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# Chanukah: 8 Days Designed to Bring Moshiach and Light Up the 70 Nations.

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## Chanukah: Eight days of Miracles Designed to Bring Mashiach



This year more than ever, we *must* connect with all the cosmic windows. And it can be as simple as a child's dreidel, or the chocolate gelt. Four sides corresponding to the Tetragrammaton (*YHVH*), but **4** sides engraved with the Hebrew Letters **G**, **H**, **N**, and **Sh**. Four letters whose numerical value add to to **358**, that of *Mashiach*, the Messiah. From the games we play to candles we light, the entire



Chanukah event is designed to help us bring *Moshiach*. And that's where our consciousness should be. The eight days are a cosmic event, not a celebration of a miracle that happened because it occurred during this cosmic event. The light we ignite each night are to connect us to the special light of miracles available to us once a year for **8** days staring every 25th of *Kislev* (Sagittarius). It's different light/energy than what's available to us in the **8** days of *Sukkot-Shemini Atzeret*, and it's different from the light available to us during the **8** days of *Pesach* (Passover); and it's different from the energy available to us on the **8** other holidays throughout the year. In total there are **32** days of varying special Light/energy (besides the special light of Shabbat). These **32** days connects to the **32** Paths of Wisdom of the Tree-of-Life, through which these various lights shine unto us.

The oil lasted **8** days because the Light of Chanukah, *Mashiach Light*, lasted **8** days, not



the other way around. As soon as the special Light of Moshiach (*Or Ganuz*) was revealed into our existence, it was hidden. I learned from my teacher that on the first Shabbat of Creation, it was brought out for **32** hours then hidden away for the time of the Messiah. But for **8** days every year we can taste of the Light.

The letters of *Mashiach* (**MShYCh**) spell out **Madlikim Shmona Yemei Chanukah** ("lighting up eight days of Chanukah.")

## Chanukah Meditations

### How to Count the 8 Days

As tasty as the jelly donuts are, the purpose of Channukah is not the joy of the celebration, but the joy of bringing *Moshiach*.

Even the books of the Maccabees dates the first war as **3585** HC, which coincides with the numerical value of *Moshiach*, which is **358**. The fight was for liberation, and so is ours today, liberating ourselves from the clutches of physicality.

One of the key elements of Chanukah is based on the spiritual tenet that nothing can ever



be lost; once it goes from a latent(potential) state to physical one it's forever present in the universe, whether we can physically see it or not. So the light of the first night, is added to the second and so forth until the **8th** day when we have the light of **1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8 = 36** days of light.

That explained, we can note that the sum of all the Torah occurrences of the words "first" through "eighth"—*echad, sheni, shlishi, reve'i, chamishi, shishi, sheve'l, and shemeni*—is (**189+125+2+2+2+2+0+0**) = **322** and since the sum of days (numbers) **1-8** representing all the summary Chanukah lights for the **8** days is **36** , and **(322 + 36) = 358**, the value of *Moshiach* yet

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again. And while **36** is just the result of rounding off the numerical term **35.8**, the number **36** to the kabbalists represents the *lamed-vav tzaddikim*, or **36** righteous souls necessary at all times to maintain our existence in the universe.

## The 44 Candles Sweeten the Judgment

### How to count the candles

On a simple level, over the **8** nights, we're lighting **44** candles in total including the *shamesh* every night, these corresponding to the ordinal value of the letters in *Chanukah* (*ChNVCH*), which is **44**. It also corresponds to first letters of all **10** plagues, which also add up to **44**. So you can see the power to create miracles is built into every aspect of these **8** days. Moreover, the first plague was blood, dam, also of numerical value **44**, and as the Arizal explains "the word "*m'damei*", whose numerical value (**89**) equals that of the word "*Chanukah*", is rooted in the letters *dalet* and *mem*, which spell the Hebrew word for "blood." Blood represents the negative powers of judgment; our mission it is to sweeten that judgement and the lighting of the **44** candles are designed to help us. They nullify the *kelipot* before us."

