



Parshas Mikeitz

City	Candle-Lighting	Shabbos Ends
Jerusalem	4:00 PM	5:21 PM
Beitar Illit	4:01 PM	5:21 PM
Los Angeles	4:31 PM	5:31 PM
Seattle	4:03 PM	5:15 PM
New York City	4:15 PM	5:19 PM
Chicago	4:04 PM	5:11 PM
London, England	3:36 PM	4:54 PM



Stories of Tzadikim | From Gemara Tannis 25A, translated by R' Leib Kelemen א שליט"א in his article, *The Miracle of Chanukah on Aish.com*

Everything Is A Miracle

One Friday afternoon, the daughter of Rabbi Chanina set up her Shabbos candles and lit them. Then, after they were lit, she realized that she had inadvertently used vinegar instead of oil. When her father came home from synagogue she was very sad.

"Father, I grabbed vinegar instead of the oil, and when the wicks burn down, the lights will go out."

Rabbi Chanina ben Dosa said, "My daughter, He who makes oil burn, will make vinegar burn." The Talmud concludes by saying that the vinegar candles burned throughout the entire Shabbos.

With this story, the Talmud is telling us that it is actually a miracle when oil burns. "He who makes oil burn will make vinegar burn." If oil burns for no other reason than that is the Will of God, then vinegar, water, or Coca-Cola could burn, too – if that is what God wants.



Maase Shehaya | From Sefer Tov L' Hodos by R' A. Leib Scheinbaum שליט"א

Thanking Hashem for Every Breath

A ninety-three year-old man in Italy became ill. After he recuperated and was about to leave the hospital, he was presented with a bill for the use of a ventilator for one day. The old man began to cry. The doctor advised him not to cry over the bill. They would work things out with him.

What the old man said next made the doctor cry. The old man said, "I do not cry because of the money I have to pay. I can pay all the money. I cry because I have been breathing G-d's air for 93 years, but I never had to pay anything for it. But for using a ventilator for just one day I have to pay \$5,000. I realize now how much I owe G-d. I never thanked Him for it before."



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Where should one place the Hanukkah?

The *Shulchan Aruch* (O.H. 671:7), based on the *Gemara* (*Shabbat 21a*), rules that it is a Mitzvah to place the Hanukkah candles to the left of one's entrance-way. In such a way, the Mezuzah is on the right side of the door, the Menora is on the left and therefore when one lights, one is surrounded by Mitzvot.


Rabbi Avraham Azoulay (gloss to *Levush* § 671) comments that in most years, Parashat Miketz is read during Hanukkah and that the word in the first verse "Shenatayim," stands for "Semol Ner Tadlik Yemin Mezuzah" (lit. "On the left light the candle, and to the right is the Mezuzah"). Similarly, his great-grandson, the *HIDA* (*Midbar Kedemot, Ma'arechet* 8), writes that the word "Yamim", which is also in the first verse of Miketz, alludes to "Yenichena Mitzad Yemin Hayotze" (lit. "One should place it (the Menora) to the right of one who is exiting [that is, opposite the Mezuzah]"). Furthermore, the *Kaf HaChaim* (K.H., O.H. 671:58), quoting the Sheiltot DeRav Ahai, says that when one lights the Menora to the left of the Mezuzah while donning a Tzitzit, one fulfills the verse (*Kohelet* 4:12), which says that a three-stranded cord is not easily broken. In this case, each Mitzvah represents one strand and together, they have great spiritual benefit.

Nowadays, it is challenging to fulfill the Mitzvah of placing the Menora to the left of the entrance-way. For one thing, the main objective of placing the Menora at the entrance is for passersby to see it, which publicizes the miracle of Hanukkah. Since most home doors these days are not made of transparent glass, it would not accomplish this objective. As well, if one were to simply leave the door open, it would expose the Menora to wind, rain or snow, which could extinguish it. Therefore, if one cannot place the Menora at the entrance, one should place it near a window which faces the public domain so as to fulfill the Mitzvah of publicizing the miracle.

Summary: The ideal way to fulfill the Mitzvah of the Hanukkah candles is to place the Menora to the left of the entrance's Mezuzah and that the candles will be visible to passersby outside. If this is not possible, one should place the Menora by a window which faces the public domain.

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