

TEMPLE SHALOM'S AMAZING CHANUKAH RACE AND PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT 578(FUN)

Chag Urim Sameach -- Happy Festival of Lights! Welcome to Temple Shalom's Amazing Chanukah Race! We are so excited to take off with you throughout these next 8 nights. Here is how you play:

1. Pick your team! Your team can include your family, can be a team of 1, can be a team of multiple families and collaborate over Zoom. ****If you are teaming up with other households, we are asking teams NOT to collaborate in person, but rather collaborate virtually.****
2. Once you have picked your team, come up with a creative team name! (10 points!)
3. Fill out this [simple form \(less than 30 seconds\) to register your team!](#) (5 points just for signing up!)
4. (Optional) [Join the Amazing Chanukah Race Facebook page \(by clicking here\)](#) and post a picture of your team sharing your team name!
 - a. This Facebook group will be used to share photos, share smiles, and update the community on your games progress. It is an optional way to engage!
5. Spend the 8 days of Chanukah making your way through this list of challenges. Many challenges will require a picture to document the experience. **On Thursday, December 10th, Rabbi Ira will send each team captain a challenge card for you to document your challenges and mark completions.**
6. We will meet together as a community to light our *chanukiot* on Thursday, December 17th. At our closing event, we will announce winners and prizes and share highlights, photos, and videos of our collective challenges!

AMAZING CHANUKAH RACE CHALLENGES

ADVENTURES!

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With your team, visit the following places and take a picture to document the experience!

- Find 3 large community *Chanukiot* (Chanukah Menorah) around the DMV (20 points)
- Visit the [DC National Menorah](#) (20 points)
- Take a picture of you spinning a dreidel in 5 different locations (25 points)
- Find the best latke in the DMV and tell us why! (15 points)
- Find the best sufganiot in the DMV and tell us why! (15 points)
- Spin the dreidel with Abraham Lincoln (at the Lincoln Memorial) (20 points)
- Spin the dreidel with Martin Luther King Jr (at the MLK Memorial) (20 points)
- Spin the dreidel with your favorite DC statue / memorial! (20 points)

FOODS!

With your team, eat and complete the following challenges and take a picture to document the experience!

- Make and enjoy *sufganiyot* (25 points)
- Make and enjoy *latkes* (25 points)
- Create a *Chanukah* themed meal (think foods and oil!) and write a description sharing what about this meal is *Chanukah* themed. (25 points)
- Collect *Chanukah gelt* that has different currencies (5 points. per currency).
- Make and enjoy an edible menorah (10 points)
- Make a traditional Jewish food from **a different** Jewish holiday and put a creative spin on it for Chanukah! (25 points)
- Make and enjoy one these **non Ashkenormative** Chanukah dishes! (25 points)
- Write up your favorite Chanukah recipe and [share it here!](#) (10 points)

CHALLENGES!

With your team, complete and document the following challenges!

- Create your own Chanukiah (Chanukah menorah) and join us for our Chanukiah making competition! [Click here to sign up!](#) (25 points)
- Put up Chanukah decorations outside of your house and take a picture with your team! [Click here to list your house for other Amazing Race participants to enjoy](#) (40 points + 10 if you register your house)
- Spin your dreidel for 18 consecutive seconds (or send us a video of your longest recorded spin) (0-5 seconds: 1 point, 5-10 seconds: 3 points, 10-15 seconds: 10 points, 18 seconds: 25 points, 18+ seconds, 30 points)
- Spinning dreidels upside down for 18 seconds (or send us a video of your longest recorded spin) (0-5 seconds: 1 point, 5-10 seconds: 3 points, 10-15 seconds: 10 points, 18 seconds: 25 points, 18+ seconds, 30 points)
- Complete a Chanukah escape room (join us on Monday, December 14th for a community escape room challenge, or complete one that you find on your own with your family). (20 points)
- Enjoy reading a Chanukah themed book! [Click here are some suggestions.](#) (10 points)
- Enjoy watching a Chanukah themed movie! [Click here are some suggestions.](#) (10 points)

RABBIS CORNER: CHANUKAH FUN! (AKA SEE RABBI RACHEL AND RABBI IRA IN AWESOME CHANUKAH SWEATERS SHARE SOME FUN AND INTERESTING CHANUKAH INFORMATION)!

- **Rabbi Hillel and Rabbi Shammai Challenge! (20 points)**
Pick a night of Chanukah (other than the 4th night) and take a picture of your family lighting 2 *chanukiot*, 1 the way Rabbi Hillel teaches us, and a 2nd the way Rabbi Shammai teaches us. [Click here to learn more about how Hillel and Shammai teach us to light a Chanukiah.](#) **Bonus 5 points -- Why can you not participate in this challenge on the 4th night?** Questions? Reach out to [Rabbi Ira!](#)
- **Candle Lighting Challenge! [Click here to get started.](#) (20 points)**
Questions to Answer
 - In what order do we light and bless the candles on the Friday night of Chanukah? (Answer: Chanukah candle blessing, light Chanukah candles, light Shabbat candles, Shabbat candle blessing)
 - Do we do *Havdallah* or light the *chanukiah* first on Saturday night? (Answer: *Havdalah*)
 - What did Rabbi Ackerman put in the *chanukiah* when she realized she didn't have a candle for third night? (Answer: a toy candle)

