

HANUKKAH

WHAT DO THE 8 LIGHTS REPRESENT?



Teach your children about the goodness and light of the Lord. Light one candle a night and tell your children what each represents.

THE SHAMASH CANDLE – The center candle is the "Shamash" candle. Shamash means servant. This candle represents Jesus. It is used to light the other 8 candles.

CANDLE 1 – ALEPH א (THE FIRST LETTER IN THE HEBREW ALPHABET)

When you light the *first* candle, you acknowledge that you choose to follow Father God. "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!" –Deuteronomy 6:4

CANDLE 2 – BET ב (THE SECOND LETTER OF THE HEBREW ALPHABET)

When you light the *second* candle, you acknowledge that you choose to be in covenant agreement and unity with God. The number 2 is symbolic of the covenant (see Ephesians 2:14-22).

CANDLE 3 – GIMEL ג (THE THIRD LETTER OF THE HEBREW ALPHABET)

When you light the *third* candle, you trust the strength and power of the trinity—the three-stranded cord of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (see Ecclesiastes 4:12).

CANDLE 4 – DALET ד (THE FOURTH LETTER OF THE HEBREW ALPHABET)

In Hebrew, *dalet* is symbolic of a 'door.' When you light the *fourth* candle, decree that the door to your heart opens, allowing the light of God into your life (see John 10:9). Declare, "Shine your light in me and through me, O Lord!"

CANDLE 5 – HE ה (THE FIFTH LETTER OF THE HEBREW ALPHABET)

The number 5 is symbolic of grace. When you light the *fifth* candle, know that the way forward is only by His grace (see Ephesians 2:8-9).

CANDLE 6 – VAV ו (THE SIXTH LETTER OF THE HEBREW ALPHABET)

The number 6 represents man. When you light the *sixth* candle, it is symbolic of reconciling the reality that you are human, created in His image, and in need of God (see Genesis 1:27).

CANDLE 7 – ZAYEN ז (THE SEVENTH LETTER OF THE HEBREW ALPHABET)

The number 7 represents God's perfect number or completion. When you light the *seventh* candle, you acknowledge the only perfection for man is to receive Yeshua, the perfect One, and our righteousness is in Him alone (see Colossians 2:9-10).

CANDLE 8 – HET ח (THE EIGHTH LETTER OF THE HEBREW ALPHABET)

When you light the *eighth* candle, you celebrate the symbolism of new beginnings. Through the light of Messiah, you are a new creation, and He gives you new seasons and fresh starts (see 2 Corinthians 5:17). Through Him, you are One New Man—one new humanity and one new creation.



Celebrate Hanukkah and light the candles with your family. Speak God's sovereignty, protection, provision, and light over your children and home. Keep the oil of your spiritual life full in this season!

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