

ISRAEL, 20th CENTURY

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This hanukiah is made from bullet cases from the 1967 Yom Kippur War.

For some Jews, Hanukkah is a festival of freedom won by fighting for their faith.

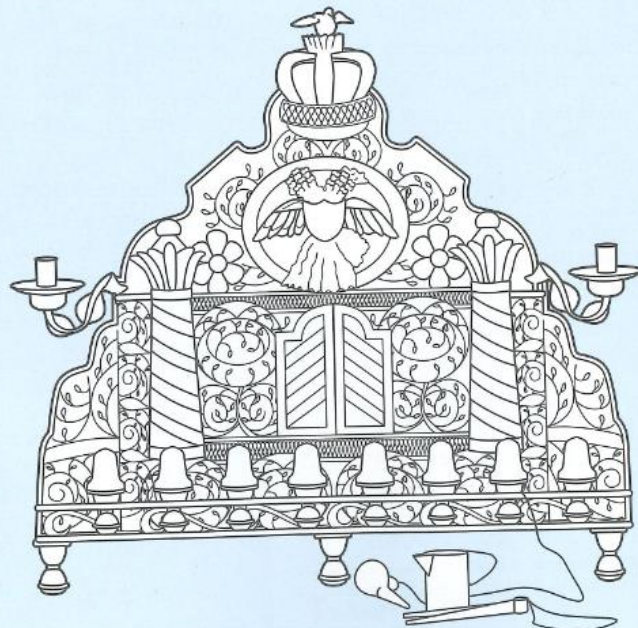
This links the ancient story of the Judah Maccabee with modern Israel. The modern country has been at war with some of its neighbours.

- Is the meaning of Hanukkah different for different people?
- Does the meaning of the festival change from age to age?
- Is it a festival of war, or of peace?

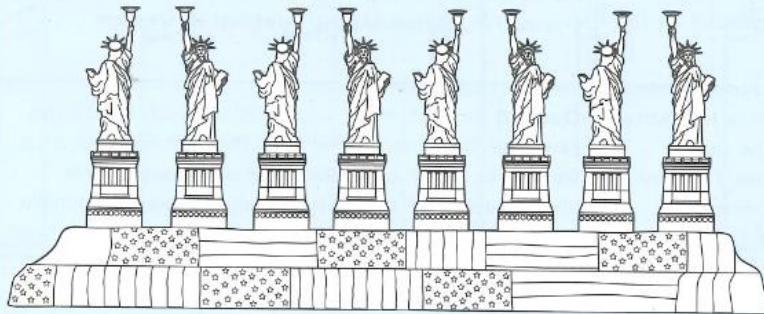
This hanukiah is nearly 200 years old.

The crown at the top is a symbol of the power of the Almighty, and the pillars and doors are reminders of the temple and the Torah scrolls. It is made of silver. There is a tiny jug to fill the oil lamps and a candlesnuffer for when the lights are put out.

- Who would like this hanukiah best?
- Is the festival mostly about the traditions and the history of Jewish life?



UKRAINE, 19th CENTURY



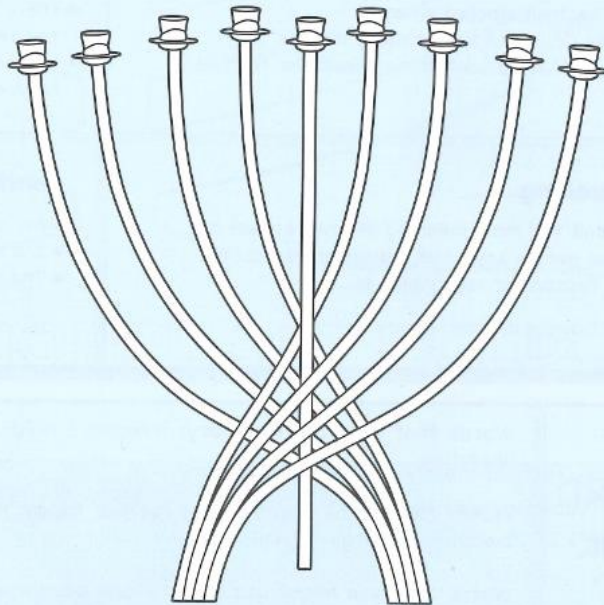
UNITED STATES, 1974

There are millions of Jewish people who live in America.

This hanukiah was made by May Shafter Rockland in 1974. It uses eight small plastic replicas of the statue of Liberty, America's famous symbol of freedom, as the candleholders for Hanukkah.

- Who would like this hanukiah best?
- Is the festival about the same kind of freedom as the statue of liberty?
- Do you think American Jews might feel differently about the festival from Jewish people who live in Britain or in Israel?

This modern silver style of candleholder was made by the artist Ludwig Wolpert. It shows one way of linking the ancient celebrations of Jewish people with modern approaches to art and craft. Is a beautiful and artistic hanukiah the best way to remember the story of Judah Maccabee?



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