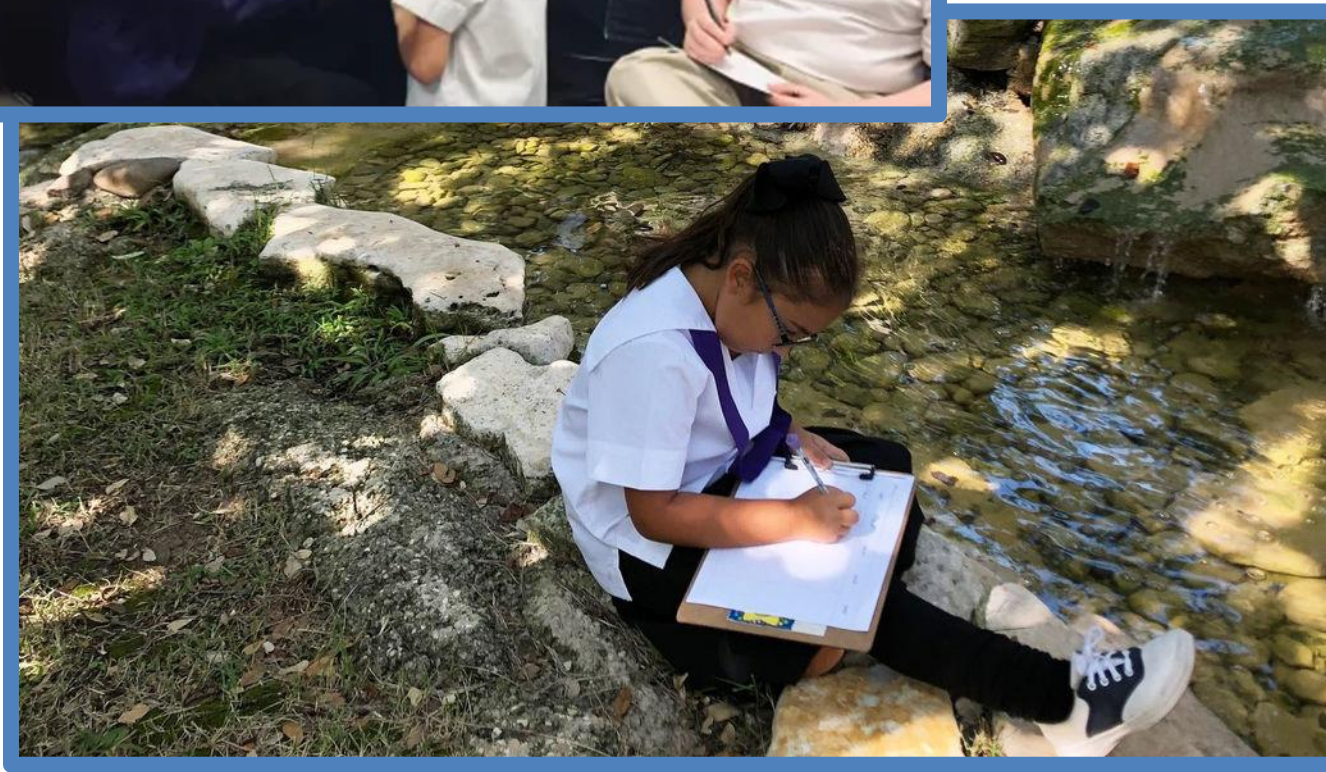




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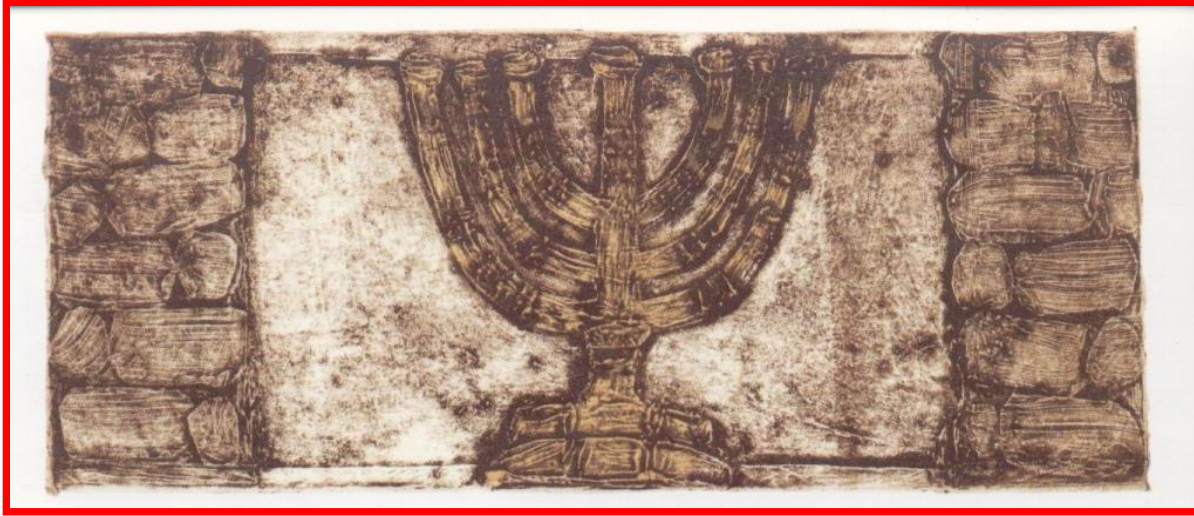


