



חנוכה OVERVIEW לקוטי שיחות

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הוראה	ענין	חלק
In matters of chinuch (education) we must supply without compromises	Chinuch (dedication) could have been done with impure oil; but the miracle enabled the Jews to do at the beginning in the ideal manner	א
Shalom is the joining of the service of Baalei Teshuvah (Ner Chanukah) with the service of Tzadikim (Ner Mikdash) Chanukah is the display of mesiras nefesh of the Jews	(א) The lighting of the candles in the home for Shabbos takes precedence over the lighting of the Chanukah lights due to peace in the home (ה) The purpose of the Chanukah lights differs from other lighting mitzvos in that they (נ"ה) are the focus	ג
Chanukah is a special time for the mitvza tefillin in addition to Ner Chanukah	Ner Chanukah, in contrast to other mitzvos, is done on the left and towards the outside (like tefillin) Makes an effect on the "left side" of the Yetzer and on the three levels of <i>kelipos hat'meos</i>	ה
Simcha is connected to the body, salvation from physical subjugation Hallel is <i>avodas halev</i> , connected to the soul, the spiritual salvation	According to Rambam, for the military victory the Rabbis instituted days of simcha; and for the miracle of the oil, days of hallel and menorah (referring to the latter, the Gemara asks מאי תנוכה)	י
The main goal of recognition of G-d in this low world, is in the ישועות, His Actions within the natural order	Three expressions of recognition of G-d's actions נפלאות תשועות נסים See table below The higher the source, revealed more in the lowest level	טו

Three Expressions of Recognition of G-d's Actions

According to natural standards, sometimes win sometimes lose	תשועות
According to natural standards should always lose	נסים
Not even in the same league - No ability to win	נפלאות
According to order of the events סדר המאורעות	תשועות נסים נפלאות (beginning of HaNeros Halalu)
Creating feelings to praise סדר הודאה	נסים נפלאות תשועות (end of HaNeros Halalu)

Ner Shabbos takes precedence over Ner Chanukah, per Rambam, due to Shalom Bayis; this is not a pushing off of a mitzvah, rather a kiyum of the mitzvah since the Torah was given to make Shalom Shabbos is mostly an obligation of rest and refraining; Chanukah is the negation of evil (a little light dispels much darkness); therefore, since in its essence Shabbos candles cause greater Shalom, even by the law of Chanukah, one is <i>yotzei</i> with Ner Shabbos, in the event one can only do one of them		טז
Nothing is as cold as logic; Chabad Chassidus brings the warmth of kedusha even to one's intellect in order to appreciate G-dliness	Rosh Chodesh Teves is always during Chanukah Teves is the month with the least amount of sun, thus, the avodah is one of the body, to rectify and refine; and like Chanukah to bring a greater light (revelation of the soul)	טזג



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<p>Ner Chanukah contains <i>mehadrin min hamehadrin</i>, yet full of disagreement about what it means: Bais Shammai says start with 8 and lessen each night; Bais Hillel says start with one and increase One Amora says the reason depends on whether to count the days that have happened or the days that are to occur (connected to the object – Chanukah); another Amora says the reason of Bais Shammai is learned from the Sukkos korban bulls that decreased; Bais Hillel learns from the concept of increasing in Kedusha and not lessening in Kedusha (connected to the person)</p>		כ
<p>Physical matter exists to express the spiritual service of the soul</p>	<p>The acknowledgement of the miracle of the oil (spiritual) is expressed in the lighting of the menorah; The thanks of the military victory is expressed in the words of <i>Al haNissim</i></p>	כה
<p>From the perspective of the Giver, the result already exists in the potential From the perspective of the recipient the potential is not realized until the matter reaches its fulfillment</p>	<p>חנוכה = ח' נרות והלכה כבית הלל Bais Shammai gives priority to the potential Bais Hillel gives priority to the actual "This is Chanukah" – the eight day reflects the essence of the holiday as the potential completely becomes actual</p>	כז
<p>סור מרע ועשה טוב A person's avodah in this world is done in three stages See table below</p>	<p>Rambam understands Chanukah as celebrating two components of G-d's revelations: the military victory and the miracle of the oil See table below</p>	לא
<p>Chanukah in comparison to other Holidays According to the Rambam</p>		<p>Avodas HaAdam סור מרע ועשה טוב</p>
<p>Purim</p>	<p>War is a preparation for the salvation of the Jews</p>	<p>Holiday on the day of rest after the fighting</p>
<p>Chanukah</p>	<p>War revealed holiness but not of the level of the revelation of the oil</p>	<p>Two differing time periods: 25th for the victory; and the eight days for the oil miracle</p>
<p>Pesach</p>	<p>G-dly revelation equally displayed in striking the Egyptians and in saving the Jews</p>	<p>Celebrate equally in one day of the 15th for both occurrences</p>
		<p>Getting rid of bad only as a preparation for actual fulfillment of doing Mitzvos</p>
		<p>Bitul and <i>Kabolas Ol</i> allows kedusha to settle and then one does good; but remain two different levels</p>
		<p>Both levels (turn from bad and do good) equal in consideration; both done to fulfill command of G-d</p>
<p>Even though most Jews are not involved with holy matters, this is only in כמות, but in איכות Jews have the true feeling and, thus, are able to do Teshuvah</p>	<p>Two levels of the miracle of the military victory: Jews (weak & few) over the Greeks (strong & many); and, even though most of the Jews were not worthy (tahor, righteous and Torah scholars), the Jews won</p>	
<p>The compromise is to say the first and last verses from the haftorah of Rosh Chodesh and Machar Chodesh when Shabbos Chanukah is the first day of Rosh Chodesh</p>		לה