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THE CHANUKAH CANDLE BLESSINGS ...

Before lighting the Chanukah candles, we thank G_d for giving us this special mitzvah, and for the incredible Chanukah miracles:

ברוך אתה ייְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שְׁשָׁה נְסִים לְאָבוֹתֵינוּ בִּימֵי הָהּם,
בָּזְמַן הַזֶּה.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech ha-olam she-a-sa ni-sim la-avo-te-nu ba-ya-mim ha-hem bi-z'man ha-zeh.

(Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who performed miracles for our forefathers in those days, at this season.)

On the first night of Chanukah, (or the first time on Chanukah you perform this mitzvah), add the following blessing:



Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech ha-olam she-hech-ya-nu ve-ki-yi-ma-nu ve-higi-a-nu liz-man ha-zeh.

[Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.]

On the second night, put two candles in, and light starting from the "new" candle on the left, reciting only the first two blessings. Keep on increasing each night, until you've got all eight candles lit.

The lighting of the Chanukiah is done at home, at dusk or when the family has gathered. Some people put the Chanukiah in the window for the purpose of "publicizing the miracle." In many synagogues, special prayers of thanksgiving are added to the services, and a special Chanukah paragraph is added to the Birkat HaMazon - the blessing after the meal.

ברוך אתה ייְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
אֲשֶׁר קָדְשָׁנוּ בְמִצּוֹתָיו וַצְוֹנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech ha-olam a-sher ki-de-sha-nu be-mitz-vo-tav ve-tzi-va-nu le-had-lik ner Chanukah.

[Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.]

ברוך אתה ייְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שְׁהַחִינָנוּ וּקְיִמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְמָן הַזֶּה.



The Story of Chanukah

THE STORY OF **Chanukah**



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The Hanukkah story, which we commemorate each year on the 8-day festival of Hanukkah (Chanukah), is one of light over darkness. It celebrates the victory of the Maccabees, Jewish freedom fighters, who routed the Syrian-Greeks from the Holy Land and restored the Temple service. The culmination of the miracle was when a small bottle of pure oil—enough to fuel the Temple menorah for one day—burned for 8 days straight.

[The Hanukkah Story - Chabad.org](https://www.chabad.org/hanukkah/story/)



"MIKEITZ" IN A NUTSHELL ...



Joseph's imprisonment finally ends when Pharaoh dreams of seven fat cows that are swallowed up by seven lean cows, and of seven fat ears of grain swallowed by seven lean ears. **Joseph interprets the dreams** to mean that seven years of plenty will be followed by seven years of hunger, and advises Pharaoh to store grain during the plentiful years. **Pharaoh appoints Joseph governor of Egypt.** Joseph **marries Asenath**, daughter of Potiphar, and they have two sons, **Manasseh and Ephraim**.

Famine spreads throughout the region, and food can be obtained only in Egypt. Ten of **Joseph's brothers** come to Egypt to purchase grain; the youngest, Benjamin, stays home, for **Jacob** fears for his safety. **Joseph recognizes his brothers**, but they do not recognize him; he accuses them of being spies, insists that they bring **Benjamin** to prove that they are who they say they are,

and imprisons **Simeon** as a hostage. Later, they discover that the money they paid for their provisions has been mysteriously returned to them.

Jacob agrees to send Benjamin only after Judah assumes personal and eternal responsibility for him. This time Joseph receives them kindly, releases Simeon, and invites them to an eventful dinner at his home. But then he plants his **silver goblet**, purportedly imbued with magic powers, in **Benjamin's sack**. When the brothers set out for home the next morning, they are pursued, searched, and arrested when the goblet is discovered. Joseph offers to set them free and retain only Benjamin as his slave.

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The Least Developed Holiday

In a way, Hanukkah is the least developed of the holidays, but it was the most difficult accomplishment.

The presence of the Chasidim as coalition partners, with their overwhelming expectation of divine signs and their devaluation of human initiative in sacred matters, put enormous pressure on the Maccabees, who themselves were uncertain of what was appropriate ritual and liturgy. At the religious officials' level, it was axiomatic that a holiday had to have a miracle associated with it, that is, an overt miracle reflecting the presence of the manifest God and/or biblical authorization.