Psalm 118:24

This is the day
that the Lord
has made;
**let us rejoice
and be glad in
it.**



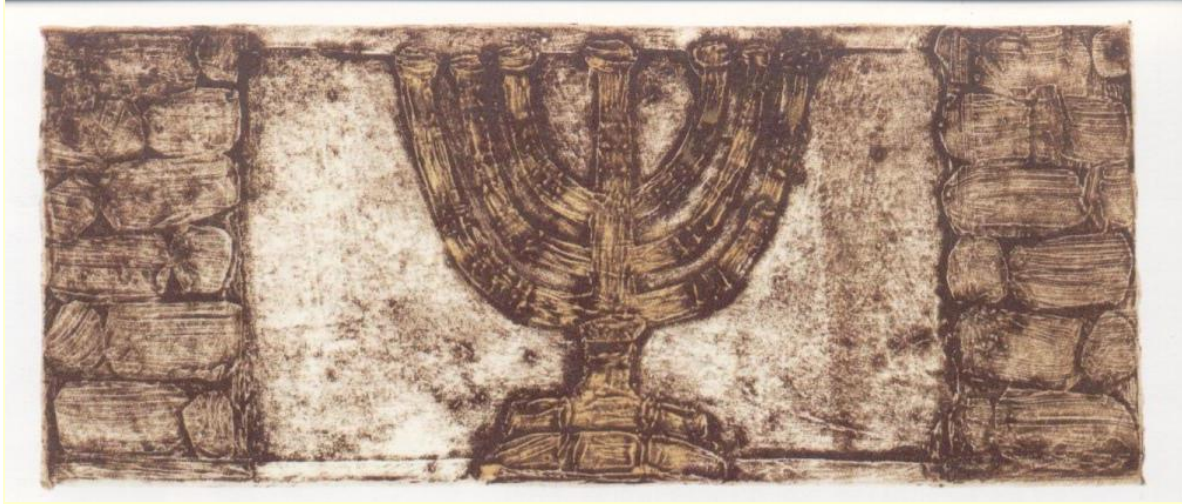
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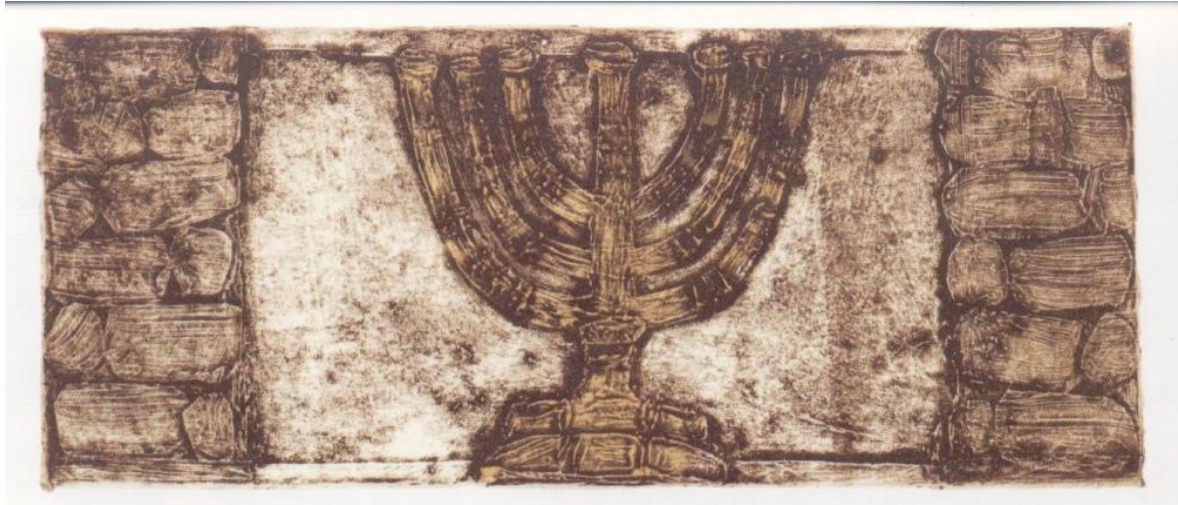


Long ago the Jewish people prayed to God
in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

Each day they poured pure olive oil
into the beautiful Temple Menorah
and lit its seven lamps to honor God.



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One day a new king, who was Greek and named Antiochus, became ruler of Jerusalem.

“Jews shall not pray to their God,” he said.
“They shall pray to my gods of stone, or die!”



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The cruel king sent his soldiers
to Jerusalem.

They locked the Temple.

Jews could no longer pray there,
or light the Menorah.

The Jews refused
to pray to stone gods.

They prayed to the One God
in secret.



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King Antiochus learned of this
and was furious!

He sent his army to crush the Jews.

But a brave man named
Judah Maccabee
led a small band of fighters
to battle against the king's soldiers.



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The Maccabees were greatly outnumbered, but they fought bravely.

They chased the king's soldiers out of the land.

Judah Maccabee led the Jews back to the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.



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Judah Maccabee searched for oil
to light the lamps
of the Temple Menorah.

He found only one jar,
Enough for just one day.

The Jews lit the Menorah-
and God made a miracle!

The oil lasted for eight days,
long enough to make more oil.



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The Jewish people were so joyful.

They celebrated the miracle and praised God for helping them win a great victory over a cruel king.



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On Hanukkah we celebrate
the miracle of the oil
and Judah Maccabee's victory.

Light the candles in your
menorah!

Add a candle,
one more for each
of the eight nights,
until all the candles
are glowing.



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Spin the dreidel!
Play a dreidel game.

Tell the story of Hanukkah.

Remember that long ago
God made miracles
in Jerusalem!



Dreidel Game

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Happy
Hanukkah

December 22 – December 30, 2019

Closing Prayer

Lord,

Thank you for shining
light into darkness.

Thank you for
surprising us with your
goodness and your
miracles.

As the candles burn
brightly, may our love
for you and others
shine brightly too.

Amen

