



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

MIKEITZ - CHANUKAH: SHINE YOUR LIGHT!

WHEN IT COMES TO LIGHTING SHABBAT CANDLES, WE LIGHT THEM BEFORE SHABBAT STARTS, WHEN IT'S STILL LIGHT.



CHANUKAH FALLS AT THE DARKEST TIME OF YEAR. WHEN WE LIGHT OUR CHANUKAH CANDLES, WE REMEMBER THE MIRACLES THAT GOD PERFORMED FOR US AT THE TIME OF THE MACCABEES.



BUT WHEN WE LIGHT THE CHANUKAH CANDLES, WE LIGHT THEM AFTER DARK (EXCEPT ON FRIDAY, WHEN WE LIGHT THEM BEFORE THE SHABBAT CANDLES).



AND HOW HE STILL LOOKS AFTER US TO THIS DAY!

UNLIKE THE JEWS WAY BACK AT THE TIME OF THE CHANUKAH STORY, WE ARE FREE TO OPENLY SHOW OUR JEWISHNESS. WE CAN LIGHT OUR MENORAHS WITH PRIDE.



WHEN OUR MENORAH LIGHTS UP THE DARK NIGHT, IT REMINDS US THAT LIGHT CAN COME TO THE DARKEST OF PLACES. NO MATTER HOW STUCK OR DISCONNECTED WE FEEL, THERE IS ALWAYS THE POTENTIAL FOR LIGHT.

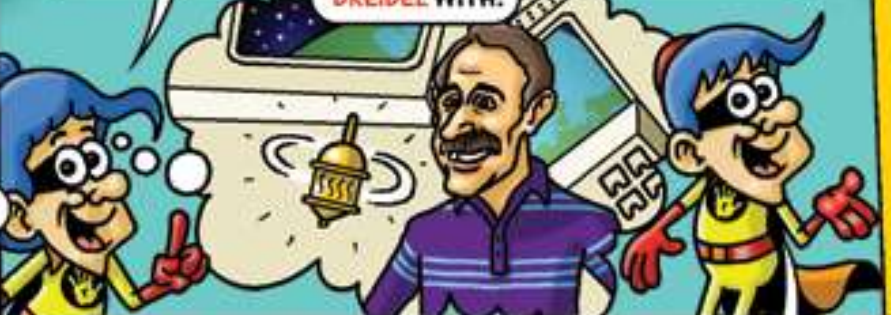
SOMETIMES YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE DARKNESS TO CLEAR, YOU CAN LIGHT THE CANDLE YOURSELF AND BE A SHINING LIGHT TO THOSE AROUND YOU.



TALK ABOUT SHARING THE LIGHT! IN DECEMBER 1993, JEWISH ASTRONAUT JEFFERY HOFFMAN WAS SENT TO SPACE TO REPAIR THE HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE. AS HE WOULD BE IN SPACE OVER CHANUKAH, JEFFREY BROUGHT A TRAVEL-SIZED MENORAH AND DREIDEL WITH.



THE SHABBAT CANDLES LIGHT THE INSIDE OF OUR HOMES, BUT THE CHANUKAH CANDLES SPREAD THE LIGHT OUTSIDE AND WE SHARE THE LIGHT WITH EVERYONE AROUND US. DURING THE DARK TIMES OF THE CHANUKAH STORY, WHO COULD'VE DREAMED HOW FAR THAT LIGHT WOULD SPREAD?



OF COURSE, DUE TO SAFETY IN THE SHUTTLE, JEFFREY COULDN'T LIGHT THE MENORAH IN SPACE, BUT HE DID PRESENT THEM TO THE WORLD AND SHOWED EVERYONE WHAT AN ANTI-GRAVITY DREIDEL SPIN LOOKS LIKE! NOW THAT'S OUT OF THIS WORLD!