Passover was marked by the Exodus, Sukkot by the clouds of glory, Shavuot by the Sinai theophany.

Hanukkah incorporated no miraculous victory comparable to the

splitting of the Red Sea. Even a vial of the oil that lasts longer is not much on the scale of wonders and plagues that mark the Exodus. In the end, the Maccabees did not lose their nerve. They were neither crushed nor intimidated into yielding the holiday by the absence of a massive divine manifestation. The Al Hanissim prayer thanks God "for the miracles, for the redemption, for the mighty deeds and triumphs, and for the battles which You performed.... You delivered the strong into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few." Voting to trust their own experience as worthy and significant, the Maccabees decreed that Hanukkah, the dedication holiday, be celebrated annually for eight days, starting with 25 Kislev. The decision was all the more courageous in light of the fact that the Hasmonean wars were far from over. Adapted from "The Jewish Way" by Rabbi Irving Greenberg, 1988,



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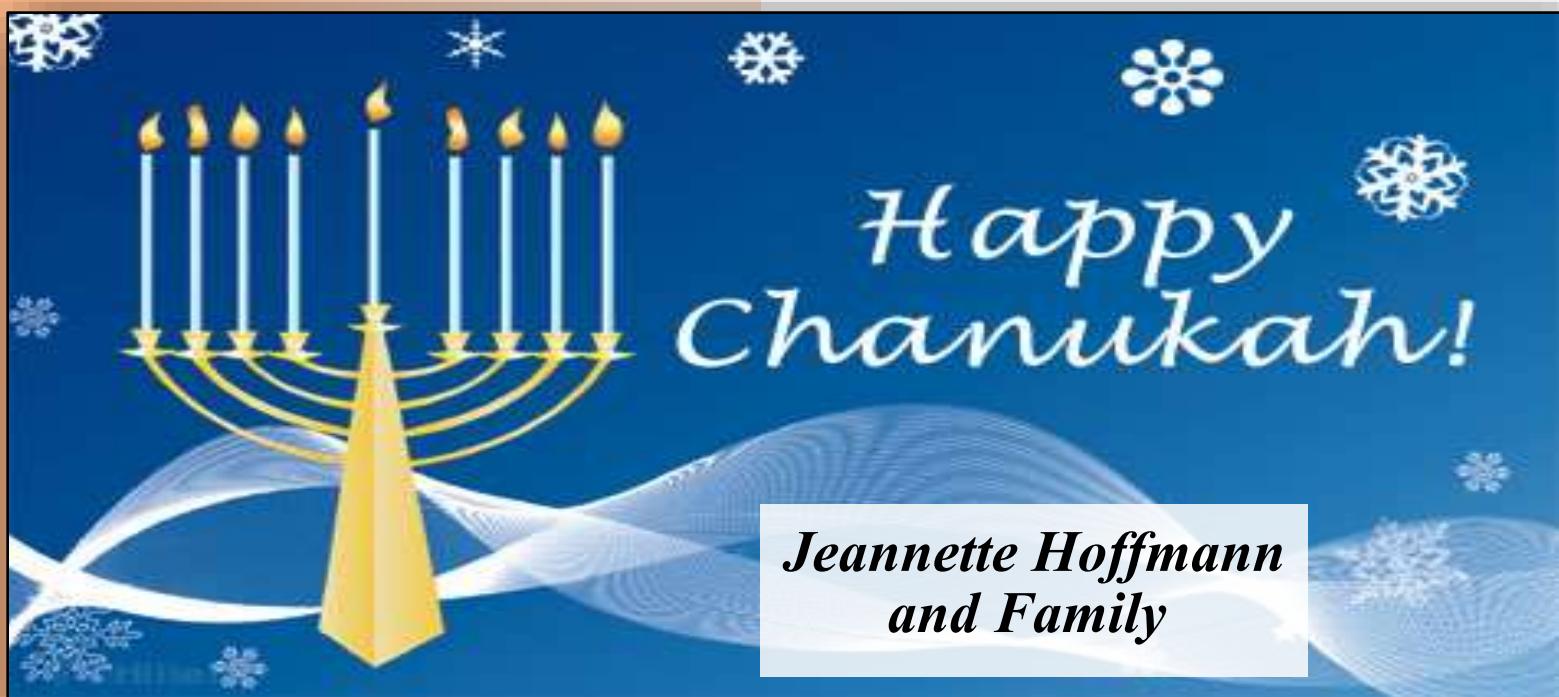