**With every candle we light, we can sweeten the judgment in our lives and in the world.**

As we'll explore within the blessings, the **44** candles connect first and foremost to the regressive spelling of the higher name of G-d, *Ehyeh*, whose numerical value is **44**, thus connecting us to *Chochma* and *Binah*;

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(E - EH - EHY - EHYH)

### Counting Candles:

If our actions of lighting the *chanukiya* each night rekindle the energy from the night before and culminate in completeness on *Zot Chanukah* (the final night) then: On the 1st night we light **1** candle and it stays lit metaphysically for (at least) **8** days; and on the second night we light **2** candles that stay lit, we have a total of **3** lit (rekindled) that second night. On the 3rd night we are lighting (rekindling)  $1 + 2 + 3$  or a total of six; and so on, until we have  $1 + 3 + 6 + 10 + 15 + 21 + 28 + 36 = 120$ , a familiar mathematical progression that seems to be oft used in the deeper meditations and connections of the Torah, and that we first learned about from Abraham in the *Sefer Yetzirah*, *The Book of Formation*.



In the same way, the *Shamesh* would be  $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 = 36$ . Thus  $120 + 36 = 156$  candles would be metaphysically lit, and  $156 = 6 \times 26$  with **26** being the numerical value of the Tetragrammaton (**YHVH**). Moreover, the Arizal explains that **78** is the value of *mazal* (fortune), an integral part of the lighting meditations as will be explained below, and  $156 = 2 \times 78$ .

The *Arizal* further explains that the eight days of Chanukah are, or end up, at the level of



*hod*, the same as a *brit* whose **8** days expire at *hod* before the *brit* can be performed at the level of *yesod*. Well, considering this, it's noteworthy that if we assume that all our candles/oil last for **8** days, then in total, we are lighting **120** lights (which would correspond to the **120** permutations of *Elohim*) and the **120** years of Moses, whose soul is part and parcel with that of *Moshiach* in every generation. Then if we add the **36** lights for the **8** *Shamesh* (helper candle) that we light, totals **156**, the numerical value for Yosef, who represents the level of *Yesod*. It's also the value of *Zion*. And Yosef was born in 2198 HC, exactly **3580** years before the year **5778**, when *Moshiach* (numerical value **358**) is supposed to be manifest in our world.

## The Blessings

### The Ignition to all the Blessings



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When we start the blessing with the word **Baruch**, we need to keep in mind that it has the numerical *sofit value* of **708**, which is the same as that of the **42** letters of the upper *Mem-Bet*, which is the ineffable Name **YHVH** spelled out through **3** iterations. This is no coincidence as it is from this Name that the blessings flow downward through the 6 levels (dimensions) of *zeir anpin* and into our world. It is also for this reason that the first gate from the Holy of Holies into our world has the dimensions **6 x 7** (the Gate of **42**):

