The Secrets of Hannukah

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<u>Pesach</u> (Passover), symbolizes the redemption from the slavery in Egypt, reflects the first spiritual level, the exit from the <u>ego</u>, breaking free from it and ascending above it.

Then there is the level of the giving of the Torah that is symbolized by the holiday of *Shavuot*.

The breaking of the "stone tablets," which means the temporary return to Egypt "falling into the ego" (*Tisha B'Av*) is symbolized by the Ninth of *Av*. This date now symbolizes a day of mourning, but in the future it will be the most joyful day.

After the Ninth of Av there is <u>Rosh Hashanah</u> (New Year), a major turn towards the new spiritual correction.

Ten days after *Rosh Hashanah* there is <u>Yom Kippur</u> (Day of Atonement) when all of a person's states are revealed and then his sins are revealed and corrected.

After *Yom Kippur* a person begins to receive a special <u>Light</u> of correction called the Light of <u>Sukkot</u>, the Surrounding Light (*Ohr Makif*) that reforms him.

During the seven days of <u>Sukkot</u> a person reaches a state called <u>Simchat Torah</u> (rejoicing in the Torah), since the Light that descends on him provides him with the general corrections, bringing him close to the Creator.

The next holiday is <u>Hanukkah</u>, which is the holiday of Light that raises us above the ego and frees us from it. When we ascend above the ego a person feels that he is free, but this isn't the end of correction yet.

The end of correction comes when we finally change the ego to a state of love and bestowal. This happens in *Purim*.

This is how a person goes through a whole cycle of holidays that symbolize the history of the Jewish people. I really hope that we will finally reach *Purim*, the end of correction, in the near future and thus the whole earthly saga, the history of man's existence in this world, will come to end.



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What is Hannukah?

We raise above our ego and we feel free.

We celebrate the miracle of the imposible.

We celebrate the miracles of our lives and create them this day as well.

- In Hannukah we obtain victory over the yetzer harah.
- In this day the astral forces are aligned to help us create miracles.
- This festivity helps us understand that the external enemies are reflections of the internal enemies we have.
- During this time we proclaim the Light the Light of the Torah in Sinai:
- Ohr Light (אור) = 207 = Raz Secret (רז).
- Those who do not proclaim the Light are like the Jewish-Greeks in the Hannukah story, assimilated to materialism.



The Battle

- The battle is against the ego.
- To win the battle we need to use the force from above together with the ones below:
- Hasidim Rishonim (Hasideans Pharisees) Above
- Maccabees Below
- The same battle goes on now.
- We need to use the forces of Eliyahu haNavi and the force of Mashiach.
- Eliyahu comes before Mashiach.
- Eliyahu = Sandalfon (סָנְדַלְפוֹן) = 280
- Sandalfon = mansepach (בוץףך)
- 280 = Name #46 from the 72 Shemot ערי (Certainty)
- When we meditate of this names we bring down the energy of Eliyahu.





Fire = Light

Wick = Do good onto others

Oil = Desire to Enjoy

Jug of Oil = Ego



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

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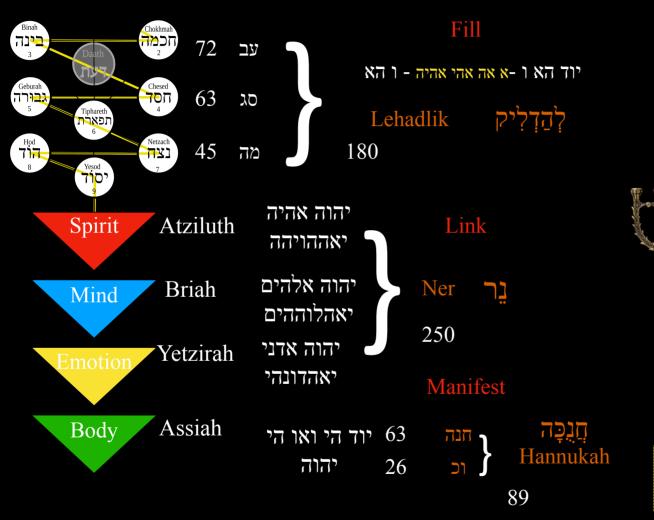
Only in the 1st Night

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Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.











- 8 Nights is related to the 8 garments of the Kohen haGadol.
- Is also related to Hod (Aharon the priest,
- brother of Moshe)



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1st Night

אל EL - G'd in Hesed

Hannukah Meditations with the 13 Attributtes of G'd.

Light of Malchut in the kli of Binah

אלף הה יוד הה 151



Priest's Garment: Tunic = Corrects Killing



2nd Night

Hannukah Meditations
Rachum- Merciful with the 13 Attributtes of G'd.

Light of Yesod in the kli of Hesed

אלף הא יוד הא אלף



Priest's Garment:
Pants = Corrects Sexual Transgression



3rd Night

וחבוך

Hannukah Meditations

V'chanun - G'd gracious with the 13 Attributtes of G'd.

Light of Hod in the kli of Geburah

אלף הי יוד הא 151



Priest's Garment: Turban = Corrects haughtiness

ארך

Arech - slow to anger for the righteous

Hannukah Meditations with the 13 Attributtes of G'd.

Light of Netzach in the kli of Tifaret

אלף הי יוד הה 156



Priest's Garment:
Belt = Corrects Sins of the Heart

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אפים

Hannukah Meditations

Apaim- Slow to anger for the wicked with the 13 Attributtes of G'd.

Light of Tifaret in the kli of Netzach

אלף הא יוד הה 147



Priest's Garment:
Breastplate = Corrects Errors
in Judgement



ורב חסד V'rav hesed - full of kindness Hannukah Meditations with the 13 Attributtes of G'd.

Light of Geburah in the kli of Hod

אלף הא יוד הי 152



Priest's Garment: Ephod = Corrects Sin of Idolatry



ואמת V'emet - and thruth Hannukah Meditations with the 13 Attributtes of G'd.

Light of Hesed in the kli of Yesod

אלף הה יוד הי 156



Priest's Garment: Robe = Corrects Evil Speech



Hannukah Meditations with the 13 Attributtes of G'd.

נצד חסד לאלפים נשא עון י ופשע וחטאה ונקה

Notzer hesed l'alafim nose Avon v'fesha v'chata'ah v'nakeh - G'd in Hesed

Preserving loving kindness for thousands, forgiving iniquity and rebellion and sin.

Light of Binah in the kli of Malchut

אלף הה יוד הא 147



Priest's Garment: Crown = Corrects Arrogance



Shamash - the Servant

Nifla - Wonder 161 הייוד הי



This candle is us.
We give Light to others we can change the World.

Become Yisrael -a Light unto the nations.

Isaiah 49:6

For He has said: "It is too little that you should be My servant In that I raise up the tribes of Yacob And restore the survivors of Yisrael: I will also make you a light unto the nations, That My salvation may reach the ends of the earth."





HAPPY HANUKKAH



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