*Happy
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*Happy
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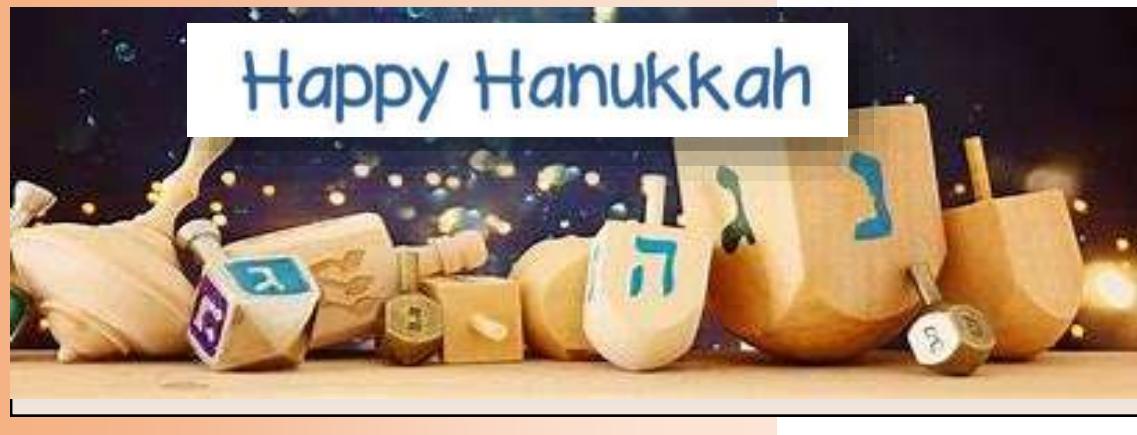
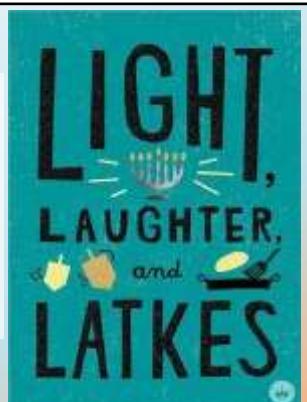