YHVH

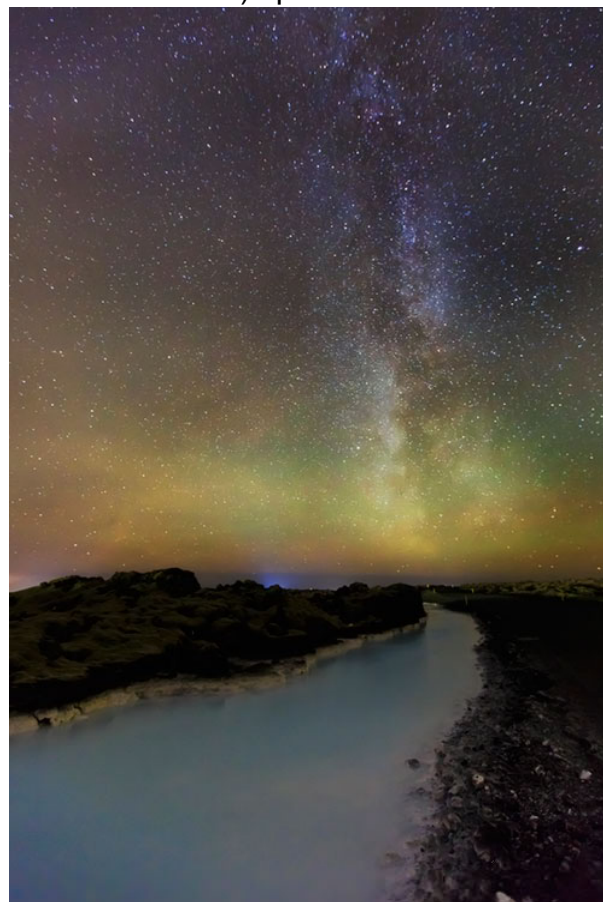
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### ***L'hadleek Ner Chanukah***

Now regarding the Chanukah blessings on the words **L'hadleek Ner Chanukah** and the *kavanot* that we've learned from the Arizal, the **3** first letters **Lamed, Nun** and **Chet**, spell out in small gematria, **3,5,8** or **358**, *Mashiach*.

The initials in **L'hadleek Ner Chanukah** (to light the Chanukah candle) spell the word



**Nachal** (a holy Name that means stream or river, and also inheritance) and it has a numerical value of **88**, which when aided by a *kolel* of 1 = **89**, that of Chanukah itself.

Nevertheless, the concept of a stream is very important because by lighting the candles with the right consciousness we're opening a stream of light (the energy of sustenance or *shefa*) from above into our lives and world. And the inheritance is the Messiah (the *Moshiach*).

As explained by the Arizal, the secret of 3 letters **N, CH, L** and **Nachal** comes from the 3 words that comprise the 8th and 9th of the 13 Attributes of G-d : "**Notzer Chesed L'alefim.**" The Ari further explains that the 8th *sefira* (level), which is *Binah* (*Imma/Understanding*) is where we are drawing this upper light from. Moreover, a key secret here is that once the 8th level is tapped into, all 3 upper levels (*Binah, Chochma and Keter*) are at once available to us. A river of divine light and blessing can flow into our world if we attune ourselves to it during the blessing and candle lighting.

So the **first mediation** is on opening up the flowing river (*Nachal*) from *Binah*,



*Chochma* and *Keter* through *Binah* into *Zeir Anpin* (the heavenly ladder that connects our world to *Binah* (the upper world)). *Zeir Anpin* is represented by the aspect of the spelled-out Tetragrammaton (*YVD HE VEV HE*) at the level called (*Mah*) of numerical value **45**.

### This is very important

We are further told that *Mah* combines with *Binah* through the *alef*(**E**) in the letter *vav* (**VEV**) to the regressively spelled Name *Ehyeh* (**E, EH EHY EHYH**) which is associated with *Binah* and has a numerical value of **44**, just like the **44** total Chanukah candles that we will physically light over the 8 days.

Together, these two intersecting Names of G-d total numerically **45 + 44 = 89**, once again the value of Chanukah (*ChNVCH*). Please note that it's the Names that are important, the numbers just help us understanding a little of what is going on energetically in the spiritual framework. It's very important we grasp this unification because as Rabbi Chaim Vital of blessed memory explains, it through this very union of the **YHVH** (**26**) and the regressive **EHYH** (**44**) that the **70** Ministers of the **70** Nations are governed and thus all that stems from it in the count of **70**, such as the final **70** years from Israel becoming a nation until the advent of *Moshiach* consciousness throughout the world. Through the proper lighting of the **44** candles this year we have the power to guide that process forward.

