

**Kehal Kodesh December**

# Rockbox

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**Channukah**  
**December 10th - 18th**  
**2020 & 5781**

# How Can I be a *light*?

This Channukah, we are challenging you to be a light in the dark, bringing peace and justice to your family, the community, and our world. Inside your box, you will find materials to create your own Mikdash Me'at, your special Channukah space. Your Mikdash Me'at will create a beautifully decorated "frame" on your window, in which you will write or create a message & blessing for the world.

As Jews, we are commanded to be a light onto all other peoples. While your art box will help you create a physical display, there is more to do in order to truly be a light. By helping those who are in need, bringing justice into the world, and following in the footsteps of our Ancestors, we can be a light to other people, our families, and ourselves.

Other cultures use light to show compassion and peace to others. Look outside your window during Channukah and you might see your neighbors using lights to celebrate their holiday. We can all bring light into the world in our own way.



# Creating your **Mikdash Me'at**

Traditionally, Jews place their Channukah Menorahs in their windowsills, where anyone walking or driving past your house can see. We hope the bright and creative materials in your box help you build a display in your home, on your windowsill, or wherever someone going past your home can see. Kehal Kodesh will make this together on Sunday, December 6th. Make sure you have your RockBocks nearby during T'filah!

## What's in the Box?

- 2 Chalk Glass Markers (safe for windows & kids)
- 1 Bottles of Glow in the Dark Puffy Paint (only for rocks)
- 1 Stand Up & Speak Out Sticker (for your car or elsewhere)
- 2 Holiday Stencils
- Channukah Candles
- Dreidels & Gelt



# Glowing Pathway

This Channukah, you have materials to create a glowing pathway, a way to show that your home is a welcoming place this Channukah.

Start by collecting some rocks, you might have some around your house, or you can go find some in your backyard or park.

Once you have your rocks, take a paper towel and wipe them down, removing any dirt that may have come in from outside.

After your rocks dry, take the glow in the dark puffy paint from your box and begin painting. Make sure you paint on a piece of paper or newspaper, this paint will stain your clothes or other surfaces. What designs, words, or symbols will you use on your rocks? How will you show that your home, even from a distance, is welcoming and peaceful this Channukah?

Once you've painted your rocks, let them dry in a brightly lit place, like near a lamp. Once they've dried, place them on your doorstep, a path near your front door, or anywhere else to display your artful creations. At night, especially after a sunny day, you'll see your rocks glowing outside, welcoming people into your home.

## Learn More!

visit [ishFestival.org/Rockdale](http://ishFestival.org/Rockdale) to watch videos and get more directions on the projects you can do with the materials in your box!



# Family Conversation Starters

what are some ways that you can be a light to the world this Chanukkah? We live in a time unlike any other. Our friends and neighbors are coming together to call for justice and to build a community based in peace. Families, use these conversations starters during your family Channukah celebrations.

**Rabban Shimon b. Gamaliel used to say:**

**On three things does the world stand:  
On justice, on truth and on peace**

**Pirkei Avot 1:18**

How are justice, truth, and peace related to one another?

How can justice and peace sometimes struggle with each other?

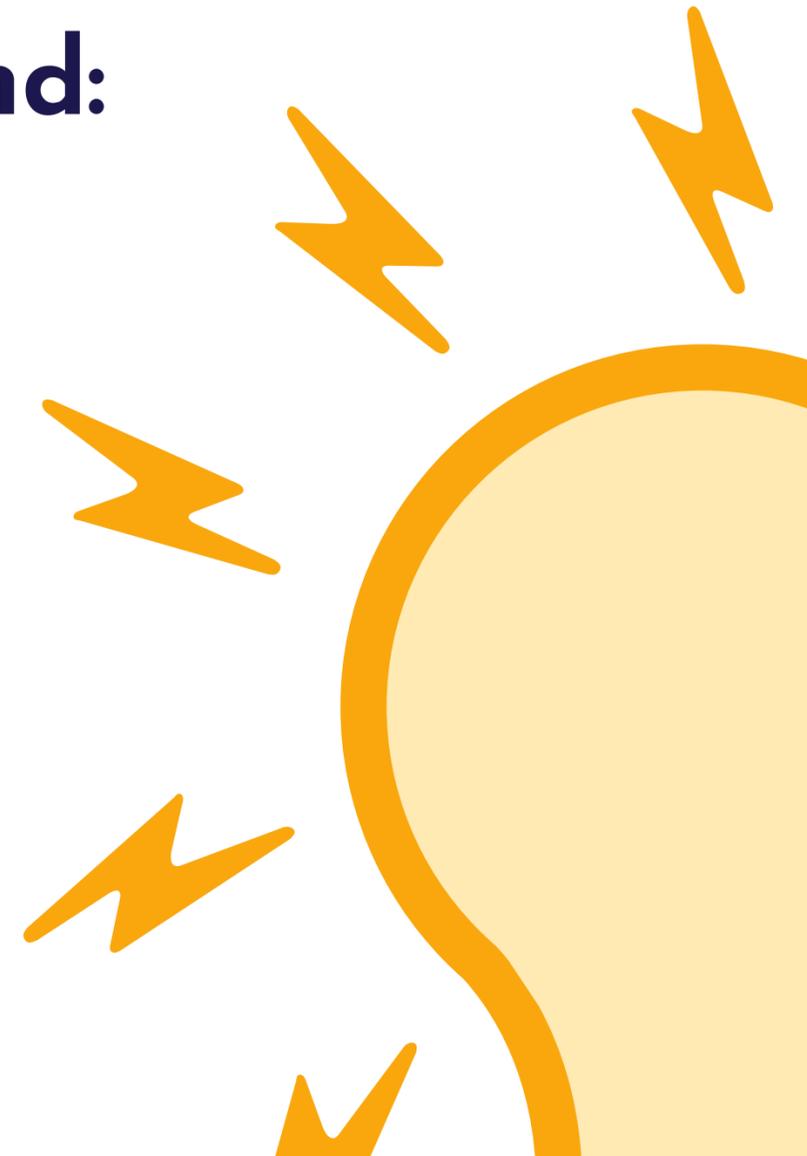
What are some ways that you can be a light to the world this Channukah?

Have you ever done anything to be a light before?

How is being a light related to justice and peace?

What would the world be like if everyone were to be a light?

**How will you remind yourself to be a light all year long?**



בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ  
הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ  
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק  
נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

### **Blessing for Lighting the Candles**

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu  
Melech haolam, asher  
kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu  
l'hadlik ner shel Channukah*

**Blessed are You, Adonai our God,  
Sovereign of all, who hallows us with  
mitzvot, commanding us to kindle  
the Channukah lights**

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ  
הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים  
לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים  
הָהֵם בְּזַמַּן הַזֶּה.

### **Blessing for the Festival of Channukah**

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu,  
Melech haolam, she-asah nisim  
laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim  
hahaeim baz'man hazeh*

**Blessed are You, Adonai our God,  
Sovereign of all, who performed  
wonderous deeds for our ancestors  
in days of old at this season**

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וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזַמַּן הַזֶּה.

### **Blessing for Reaching this Season (First Night Only)**

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu,  
Melech haolam, shehecheyanu  
v'kiy'manu v'higiyanu laz'man  
hazeh*

**Blessed are You, Adonai our God,  
Sovereign of all, who has kept us  
alive, sustained us, and brought us to  
this season**

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**May I be a light bringing peace, justice, truth, and love into this world  
during this Channukah season and beyond.**