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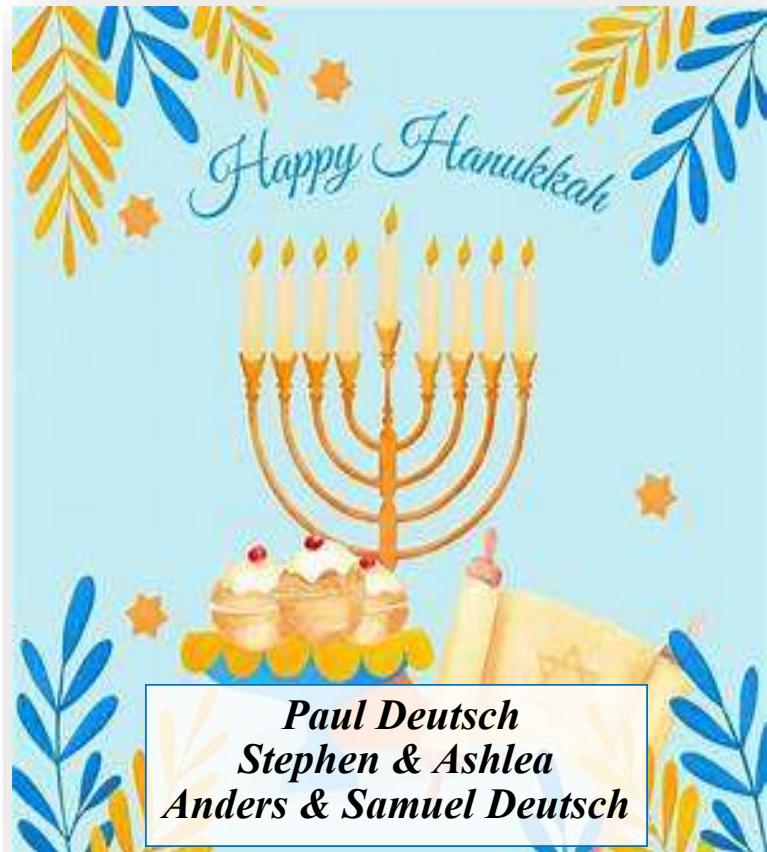
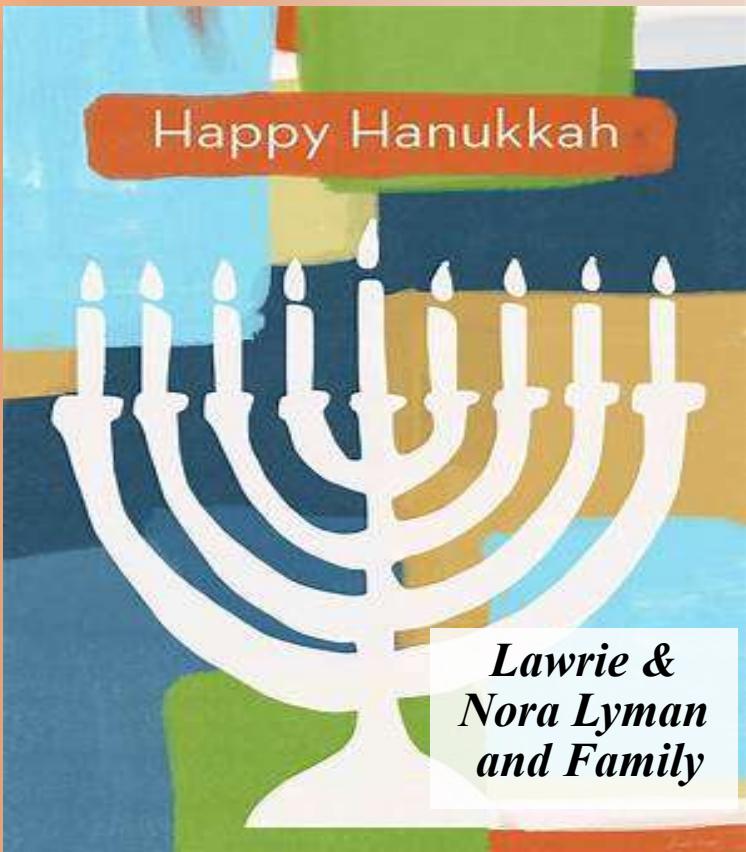
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