

Did you know?

Eliezer Ben-Yehuda dedicated his life to coining new Hebrew words so that Hebrew could once again become a language of daily life and not only the language of prayer. When he was looking for a Hebrew word for 'dreidel', The word he chose - SEVIVON was actually suggested by his son Itamar, who was only five years old.



And guess who came up with the word 'HANUKKIAH' (the word for the Hanukkah menorah in Hebrew)? That's right - Hemda Ben-Yehuda, the wife of Eliezer Ben-Yehuda, an author and journalist who helped her husband in his linguistic work.

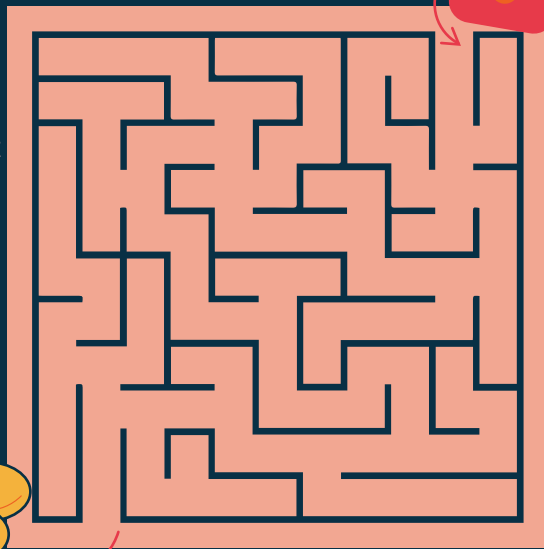
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Words bank: Light, Candle, Sun, Good, Strength, Power, Dreidel, Menorah, Hanukkah, Makkabim

Good deed

Lucy is looking for SUFGANIYOT to share with her community. That's her good deed! Help her find them



A ray of Light

"There will not be a victory of light over darkness until we understand the simple truth, that instead of fighting the darkness, we must intensify the light"

A.D. Gordon

- * Share what you wish for our society over the coming year.
- * Think about a good deed you can do to intensify the light.



Family Candle Lighting



On the 25th of Kislev, over two thousand years ago, the Maccabees lit the lamps in the Holy Temple as a sign of their renewed freedom. Since that time, we light candles on Hanukkah and recall the same ancient story, the same moving legend.

About the Maccabees, men and women, when the few stood against the many. 'I'll go first,' they said with outstretched arms.

We light the candles to celebrate the miracle of the human spirit, Which can break down barriers and connect all factions of the nation.

We will light the candle of hope to remind us that even in darkness, there will be times of peace, health, warmth and closeness. Because the light in the window reminds us and suggests that when we want to, we can bring about a miracle.



Family candle lighting to symbolize the light overcoming darkness.

Baruch atah Adonai,
Eloheinu Melech ha'olam,
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav
v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel
Hanukkah.

Baruch atah Adonai,
Eloheinu Melech ha'olam,
she-asah nisim la'avoteinu
bayamim hahem bazman
hazeh.

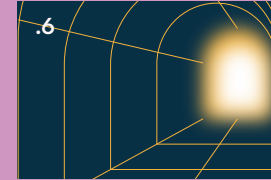
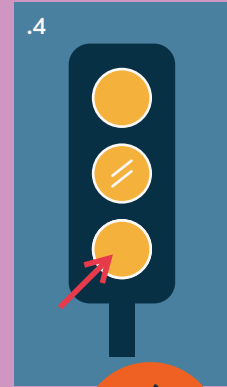
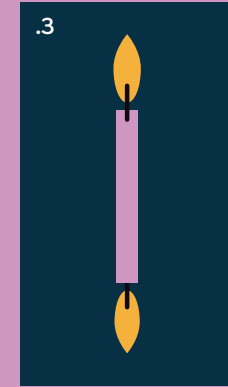
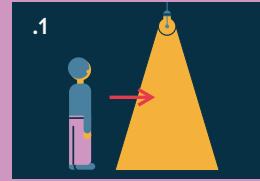
*On the first night, it's
customary to recite:*

Baruch atah Adonai,
Eloheinu Melech ha'olam,
shehecheyanu, v'kiyimanu,
v'higiyanu la'zman hazeh.



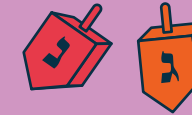
Color one
candle
each day

Find the expressions hidden in the pictures below



Hint
they are all
related to light

The Dreidel Song



I have a little dreidel. I made it out of clay.
And when it's dry and ready, then dreidel I shall play.
Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, I made it out of clay.
Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, then dreidel I shall play.

It has a lovely body, with leg so short and thin.
When it gets all tired, it drops and then I win!
Dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, with leg so short and thin.
Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, it drops and then I win!

My dreidel's always playful. It loves to dance and spin.
A happy game of dreidel, come play now let's begin.
Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, it loves to dance and spin.
Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel. Come play now let's begin.

I have a little dreidel. I made it out of clay.
When it's dry and ready, dreidel I shall play.
Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, I made you out of clay.
Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, then dreidel I shall play.

Did you know?

At this time of year in many cultures there are holidays celebrating light and fire. The ancients were afraid that as the sun set earlier each day it would eventually disappear, so they created holidays focused on their hope that the sun and light would return.

An ancient Jewish legend passed down through the generations, even before the time of the Maccabees, tells the story of Adam, the first man, who was afraid that the world would fall back into chaos, so he fasted for eight days. When he realized that the days were getting longer and that each day the sun was setting later, he celebrated for eight days.

Oh Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah

Oh Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah
Come light the menorah
Let's have a party
We'll all dance the hora
Gather 'round the table
We'll give you a treat
Sivivon to play with and latkes to eat
And while we are playing
The candles are burning low
One for each night,
they shed a sweet light
to remind us of days long ago
One for each night,
they shed a sweet light
to remind us of days long ago

Oh Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah
A time to remember.
A joyful, jolly holiday
that comes in December
Every day for eight days,
dreidels will spin
Crispy little latkes, tasty and thin.
And nightly, so brightly,
the candles of Hanukkah glow.
One for each night,
they shed a sweet light,
to remind us of days long ago.
One for each night,
they shed a sweet light,
to remind us of days long ago.

