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# HANUKKAH

The Hebrew word “Hanukkah” translates to “dedication.” As 2019 draws to a close and 2020 begins, the Festival of Lights is our opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the work of building a more just world. Each time we choose to stand up, speak out, and make change in our society, we are guided by our core Jewish values.

Each night of Hanukkah, with the candles burning brighter, may our conversations be richer, our advocacy be stronger, and our voices be louder as we commit to another year of justice and freedom for all.

The following guide provides easy, fun and important ways to help enhance your Hanukkah experience and spark a discussion each night!

## Day 1

### ***Al HaNisim***

#### For the Miracles

Hanukkah is all about miracles; tonight, take the time with those close to you to just be *thankful*. There is so much to be grateful for, and we should never lose sight of all we are blessed with, even as we strive to close the gaps. What are the miracles in your family's life?

## Day 2

### ***Sh'ma Yisrael***

#### Listen, Israel

Many Jews say the *Sh'ma* every day, but how often do we try to hear voices outside of *Yisrael*? Take this day to find a local museum or cultural center to visit, explore and learn from. Talk with your family and community tonight about the importance of hearing others' stories.

## Day 3

### ***Hachnasat Orchim***

#### Inclusivity

Even within forward-thinking communities, groups can still feel marginalized. Out of support for these groups, take the opportunity to look into the culture, programs, and policies of your communities and evaluate if they are truly inclusive, and if they can be more welcoming.

## Day 4

### ***Tzedakah***

#### Righteous Giving

The Hebrew word *tzedakah* directly translates to 'righteousness,' but it is often used to signify charity. Hanukkah is a time for rediscovering the meaning of a gift. Tonight, in lieu of exchanging gifts, decide on one or two organizations worthy of your donation.

## Day 5

### ***Shmirat Adamah***

#### Protect the Earth

In Genesis, God calls humanity *Shomrei Adamah*, guardians of the Earth. We work every day to protect the earth, but we could always do better. Since Hanukkah is the Festival of Lights, make sure all lightbulbs in your household are environmentally friendly.

## Day 6

### ***Shutafut***

#### Allyship

Not every cause is ours to vanguard. It is equally meaningful to help raise up the voices of individuals who may not be a member of our communities, but who are most directly affected by certain injustices. Talk with your family and community about what it means to be a good ally.

## Day 7

### ***Al Tishkach***

#### Never Forget

In thinking about the historic struggles which have afflicted the Jewish People, we too must be mindful of the tragedies and atrocities faced by many other unprotected communities. What steps can you take to make sure we learn from history?

## Day 8

### ***Tzibur***

#### Community

Making substantive, lasting change requires building communities with a shared vision. Think of the many communities of which you are a part. How can you bring these different communities together based on a common goal?