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(**E, EH EHY EHYH + YVD HE VEV HE**)

$$45 + 44 = 89$$

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(Shefa flowing from Binah into Zeir Anpin)

... להדליק זר זנוכה

יוד ה"א וא אה אהיהו ה"א  
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### Second Meditation:

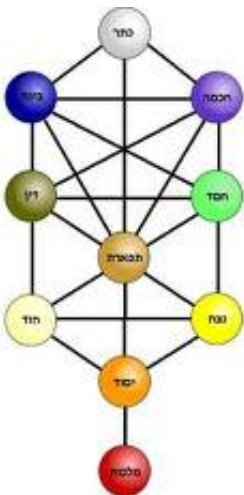
The value of the word *L'hadleek* plus the *kolel* (1) =  $(179 + 1) = 180$ , and partially because of this the Arizal tells us at this point in the blessing to meditate on the 3 upper aspects of the Tetragrammaton (*Av, Sag, Mah*), which total numerically  $(72+63+45) = 180$ .

**Av:** (YVD HY VYV HY) = 72

**Sag:** (YVD HY VEV HY) = 63

**Mah:** (YVD HE VEV HE) = 45

= 180



Any number times **10** indicates that number spreading throughout the **10 sefirot** of the tree-of-life. In this case, it's **18** (*Chai*, life), and as Rabbi Chaim Vital of blessed memory explains "All Torah Light is spread by squaring," so we see within the square root of **18: 4.2426**. This is significant because **424** is the value for "*Mashiach Ben David*" and **26** is the value of the Tetragrammaton (*YHVH*).

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Now, specific to the Channukah blessing is that the spelled-out (*gematria milui*) value of the letters **nun** (**NVN**) and that of the **lamed** (**LMD**) of **L'hadleek Ner** is also **180**, thus giving us yet another connection to "*Mashiach Ben David* and the tree-of-life."

From the **18** words of the 13 Attributes, the phrase "**Notzer Chesed L'alefim**" means "He preserves kindness for **2000** years" which is a hint that our time of exile for the past **2000** years is coming to a close, and if we add the **18** to it, we get **2018 CE (5778 HC)**, the year the [tzaddikim have prophesied for the coming of the messiah and the final redemption \(geula\)](#). It is also the year (**2018 HC**) that G-d made His Covenant with Abraham, our inheritance (**Nachal**). Indeed, the word candle, **Ner**, has a numerical value of **250** and thus the **8** candles have a



collective value of **250 x 8 = 2000**.

And so when we add the **180** of **Av, Sag, Mah** aspects of the **YHVH** to the **180** of **L'hadleek Ner** plus the **kolel** of **3** for said **3** aspects, we get **180 + 180 + 3 = 363**, the numerical value of **H'Mashiach**, ("the Messiah"), **which is what we should be mediating on when we recite L'hadleek Ner:**

**(Receiving H'Mashiach)**

**L'Hadleek**

... לְהַדְלִיק נֵר זְנוּבָה

יִוֵּד הָאֵל וְאֵת אֱלֹהֵינוּ הָאֵל

[נִוְצֵר זֶסֶד לְאֵלֵינוּ]

**Ner**

Regarding **Ner**, the Arizal tells us to combine the Names *Ehyeh, Elohim, and Adonai* with **YHVH** on the **3** different levels (*Av, Sag, and Mah*) to draw down the light properly from *Binah* to *Malchut*:

(**EHYH, ELHYM, EDNY**).



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If we take the first two letters of each Name (**EH, EL, ED**), they add up to  $6 + 31 + 5 = 42$ , as in the **42-Letter Name** of G-d, (the *Shem Mem-Bet*, known as the *Ana B'koach*).

Then if we take the third letter (**EHYH, ELHYM, EDNY**) in each (**YHN**) they add up to  $10 + 5 + 50 = 65$  the numerical value of *Adonai (EDNY)*, which leaves (H, YM, Y) which sum to  $5 + 50 + 10 = 65$ , *Adonai (EDNY)* again.