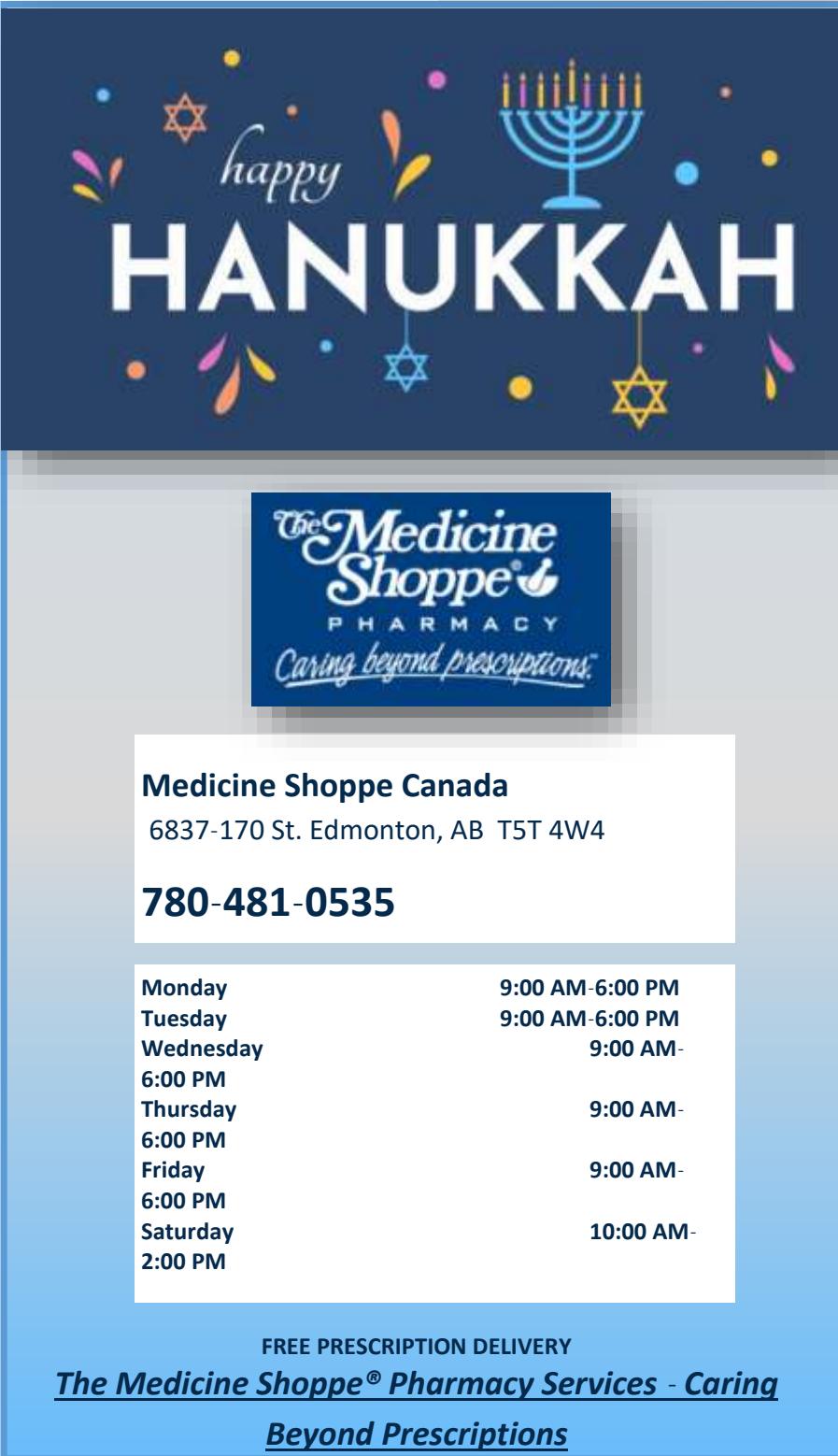
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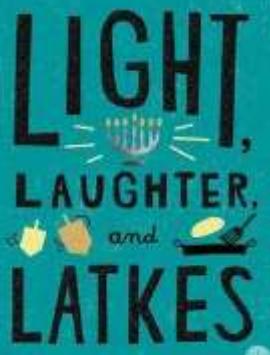
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Family***



