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It's as innocent as the 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 *Mashiach*. And that 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 light each night are to connect us to the special light of miracles available to us once a year for **8** days starting 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). This connects to the **32** Paths of Wisdom of the Tree-of-Life through which these various light 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 Mashiach (*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.

Chanukah Meditations

It appears the purpose of Channukah is to bring *Mashiach*.

Let's start with the books of Maccabees dating (for right or wrong) the first war in **3585** HC with the numerical value of *Mashiach* being **358**.

One of the key elements of Chanukah is based on the spiritual tenet that nothing can ever be lost, once it goes from latent(potential) state to physical one it's ever 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.

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**. 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 Blessings

The start of all blessings:

When start the blessing with the word **Baruch**, we need to keep in mind that it has the value (when using the *caf sofit*) of **708**, which is the same as that of the **42** letters of the upper *Mem-Bet*, the Name YHVH through **3** iterations. This is no coincidence as it is from this Name that the blessings flow 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

YVD HY VYV HY

YVD VYV DLT HY YVD VYV YVD VYV HY YVD

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 very fittingly considering that the gematria of Chanukah is **89**, 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. and moreover, that 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.

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 Tetragrammaton (YVD HE VEV HE) called (*Mah*) of numerical value **45**.

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**, together they are **45 + 44 = 89**, once again the value of Chanukah. This further connects us to the **44** (36 + 8 helper/Shamesh) candles lit during the 8 days of Chanukah.

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

(Shefa flowing from Binah into Zeir Anpin)

... להדליק נר זנוכה

יוד הא ואה אה אהיהו הא

[נוצר זוסר לאלפים]

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 to meditate on *Av, Sag, Mah* aspects of the Tetragrammaton which total **(72+63+45) = 180**, at this point in the blessing. We'll explain below what it connects to, as we don't want to meditate in a vacuum.

Av (YVD HY VYV HY) = 72

Sag (YVD HY VEV HY) = 63

Mah (YVD HE VEV HE) = 45

= 180

Whenever we have a value of **18** or a multiple of it times **10** (sefirot) in the Torah or Kavanot coding, it has the same connection, which as Rabbi Chaim Vittal of blessed memory explains "All Torah Light is spread by squaring," is that the square root of **180/10**, or **18**, is **4.2426**. This is significant because **424** is the value for "*Mashiach Ben David*" and **26** is the value of the Tetragrammaton (YHVH).

Now, specific to the Channuka 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*."

From the **18** words of the 13 Attributes again, "*Notzer Chesed I'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**, the year the tzaddikim have prophesied for the coming of the messiah and the final redemption (geula) and also the year **2018 HC** the year G-d made his covenant with Abraham, our inheritance (*Nachal*).

Indeed, the word candle, *Ner*, has a numerical value of **250** and so the **8** candles have a collective value of **250 x 8 = 2000**.

And so when we add the **180** of *Av, Sag. Mah* to the **180** of *L'hadleek Ner* plus the *kolel* of **3** for the **3** aspects of the YHVH, 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

יוד אלהינו יהיה

יוד אלהי כל אודהיים

יוד אלה אדו אונזאמי

on **3** different levels to draw down the light:

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

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, not surprising as the 42-Letter Name preceded them.

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 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.

So when we recite Ner, we want to meditate on the 42 Letter name (the Ana B'koach), receiving mazal, letting Aaron, 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 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 *Mashiach* consciousness in all of us.

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) is **(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), **J**acob(182), and **J**ospeh(156). It's likewise a connection to **Israel**, which has a value of **546** when the *kolel* for the 5 letters is included,

This is an important unification because **546** is the numerical value of *koteret*, (the incense lit at the inner alter of the Holy Temple) as it says in Proverbs **27:9 "Oil and incense rejoice the heart,"** and as the Ari explains, "And the inner altar and the Menorah stood together to give joy to all, as is written."

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.

And not only does the number **9** divided by the small gematria of the 1st line of **42-letter Name = 73.14159**, or extremely precisely **70 + Pi (3.14159..)**, while the numerical value of the 2nd line is **9 x 9 x 9**, one of the reasons the line is utilized in the *Shofar* blowings of **9** beats each.

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So while lighting the **Shamesh** if you can connect to the first two lines of the **42-letter name** keep in mind to lift the world of illusion from the **70** nations, elevating spirituality out of the physicality to bring about *Moshiach*

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 **25th** 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 **4th** 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 Mashiach.

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 **5th** 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** that of *koteret*, the incense again, so once again 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 Arizal further explains that the oil in the Menorah and by transference our chanukiyas represents the consciousness of *chochma* and the incense represents *Binah*, thus together they are the *partzuf*s of *Abba* and *Imma*.

The 8 Nights of Lights

The 44 Candles Sweeten the Judgment

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'dame*", 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. Via the **44** (the numerical value of *dalet*, 4, and *mem*, 40) lights we kindle throughout Chanukah (including the *shammash*) and the awakening of consciousness they embody, the *kelipot* become nullified before us." **Thus with every candle we light, we can sweeten the judgment in our lives and in the world.**

And note also that **44** is numerical value of the regressive spelling of the higher name of G-d, *Ehyeh*, connecting us to *Chochma* and *Binah*;

(E - EH - EHY - EHYH)

If our actions of lighting the *chanukiya* each night rekindle the energy from the night before and culminate in completeness on *Zot Chanukah* 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** or **6 X 26** representing the YHVH, and thus **2 X 78** for *mazal*.

The *Arizal* 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*) plus the **36** lights for the **8** *Shamesh* that we light, totaling **156**, the numerical value for Yosef, who represents the level of *Yesod*. It's also the value of *Zion*.

The 8 Nights of Lights

Now know this for every candle we light below, one is lit above. So for the **156** plus **1** collective one we light each Hanukkah, another **157** are lit above, making **314** in total, with **314** being the numerical value of Shadai (ShDY) and of Metatron. And that 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 the **1008** plus **1** candles we light, above and below total **2018** candles in all each year in preparation for the Messiah in the year **2018 CE (5778 HC)**, our inheritance.

And **Zion**, of numerical value **156**, is the same as Yosef, who represents *Yesod of Malchut*, where the light of *Binah* ends up on the **8th** day and the point where all the divine sustenance funnels into our lives and world. Moreover, **Zion**, of numerical value **156**, is found **107** times in Tanakh and the sum of all the positive integers to **107** is **5778**.

Chanukah, a Special Light

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

Chanukah Gelt

Even the parve chocolate gelt we give to our children on Chanukah connects to *Mashiach*, 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'Mashiach*, B'H very soon

The Menorah is a gift to the worthy.

The Ari in writing about Chanukah explains that the Menorah was made miraculously when Moses threw a *kikar* (measure) of gold into the furnace and prayed to G-d to fashion it. It immediately emerged fully formed. This further connects the Menorah to the *sefira* of *chochma*, which is like a gift bestowed upon a person worthy to receive it.

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