

נֵר תָּמִיד

Continual Light

In the *mishkan* (Tabernacle) and *heichal* (Temple) there was the seven-branch מְנוֹרָה, *menorah*, or Candlestick. HaShem instructed us through Moses that the *cohenim* (priests) should keep the *menorah* burning all the time—it should never go out. Here's what HeShem commanded. (Vay-ikra [Lev] 24:1-3) Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 Command the sons of Israel that they bring to you clear oil from beaten olives for the light, to make a lamp burn continually. 3 Outside the veil of testimony in the tent of meeting, Aaron shall keep it in order from evening to morning before the LORD continually; it shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations. 4 He shall keep the lamps in order on the pure gold lampstand before the LORD continually.

After our Temple was destroyed, we wanted to remember the wonderful *menorah* which stood in the

Holy Place and gave light for the priests to do their work. We wanted to remember the lessons HaShem was teaching us through the *menorah*. So, in every synagogue we have a light which hangs just in front of the הָאָרֶן, *haAron*, the Ark, to remind us that in the Temple the golden *menorah* stood with its glowing lights just before the פֶּרֶכֶת, *perochet*, (veil) and thus just before the *haAron* (Ark). The *menorah* was the only light in the *mishkan* (Tabernacle), so it provided all the light necessary for the *cohenim* (priests) to do their work. But the *menorah* did much more than just provide light! It helped remind the *cohenim* and all of Israel about something very important! First, the Menorah was a foreshadowing of Yeshua Who would be the “light of the world” (John 8:12; 9:5). Secondly, since the menorah was just before the Ark which contained the Torah, it taught that the Torah was a light (Ps 119:105). Finally, the menorah reminded the priests that Israel was to be a light to the nations (Is. 42:6; 49:6; 60:3).



Ner Tamid

Eternal Light

J R F U G H B C G Z B M G S L L I H N E P S A D R
 Z T O A F Z P L W N A T I O N S V O H F J B J A J
 R L K M B N S L L J W N X S H A N E H I L L U V P
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 Y C S B Q T G W I T N E S S X S I V Z E O W R W X
 V N V K C B Y A J D Y Z G T U J Z F A K I F X G A

SEVEN LAMPS

HOLY PLACE

GOOD DEEDS

NEIGHBOR

GOODNEWS

MENORAH

ETERNAL

MESSIAH

WITNESS

NATIONS

YESHUA

GOSPEL

ISRAEL

TORAH

LIGHT

ARK

OIL

The Prophet Isaiah said: (Isaiah 42:6-7)

“I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I will also hold you by the hand and watch over you, And I will appoint you as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations, To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the dungeon, And those who dwell in darkness from the prison.

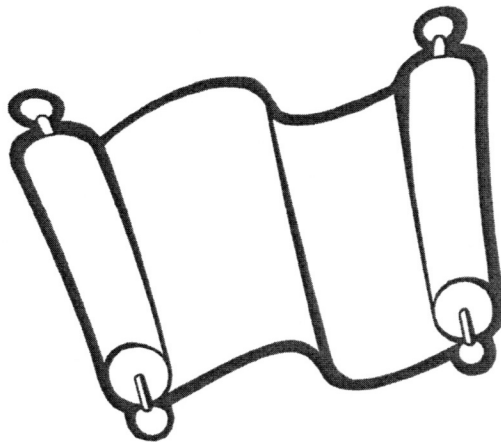
Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to find out some ways we can be a light to the nations.

Tell people that

(ESYHAU)

is the Messiah and

He's coming again!



_____ (VLEI)

according to G-d's Torah

_____ (VLEO)

your neighbor as
yourself