- **Chanukah for 8 nights and 8 days?! It sounds like many other Jewish holidays that we celebrate! [Dive in and learn more](#) about why this is the case THEN answer which Jewish holiday Chanukah was set up to represent. HINT: [What do we learn from the book of Maccabees?](#)(20 points)**
- **What's up with the books of Maccabees and Judith? And why aren't they in the TaNaKh? [Click here to get started!](#) (20 points)**
 - **Questions to Answer**
 - What is the Jewish canon called? (Answer: *TaNaKH*)
 - What is the name of the Hebrew Bible an acronym for? (Answer: *T=Tav=Torah/Five Books of Moses, N=Nun=Nevi'im/Prophets, KH=Kaf/Chaf=Ketuvim/Writings*)
 - What is the name of the collection of books written around the same time as some books of the *TaNaKH* but not included in it? (Answer: apocrypha)
 - What are the names of the two sets of books about *Chanukah* that are not included in the *TaNaKH* called? (Answer: Maccabees and Judith)
- **The Dreidel -- *Nes, Gadol, Hayah, Sham!* What does this mean and what does the dreidel represent? [Click here to get started!](#) (20 points)**
- **Because They Were Involved in the Miracle: three positive time-bound *mitzvot* that women are obligated by because they too were involved in the miracle! [Click here to get started!](#) (20 points)**
 - **Questions to Answer:**
 - What are positive and negative commandments? (Answer: positive are things we do, negative are things we refrain from)
 - What are time-bound and not time-bound commandments? (Answer: time-bound are performed at a specific time, not time-bound do not have to be performed at a specific time)
 - What were the three holidays in which women are obligated in time-bound positive commandments? (Answer: Passover, Purim, and Chanukah)
 - Who was involved in making the miracle happen? (Answer: the wives of the Israelites, Esther, Judith)
 - What was the miracle for each story? (Answer: the wives seduced their Israelite husbands in order to procreate, Esther helped expose Haman's plan (I didn't mention this, but I'm sure people know), Judith seduced Holofernes, fed him wine and cheese, and chopped off his head when he fell asleep)--p.s. I (Rabbi Ackerman) said that Judith "snuck in" to where Holofernes was. That's not actually accurate--she went right over to the Assyrians/Greeks and tricked them by telling them she was now on their side and making up a fake story about how they could close in on the Jews without losing any of their troops. That, in addition to the way she was dressed up, convinced the Assyrians and she was invited to go meet Holofernes.

TEMPLE SHALOM FAMILY CHANUKAH CHOUSE DECORATION TOUR!

Take a picture of your team outside the following homes. (10 points for each house)

Miss Emily, Gabe, Owen and Ella's Chanukah CHouse
6 Cumbernauld Ct.
Rockville, MD 20850

The Rubin House
2806 Jutland Rd, Kensington, MD

The Wolinetz House
9006 1st Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910

8 NIGHTS OF CHANUKAH WITH TEMPLE SHALOM!

Take a screenshot of you on Zoom, joining each night of candle lighting with Temple Shalom: (10 points for each night)

Thursday, December 10 Night 1 lighting and Chanukiah Building Contest at 5:30pm

Join us as we welcome in the first night of Chanukah. We'll sing songs and light and bless our Chanukah candles. Afterwards, we will showcase all those who participated in the Chanukiah making competition and award our prizes!

Friday, December 11-Night of 1,000 Menorahs--6 pm

Saturday, December 12- Sisterhood Latke Making with Stacey Wahrman--5pm Stacey Wahrman Latke making, candle lighting and Havdalah

Sunday, December 13- Be The Light Baking with Paula Shoyer -- 4:00-5:30pm

On Chanukah, we can spread the light of the holiday with others by giving back. Bring a donation for DC Diaper Bank in the morning at Temple Shalom (8401 Grubb Road, Chevy Chase, MD).

Later that day, join us on Zoom for a bake-along with PAULA SHOYER! We will make blue-and-white cookies, ending with lighting candles together at 5:30pm.

You can pick up an activity kit for your family when you drop off your donation or arrange an alternate option by contacting us. Zoom link, recipe, and the ingredients list will be shared once you register.

Registration deadline to receive a kit: Thursday, December 10th. **You must register to participate in this event!** RSVP HERE: bit.ly/BeTheLightDec132020

This is a J Pop-Ups program, funded by the Phyllis Margolius Family Foundation

[Monday, December 14 at 7:00pm - Chanukah Escape Room](#)

Bring your families or scavenger hunt teams for a Chanukah themed virtual escape room! Work your way through eight series of puzzles to find the secret code to enter into the scavenger hunt. First team through the rooms will receive a prize! Great for 3/4th grade and up, including adult teams! Fun for all!

[Tuesday, December 15 at 5:30pm- Chanukah Fun and Games and Candle Lighting!](#)

Join us after Hebrew school for some Chanukah fun and games as well as a communal menorah lighting.

[Wednesday, December 16 at 5:30pm-Ugly Sweaters, Singalong and Candle lighting](#)

[Thursday, December 17 at 5:30pm - Families with Young Children Virtual Chanukah program](#) hosted by the Early Learning Center

Celebrate the Festival of lights with a COOL light show from J4 Design on zoom

[Thursday, December 17 at 7:00pm - Last Night of Chanukah Candle Lighting and Amazing Chanukah Race Showcase!](#)