAH

Many have the custom to give and get gifts on Chanukah. Let's explore how we view gifts, how giving and receiving them make us feel and if we can expand the way we define gifts.

- What are your individual gifts (talents)?
- What gifts of service could you we give to the community at this time of year?
- In your opinion what is the value of exchanging gifts?
- What is a gift? How do you feel when you get gifts? How do you feel when we give gifts?
- Can a gift be an action? Can you think and share an experience of being helped or treated kindly? How did this make you feel?
- Chanukah has become a major gift-giving holiday. Sometimes, we focus too much attention on giving and receiving lavish gifts. Can you think of a way to share this holiday that might make a real difference to the lives of your family, friends, neighbors, or to strangers?
- Have you considered giving tzedakah in lieu of seasonal gift-giving?



# REFLECTING ON CHANUKAH & HOW IT APPLIES TO OUR LIVES TODAY

Ever wonder how Chanukah relates to us today in 2022? Use these questions to engage, discuss and reflect.

- Is there something in your life that you want to rededicate yourself this season?
- Chanukah celebrates the victory of the underdogs, Judah the Maccabee and his band of rebels, over the great Syrian Greek army. What is an example of an underdog victory that makes you proud?
- Judith was a heroine whose bravery and ingenuity helped save the Jewish people. Who are some female heroes in your life? What great women leaders do you admire? Why?
- As we light the Menorah and recall the Miracle of the Oil, we have an opportunity to think carefully about the precious and limited natural resources of our planet. What is one practical action you can take to help preserve or re-new the great "temple" that is our planet by making the most of limited resources?
- The dreidel and the Menorah are both important Chanukah traditions. While our ancestors played the dreidel to protect their hidden study of Torah, we are instructed to play openly and display the Menorah for all to see. What is something you are proud of in your life? To whom do you share it? How do you share it?
- On Chanukah, the light of our Menorahs burn brightly with all of the candles aglow. According to tradition, we are not supposed to use the light of the Menorah for reading, studying or work. We are supposed to simply enjoy its wondrous light. What would you like to think about or discuss as you enjoy the beautiful light of the Menorah with your loved ones?