The main point, though, is that the 3 Names represent the **42-letter Name** and **130**, which



is the numerical value of the two synonyms, Sinai and *Sulam* (ladder). Now the total numerical value of the **3 Names** (**EHYH, ELHYM, EDNY**) is 172, and when we add 1 for the *kolel*, it's **173**, as in the small gematria numerical value for the **42-letter Name**.

The Ari further explains that at the word **Ner** in the blessing we should concentrate on combining the 3 Names (**EHYH, ELHYM, EDNY**) with the **3 simple** (YHVH)'s. These 3 YHVH's add up to  $26 + 26 + 26 = 78$ , the gematria of *Mazla*, aramaic for mazal, fortune, which we want to draw into our lives when lighting the Chanukah candles. This process mimics the flow of the *shefa*, (life-giving light) that emanates from the 3 YHVH's and flows from the Holy of Holies through the Gate of **42** into the Holy Temple and then our world.

Now the main point of the Arizal was that the **6 Names** (YHVH-EHYH, YHVH-ELHYM, YHVH-EDNY)-add up to **250**, the value of *Ner*, candle, but if we add **6** as the *kolel*, we get **256**, which is the value for both *H'Aron* (Ark of the Covenant) and for Aaron who lit the Menorah as channel for us all.

## **Ner**

**So when we recite *Ner*, we want to meditate on the 42-Letter name (the *Ana B'koach*), receiving *mazal*, letting Aaron, the high priest and the only person in the Torah assigned the title *Mashiach*, be our channel to light the Menorah in our lives and world.**

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together with the 6 Names merging together as follows.

YHVH - EHYH (Chochma - Ehyeh)

YHVH - ELHYM (Binah - Elohim)

YHVH - EDNY (Malchut - Adonai)

We draw the light of blessing down from Chochma to Binah to our world, Malchut.



Now for the full understanding, we take the 3 Names *Ehyeh*, *Elohim* and *Adonai* plus the 3 Names *Av*, *Sag*, *Mah* from the *L'hadleek Ner kavanot* and numerically add them **(172 + 180) + 6 (kolel for the 6 Names) and get 358, *Mashiach***  
So completing the recitation of *Baruch* though *Ner*, we want to have in mind drawing down the light from the Upper 42-Letter Name to the Lower 42-Letter Name though the 3 YHVH's and into the 3 Names (*Ehyeh*, *Elohim* and *Adonai*) and thus igniting the spark of *Moshiach* consciousness in all of us and spreading it throughout the 70 nations.

## The Candle

The candle we're lighting is the light of the Torah itself as evidenced by the spelled out,



*gematria milui* of the letters (*nun-resh*) of **Ner** (candle): (*NVN RShY*) = **(106 + 510) = 616**, which is the numerical value of **H'Torah**, which helps explain Proverb 6:23:

**"A *mitzvah* is a candle, and the Torah is light."**

## The Shamesh

The *Shamesh*, or 9th candle is much more than a simple helper candle. The 9th *sefira* is that of *Chochma*, Wisdom. and the unification from above that is associated with the 9th *sefira* is **YHVH x EHYH** or in numerical terms **26 x 21 = 546**, which is the sum of the initials of all 10 *sefirot*, a clue that this unification helps us draw the energy down through all 10 *sefirot*. The value **546** is also the total value of the Names of the 3 Patriarchs whose names began with the letter *Yud*, which connects them to *Chochma* (wisdom), the 9th *sefira*: Isaac (208), Jacob(182), and Joseph(156). It's likewise a connection to Israel, which has a value of **546** when the *kolel* for the 5 letters is included, and whose name is found **546** times in the Torah. **So as we light the *Shamesh* we should meditate to draw down the light through the 10 *sefirot* and to put joy in our hearts.**