*Happy Hanukkah
let the light shine
bright*

***Danielle Dolgov
and Family***



*CHAG SAMAECH
to the entire Jewish
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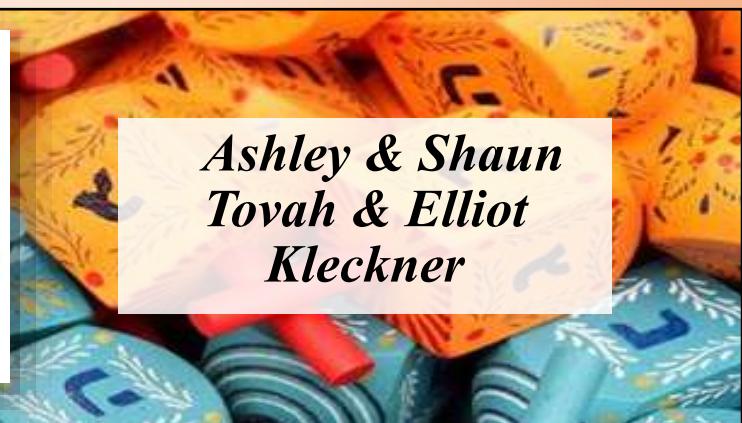
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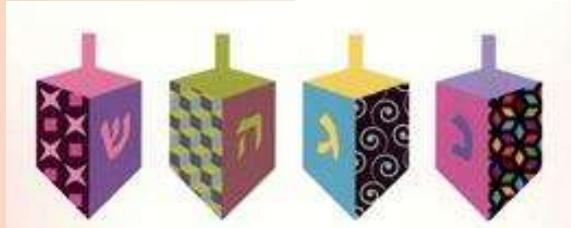
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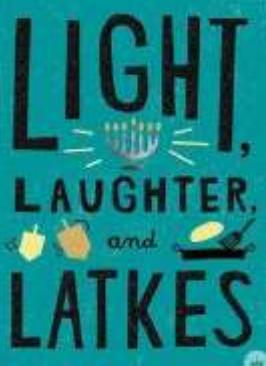
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Happy Hanukkah

*May the lights of Hanukkah Shine brightly
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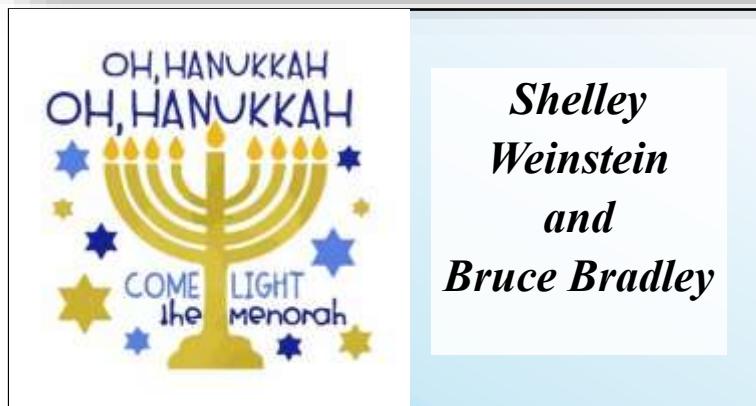
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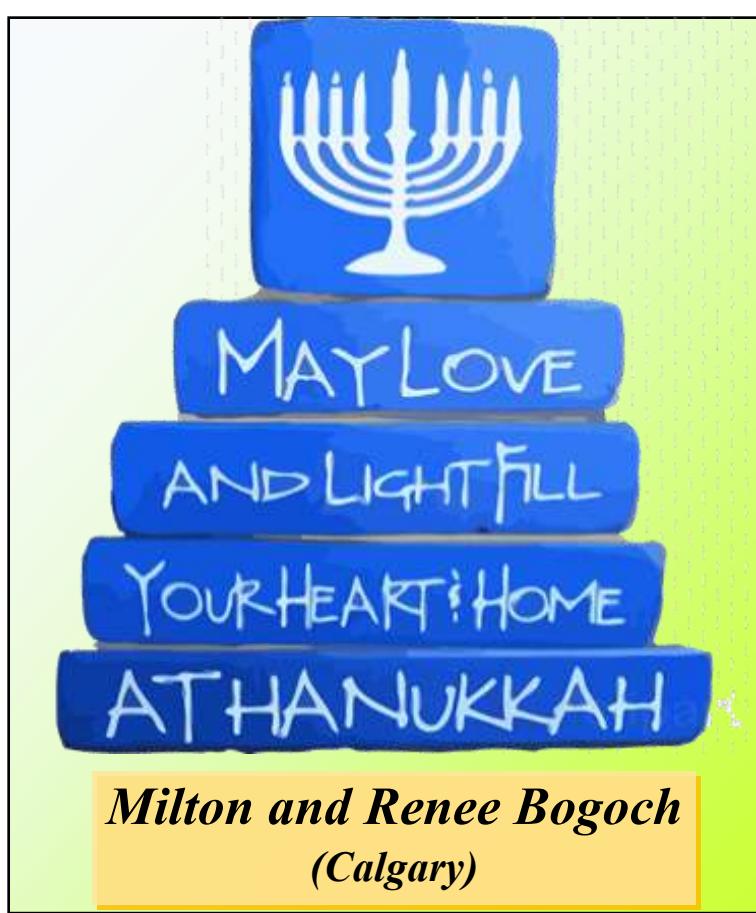


