



# THE TRIBE SCRIBE

CHANUKAH: LIGHT UP, LIGHT UP!



WHAT'S THE STRANGEST PLACE YOU'VE LIT YOUR CHANUKAH CANDLES?

THIS WELL KNOWN STORY IS ABOUT AN UNLIKELY CHANUKAH ENCOUNTER, AND A REMINDER TO US ALL THAT THE MESSAGE OF CHANUKAH CONTINUES FOR ALL JEWS, AT ALL TIMES.

CHANUKAH 1777. THE CONTINENTAL ARMY UNDER GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON ARE CAMPED IN THE VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA USA.

TONIGHT IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE NIGHT I LEFT MY FATHER'S HOUSE. HE GAVE ME THIS MENORAH AND SAID: "WHEN YOU LIGHT THE CHANUKAH CANDLES, THEY WILL ILLUMINATE THE WAY FOR YOU."



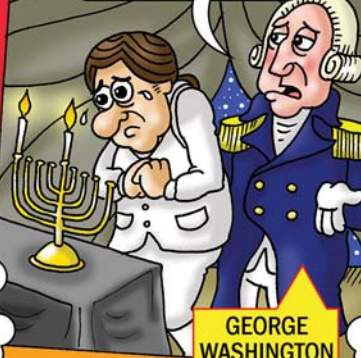
THIS WAR SEEMS ENDLESS. WE MAY BE FREEZING AND HUNGRY, BUT WHEN I THINK OF MY FAMILY SUFFERING IN POLAND I AM GLAD THAT I ESCAPED TO AMERICA.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING SOLDIER? WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I AM A JEW. TONIGHT, JEWS ALL OVER THE WORLD LIGHT CANDLES TO REMEMBER THE MIRACULOUS VICTORY OF OUR PEOPLE OVER THEIR POWERFUL ENEMY.



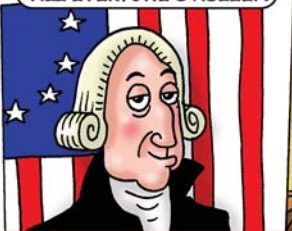
I MAY BE THE ONLY JEW HERE BUT THIS MENORAH HAS BEEN LIKE A CHARM FOR ME - I HAVE TO LIGHT IT. I'LL WAIT TILL EVERYONE'S ASLEEP.



GEORGE WASHINGTON



I AM SURE, THAT JUST AS GOD HELPED US FIGHT FOR FREEDOM THEN, HE WILL DO SO NOW AND WE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.



THE SOLDIER WAS RIGHT! WASHINGTON WAS VICTORIOUS AND BECAME THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.



KNOCK! KNOCK!

ONE YEAR LATER, CHANUKAH, NEW YORK.

THAT WONDERFUL CANDLE AGAIN! THE CANDLE OF HOPE OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE LIT A LIGHT IN MY HEART THAT NIGHT. HERE IS A MEDAL OF HONOUR FROM THE USA.

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