## The 25th of Kislev

Yet another connection between the *kavanot* and the words of the blessing is found



between the **25** letters of the union of the **6** Names and the value of *Ner*, **250**, since **250/10 = 25**, but most important these would be the **25** letters that the *Zohar* says is missing for the completion of the *Mishkan* and the **25** words that we know are missing from the completion of the Torah, which is **exactly (80,000 – 25 words)**. It's also a connection between the **25** letters of the *Shma Israel* phrase and the **25<sup>th</sup>** of *Kislev*, as explained by the *Zohar*. The next obvious further connection is between the **80,000** words and the **8** lights and



nights of Chanukah, since the 4<sup>th</sup> root of the sum of all the words, letters, and verses of the Torah = **25 exactly**. There are also **25** letters in *lamed-vav* (36) *milui*.

So note that the **25** letters in the verse "*Shma Israel, Adonai Elohenu, Adonai Echad*" (Hear O Israel, G-d our Lord is One) is found at *Devarim 6:4* and the word *Chanukah* (ChNV-CH) can be broken down to the two numerical values **64** (ChNV) and **25** (CH), and moreover that the numerical value of the first and last words in that verse, *Shma* (ShMY) and *Echad* (EChD) plus the *kolel* (1) = **410 + 13 + 1 = 424**, the numerical value of *Mashiach Ben David*.

Further to this line of reasoning, and as connected by the Zohar, are the **24** days of *Kislev* that proceed Chanukah and the **24** letters in the *Baruch Shem* phrase that follows the *Shma Israel* phrase.

**So on the first night before lighting we should connect to the *Shma Israel* and mediate that we are completing the Torah as in the days of *Moshiach*, B"H soon.**

## The Oil

The word for eight (8) in Hebrew is *shemonah*, and a simple permutation of the letters in



*shemonah* (ShMNH) gives us *hashemen*. "the oil" (HShMN), and also *neshama* (soul, NShMH), all of which have the numerical value of **395**, that of the 5<sup>th</sup> word in the Torah, *H'Shama'im* (the Heavens).

And when we spell out the **Shin-Mem-Nun** root letters of the **Oil** they add up to **546**, so we must keep in mind (Proverbs **27:9**): "Oil and incense rejoice the heart," and be joyful as we light the oil for that joy will spread through the **10** *sefirot* and be contagious throughout the world.

**Proverbs 27:9 "Oil and incense rejoice the heart"**

## The 8 Nights of Lights

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Now know this for every candle we light below, one is lit above. So for all the **156** metaphysical candles we light below plus **1** collective one (the *kolel*), another **157** are lit above, making **314** in total, and **314** is the numerical value of the Name of G-d *Shadai* (*ShDY*) and also of Metatron. As for the **156** candles, it's the numerical value of Zion and as we said previously, Joseph, who represents *Yesod of Malchut*, where the light of *Binah* ends up on the **8th** day. It's also the point where all the divine sustenance funnels into our lives and our world. Incidentally, **Zion**, of numerical value **156**, is found **107** times in Tanakh and the sum of all the positive integers from 1 to **107** is **5778**.

Moreover, if we consider all the cumulative lit Chanukah lights as a multiple of **8** days: **1 x 3 x 6 x 10 x 15 x 21 x 28 x 36 = 1008** then add **1** for the *kolel*, and double them for above and below, they total **2018** candles in all. So in essence, each and every year, by fulfilling the mitzvot of lighting the Chanukah candles we're preparing for the arrival of *Moshiach* in the year **2018 CE (5778 HC)**, our inheritance.

## Chanukah Gelt

Even the parve chocolate gelt we give to our children on Chanukah connects to *Moshiach*,



as the Aramaic word for gelt is *Dami* (*DMY*) of numerical value **54**, and since **5778** is the sum of all the integers from 1 to **107** and **5778 = 107 x 54**, then **54**, and thus *Dami* (Gelt), plays yet another role in connecting all of us to the coming of *H'Moshiach*, B'H very soon.

**So bring joy to your heart and joy to the world this Chanukah and help bring the gift of *Moshiach* into our lives.**