

Parshat Miktetz

Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

Shabbat 6th Day of Chanukah

Friday 7th December 2018

Candle Lighting	6.45pm
Mincha	6.30pm
Maariv	6.45pm

Shabbat 8th December 2018

Shacharit	9.00am
Mincha	7.25pm
Maariv	8.40pm

Rosh Chodesh falls on Shabbat & Sunday 8th & 9th December.

A word from the Rabbi

There is a little known fact regarding the festival of channukah. Every Jew is obligated to light candles- man, woman and child providing that one crucial condition is met- they have a house. The vagabond cannot light candles regardless of whether he is homeless or merely travelling .

This is a rather peculiar anomaly in that no other mitzvoth seem to have this precondition. Tefillin, lulav, shofar are all independent of your current place of residence so why is the home such an integral part of the festival?

Perhaps we can suggest that people often are unaware of this issue is that many are of the opinion that the festival of light celebrates the fact that a little container of oil lasted for 8 days. Whereas this is not completely incorrect, it also is overly simplified and only present a shallow perspective on the profound time.

Chanukah is the celebration of the victory in battle of the Maccabim of the domiantn Assyrian Greeks. It was a war of the few against the many and the weak against the strong, but most importantly it was a war of the pure against the vile and of good against evil. Unlike many other regimes under which we have suffered, the Greeks did not seek our destruction as a political and social community, but rather sought to uproot us as a religious and spiritual entity.

The battle wasn't for the bodies of the nation, but rather for our souls.

The Greeks has imposed strict and harsh regulations that inhibited Jewish observance. Mikvahs were shut down, circumcision banned and Torah learning banished. The Greeks sought to wrestle the Judaism out of the jews.

The rebellion led by Matityahu and his sons attempted and succeeded in thwarting the Greek's intentions and restored the Temple to its former glory. Judaism was triumphant- not the Jews.

In commemorating the great victory our Rabbis insisted that the source of Jewish life be

the anchoring point of the celebration- the home.

It is the home where Judaism lives thrives and is transmitted. It is therefore the home that must carry the symbol of Jewish and Judaism's eternity- the channukah.

Shabbat shalom and Chanukah sameiach.

We wish a hearty Mazal Tov on your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Anniversary to:

Peta Lee Sacks

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