

## Shedding Light on Hanukkah at the Judaica Shop

Much of the Hanukkah celebration takes place at home with family and friends. The lighting of the *hanukkiah*, or eight-branched menorah, commemorates the miracle of oil sufficient only for one day lasting eight and the survival of our religious values and spiritual way of life in the face of religious persecution and oppression by the Greek-Syrians. The Judaica Shop provides a unique selection of Judaica for your celebration.

New menorahs for children are plentiful. Anat Mayer, an Israeli artist who successfully combines Jewish tradition with the Israeli spirit of today has a new baby menorah that makes a beautiful birth gift for a newborn. Made of glass and stainless steel and accented with shimmering, colorful crystals, the menorah is signed by the artist.



Menorahs can also be personalized. Alphabet blocks are assembled to spell any child's name. Watch their face light up when they see their very own name on their very own menorah.

Noah's Ark menorahs are always a popular choice and this year, there are several new designs.



Nationally-known artist Karen Rossi, who will be leading a Hanukkah craft workshop on Sunday, December 7th at Congregation B'nai Jacob, has many family menorahs from which to choose.

Painted in bold colors, this whimsical menorah features the Tree of Life with colorful red apples, bright green leaves, and happy people hanging from its branches.

Adults also have their choice of menorahs. From traditional to modern, you will be able to find a menorah to suit your taste



at the Judaica Shop. The family of Israeli artist Tamara Baskin introduced new designs in their fused glass menorahs. This handcrafted menorah depicts the artist's impression of the Western Wall and the City of Jerusalem with its soft colors and domed rooftops.

Gary Markow creates unique, handcrafted wooden menorahs, and other Judaica using beautiful exotic woods. Individually selected pieces of Manzanita burl wood is used to craft these one-of-a-kind menorahs. He creates a unique piece of art with his adjustable menorah, which pivots around a central post, swinging open for use and closing for compact storage.



It is available in a variety of exotic and domestic hardwoods and each piece is finished with a clear lacquer to reveal the natural beauty of the wood.

The peacock, a symbol of splendor and magnificence, adorns this exquisite m a d e - i n -

Israel ceramic menorah, while architectural arches and columns and palm trees of another menorah evoke a royal palace in ancient Israel.



The colorful anodized aluminum modular wall menorah might suit those with more contemporary taste. To assemble, the sturdy candle holders connect the curved, brightly painted modules to shape this most modern masterpiece in your choice of arrangement. This travel menorah allows for the parts to nest neatly and compactly in its own small wooden box for storage.



In addition to lighting the menorah, playing dreidel is another Hanukkah tradition. For dreidel collectors, the Judaica Shop has new dreidels for a different spin. This

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painted metal dreidel dreidel, decorated in true Karen Rossi style, has dangling stones and charms. On one side is a painting of outer space. Another features the sun and stars, while another the moon. The Hebrew letters *nun, gimmel, hay, and shin* are pierced out of the metal on each side. It can be displayed on the included stand.

What is a Jewish holiday without food? In commemoration of the legendary cruse of oil, it is traditional to eat foods fried in oil like potato pancakes, or *latkes*, and the Israeli favorite, jelly donuts, or *sufganiyot*. This year, the Judaica Shop introduces *Latke Crisps*, a baked, bite-size snack that captures the taste of potato pancakes. They are delicious right out of the bag, are ideal for dipping, and make a perfect party treat. Low-fat too.



For children, cooking and baking for the Holiday can be a source of fond memories. The Judaica Shop has a new, delightful set of five tin cookie cutters packaged with recipes for cookies and frosting. Cookie cutters include: Torah, Star of David, Kiddish Cup, Dreidel and Chai.



Rolling your own beeswax candles is a fun activity for the whole family that adds an extra special touch to your Holiday. The Hanukkah candlemaking kit comes with pre-cut sheets of beeswax and lengths of wick to make enough candles for the entire Holiday.



If you know someone who is in the kitchen a lot during Hanukkah, consider buying them this cookbook stand by Karen Rossi. It will be a "magical" addition to any kitchen and will make a great

gift for the perfect hostess. This whimsical stand will bring a smile to your face as it holds your favorite cookbook open. Wild, colorful characters with a wonderful wit of their own decorate the stand which folds away for easy storage.



Send best wishes to family and friends during this festival of light and warmth. The Judaica Shop has a wide selection of Hanukkah cards and gift tags with inspiring and often light-hearted designs that are available individually or boxed. Featuring a wide range of themes – whimsical, contemporary and traditional – each beautifully designed card captures the holiday spirit and is sure to leave a lasting impression.



Gift tag



Greeting Card



Gift tag

Lastly, to enhance and preserve your memories of this Holiday, the Judaica Shop offers a wide variety of quality Hanukkah stickers perfect for scrapbooking.



Hanukkah is a time for family, celebration and joy – and also a time for remembering the reasons for celebrating. The light of the Hanukkah candles is a reminder of past miracles, and of the important pursuit of Jewish practice and identity. *Chag Sameach!*



## Hanukkah Workshop Make a 'Maccabee Spirit'

With nationally known artist Karen Rossi  
Sunday • December 7 • 12:30–3:30pm

*"Not by might, not by power, but by My spirit."* — Zechariah 4:6

Express your Maccabee Spirit with Karen Rossi. Come and personalize her metal figures with paint, whimsical charms and beads to tell your own story or to represent the unique qualities of someone you love.

**\$36 per project • Register by Tuesday, December 2 and receive a \$10 gift card from the Judaica Shop**  
**Space is limited.**

Karen Rossi's Judaica & all our Hanukkah merchandise will be available for sale.



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