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HANUKKAH CELEBRATION, REMINDERS, AND GROWTH

Dear friends,

You are likely familiar with the story behind Hanukkah. Greek forces tried to impose their religion and culture on the Jewish people, but in response, a small group led by Matityahu and his five sons, along with their untrained followers, took up arms to resist. They ultimately emerged victorious in their fight for survival.



Many people are familiar with the story of the Hanukkah battles, but another aspect of Hanukkah is often overlooked. This '[The Hidden Hanukkah](#)' dates 150 years before the conflicts and has valuable lessons for our modern world. It is particularly relevant today, as misinformation and anti-Semitic attacks continue to be a problem. The story emphasizes the importance of tradition and the study of the Torah as sources of resilience during challenging times.



Hanukkah is a simple holiday that primarily focuses on music and song. **'The How of Hanukkah'** provides an overview of the customary practices associated with the festival and emphasizes the significance of music and song in fostering a festive ambiance throughout the celebration.



At its core, Hanukkah teaches us about the pursuit of peace, a goal that remains elusive in our world. **'How to Create Peace: Personal and Communal'** delves into this theme, exploring ways to cultivate personal and communal peace rooted in Jewish teachings.

Let's cherish every moment of Hanukkah, finding joy even amidst challenging times.

Hanukkah Sameach!

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