



# THE TRIBE SCRIBE

VAYESHEV - LIGHT FANTASTIC!

CHANUKAH IS COMING, AND WE JUST CAN'T WAIT!  
IT STARTS TONIGHT - SAVE THE DATE!

HERE'S THE LOW-DOWN, WE'D LIKE TO SHARE  
SOME LESSER KNOWN FACTS - TO MAKE YOU AWARE.  
HAPPY CHANUKAH!



The Chanukah story features two incredibly brave women - **Yehudit** and **Chana**. With immense courage and determination, they played their part in Jewish history.



The Menorah in the Bet Hamikdash could only be lit with 'pure olive oil'. The commentator Rashi tells us that only the first drop of oil extracted from the olives was pure enough to light. Don't worry, the rest of the olive oil didn't go to waste - It was used for other purposes.

The Menorah in the Bet Hamikdash had 7 branches and the Chanukiah that we light on Chanukah has 9 - 8 branches plus the shamash.



Over 17 MILLION(!) doughnuts are consumed in Israel during Chanukah.



WE LIGHT THE CHANUKAH CANDLES AFTER DARK, BUT WE LIGHT THE SHABBAT CANDLES BEFORE SUNSET. ARE WE ALLOWED TO LIGHT THE CHANUKIAH ON SHABBAT? HOW DO WE SOLVE THIS CANDLE CONUNDRUM?

WELL, ONCE SHABBAT STARTS, OF COURSE WE CAN'T LIGHT A CANDLE. WE THEREFORE LIGHT THE CHANUKAH LIGHTS BEFORE THE SHABBAT CANDLES. HOWEVER, TO MAKE SURE THE WE FULFIL THE CHANUKAH MITZVAH PROPERLY TOO, WE USE EXTRA LONG CANDLES (OR PLENTY OF OIL) ON SHABBAT CHANUKAH. THIS ENSURES OUR CHANUKIAH WILL REMAIN LIT AT LEAST HALF AN HOUR AFTER NIGHTFALL.



How many candles are lit altogether during the 8 days of Chanukah?  
(Answer below)

The longest recorded dreidel spin is 49.65 seconds by Ariel B from California - beat that!



ANSWER: 44 CANDLES



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