



Eternal Light

"In those days....in our time!"

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Quote of the Day:  
"Right is  
Beautiful!"

ONE SHEKEL



# Fear Oil Shortage Blackout

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JERUSALEM KISLEV 25, 3595 - Hopes dim as the flames flicker low on the last cruse of 'kosher' oil in the Temple's makeshift Menorah.

Today marked the first Menorah kindling since the war, and some fear it is also the last Menorah kindling for a while. New shipments are not expected for another week.

"We don't celebrate just the military triumph," said a worker cleaning the Temple chambers. "The Greeks loved power and might, but celebrate spirit and light."

"Victory is incomplete until the Menorah shines forth in full glory," said a member of the team that found the sealed cruse under debris.

The initial excitement and jubilation has turned to anxiety about the future. "Will this extinguish our hopes?" asked a worried observer.

But many remain optimistic. "It's actually a miracle the oil lasted this long," explained Rabbi J. Caro, of 1525 Safed Place, noting that the flames burned only one eighth of the oil."

The fact that we accomplished this much is a miracle in itself," said another. "We can only try our best; the rest is up to G-d."

## The Three Pillars

Beginning Pirkey Avot, our sages teach:

"The world stands on 3 things: Torah Study, (Prayer) Service and Acts of loving kindness."

These virtues are implanted in our heritage

and tradition, nurtured by our forefathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

All around us, people today idolize wood and stone in the name of culture. This Mishna inspires us not to be overwhelmed by towering structures of clay and mud. As beautiful aesthetically as they may be,

they are only superficial and temporal, here today and gone tomorrow.

True pillars are more than just a roof support. Even the most impressive colonnades are only facades.

Only spiritual pillars provide us with enduring inner strength that will never crumble.

## A Little Cruse of Purity

By Judah Hasmonean

Some wonder why all the fuss about an oil shortage, when there's actually a glut of oil in defiled bottles lying around?

Sure, there's plenty of other oil, but it is crude, contaminated and compromised by the Greek touch. Must we lower our standards now, after struggling so hard to free ourselves of alien influence?

We yearn for the real thing! Now that we've achieved freedom and independence, let's strive for that which is pure, untouched and unadulterated.

The odds seem to be against

purity surviving in a false and evil world. But so were the odds against Israel. In the end, purity shall prevail. This is the essence of our 'victory of few against many.'

Why lower our standards to a 'heter' of 'Tuma Hutra Betzibur?' Let's strive for the real and genuine, and not be misled by fancy fluff or facade. With G-d's help, the Divine light will shine brightly once more.

Purity is a precious commodity that supersedes quantity. Subtle quality is hard to find, but if we search, we will surely find it.

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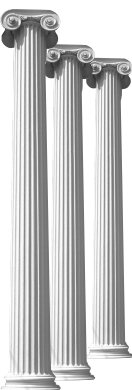
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## FOOD section

### ENTERTAINING A HEAD OF STATE

by Judith

There's more to Chanukah than oil, donuts and latkes. Cheese also plays a historic role in this holiday.

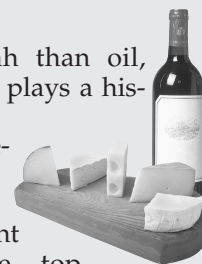
Serving the Big Cheese represents an opportunity, for the best way to a man's head is through his stomach. If you want to get ahead, go to the top. Diplomatically, we call it a meeting tete a tete.

Certain people get so overwhelmed by VIP parties, that they lose their head in the process. The sophisticated connoisseur will dare to try something new, different and original.

Choose a private, relaxing venue. Plan your menu carefully, and arrange the courses in good order. Don't forget your cutlery, knives, forks and spoons, and of course, a good cutting knife. You are under terrific pressure, so don't let your anxiety show. Stay cool, calm and composed to the end.

Here's my "Helifornus Special" wine and cheese menu that worked great for me:

An assortment of exotic cured cheeses serves as the entree, followed by an aromatic selection of vintage wine, and follow with just desserts. Reserve the coup de grace for the grand finale, and deliver with gusto.





Lantern of Wisdom

# THE HELLENIST

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is Right!"

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ONE DINAR



## Games People Play STUDENTS TWIDDLE THUMBS

ISRAEL-3585 - A government survey shows that Jewish children now spend more time playing than learning.

The current fad is a 'draydel' or 'sevivon,' played by 2 or more. Like a roll of dice, participants win or lose depending on which side the top falls.

The increased playtime was observed in all school grades, from nursery upwards, where draydel has become part of the curriculum.

Students were fully absorbed in the draydel game whenever inspectors observed classrooms.

The teachers and faculty did not object to the students playing around. Instead of poring over illegal Hebrew manuscripts, teachers welcomed inspectors into classrooms, inviting them to enjoy the show.

While Hebrew School curriculum usually focuses on celebrating Passover, Shavouth, Succoth, and Purim, the Draydel seemed to be the student's most popular subject.

"Looks can be deceiving," said an educator, "but this may be related to the absence of a Jewish holiday during

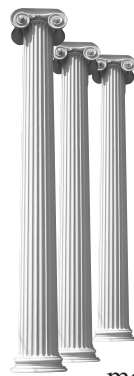
the long winter months. This definitely indicates a turning point."

A Jewish boy who asked to remain anonymous said he thought the Draydel is a great decoy: "Now you see it, now you don't!"

A girl who hit the Draydel jackpot exclaimed: "As they say in Greek: 'Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.'"

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## The Three Pillars

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Fortunately, Modern man no longer believes such fantasy. We know better!

Science has discovered that the world does not stand at all. Earth is a mere planet floating in space, suspended by the gravity. In

constant movement, it never stands still, but revolves around the sun.

Thus, contrary to archaic Jewish belief, our world stands on nothing!

Our society, however, stands on three classic pillars. They are: Ionic, Doric and Corinthian.

Instead of vague spirituality, our pillars represent reality. Instead of abstract concepts, our pillars are concrete. Marvels of architecture, these majestic columns inspire man's quest to rise ever higher.

by our staff columnist

A distinctive feature of the Parthenon, these pillars are enshrined in history. The impressive pillars pay tribute to human creative genius, man's mastery over nature, and his quest for excellence.

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