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this season.*

Happy
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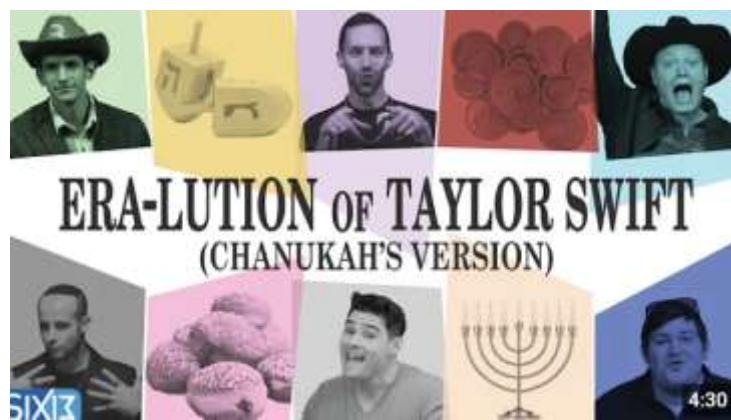
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bright*

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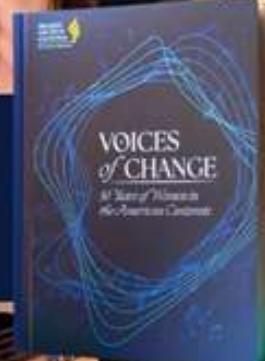
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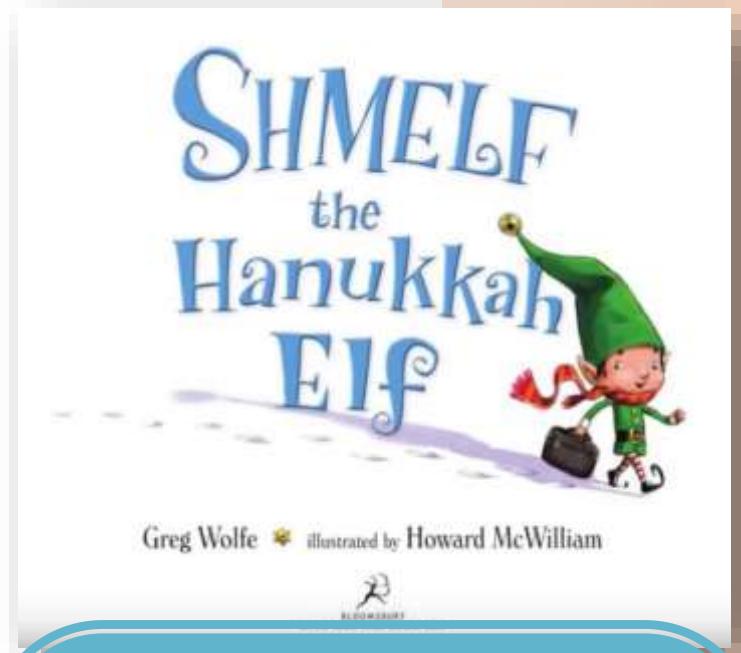


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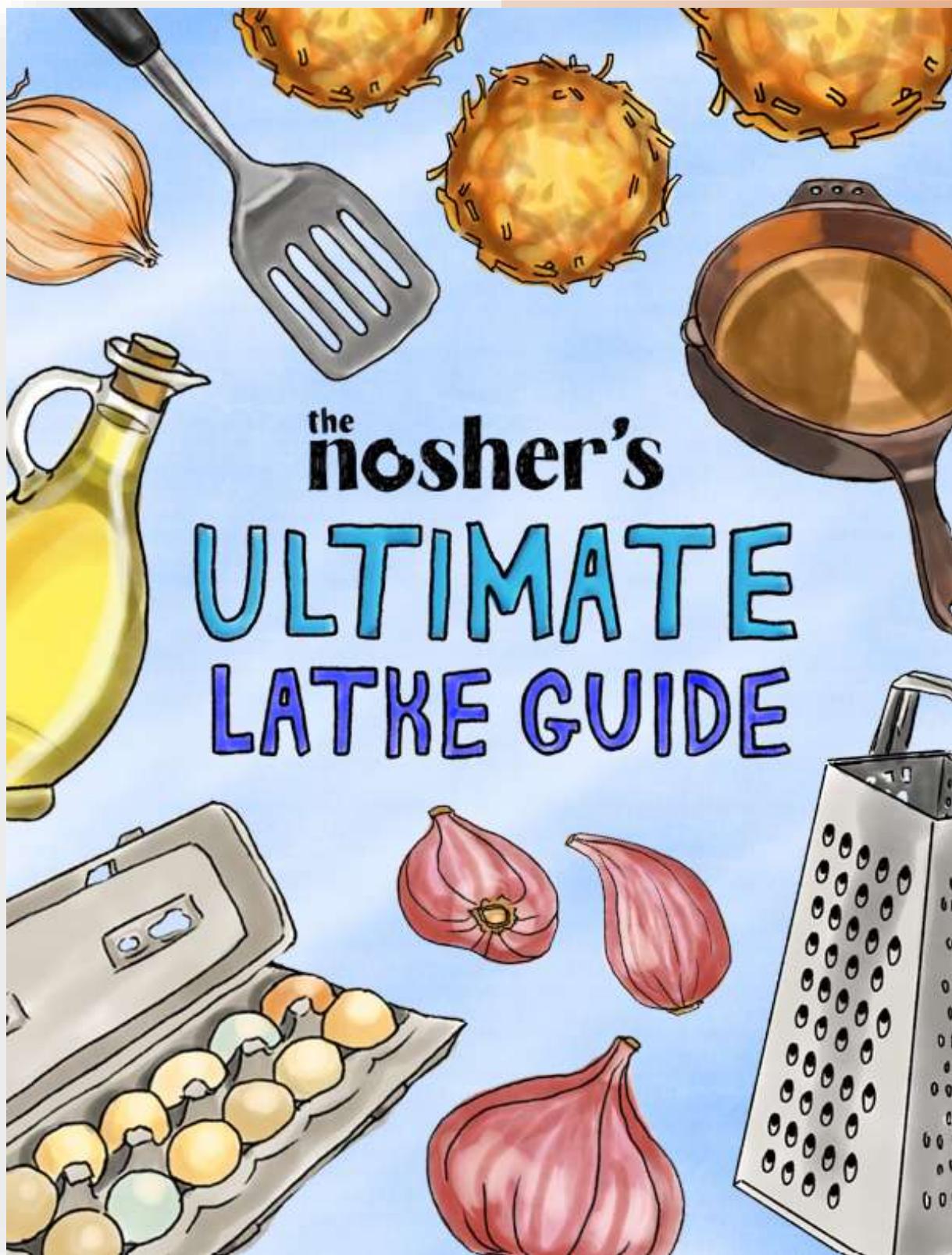


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At least 10 tokens per player
(tokens can be any small
item — dried beans, chocolate
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To set up, distribute the tokens evenly among the players.

Arrange yourselves in a circle. Have each player put one of their tokens into the center — the "pot."

Now take turns spinning the dreidel. When it lands, the letter facing up will tell the player what to do:

 **Nun:** **Nothing.** Don't take from or add to the pot.

 **Gimel:** **All.** Take all of the tokens from the pot.

 **Hay:** **Half out.** Take half of the tokens from the pot.

 **Shin:** **One in.** Add one token to the pot.



Anytime the pot is emptied, each player puts one token back in before the next person spins. As players run out of tokens, they're out — and the last person remaining is the winner!



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