A SIMPLE GUIDE FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL CHANUKAH

CHANUKAH, MADE SIMPLE

Less to manage. More room for what matters.

A SIMPLE PLAN FOR PREPARING YOUR HOME, MAKING MEMORIES, AND ENJOYING ALL EIGHT NIGHTS.



MAKE ROOM
Prepare with ease.

MAKE MEMORIES
Focus on what matters.

RESTORE CALM
Give everything a home.

Sort + Place
Open the door to calm.

A brighter home. A brighter Yom Tov.

1 Make Room

A little preparation makes room for a lot more simcha.

2 WEEKS BEFORE CHANUKAH

- [ ] Check menorahs for damage.
- [ ] Stock oil, candles, wicks and cups.
- [ ] Make sure Friday-night lighting supplies are appropriate for the timing.
- [ ] Coordinate family parties and hosting.
- [ ] Plan gifts and thank-yous.
- [ ] Check teacher/Rebbe gifts and other *hakaras hatov*.
- [ ] Decide what you're cooking or baking.
- [ ] Stock the household basics.
- [ ] Clear freezer/fridge space for hosting and leftovers.
- [ ] Write down anything you remember wishing you'd done earlier last year.

A little planning now brings a lot more simcha later.

THIS YEAR, WE'RE MAKING ROOM FOR:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



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2 Almost There

Small steps this week, calm nights next week.



1 WEEK BEFORE CHANUKAH

- ☐ Buy anything still missing from your lists.
- ☐ Set up the Chanukah landing zone (step 4).
- ☐ Wrap gifts and write thank-you cards.
- ☐ Confirm who is coming each night.
- ☐ Cook or bake what can be frozen ahead.
- ☐ Put the menorah, oil and candles where they will be used.
- ☐ Make room on your phone for photos and videos.
- ☐ Choose one simple thing to enjoy each night.

Ready early. Calm all eight nights.

THIS WEEK, OUR HOME NEEDS:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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Your 8 Nights at a Glance

Make the plan once. Then enjoy it.

A SIMPLE PLANNER FOR A BRIGHTER CHANUKAH



NIGHT	WHERE?	WHO?	SUPPER / PARTY	SOMETHING SPECIAL
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				

SIMPLE IDEAS FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL:

- [ ] Family game or activity
- [ ] Read a story together
- [ ] Do a chesed
- [ ] Make or decorate donuts
- [ ] Have a themed supper
- [ ] Invite someone over
- [ ] Learn a short idea
- [ ] Take a family walk
- [ ] Thank people who help us
- [ ] Other: _____

What do we want our family to remember from this Chanukah?

_____

_____

_____

_____



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The Chanukah Landing Zone

One spot. Eight nights.

Instead of looking for the same things every evening, give Chanukah one home.



KEEP TOGETHER:

- Oil / candles
- Wicks + cups
- Matches / lighter
- Menorah accessories
- Brachos / zemiros
- Gelt
- Thank-you cards
- Small gifts waiting to be given
- Cleanup cloth

Tonight's setup becomes tomorrow's reset.

Before walking away each night, take 60 seconds to reset the station for tomorrow.

SAME SPOT.
BRIGHTER NIGHTS.

A FEW EXTRA TIPS:

- Keep it in a central, safe place (out of little hands).
- Use a tray or bin so everything stays together.
- Restock as needed during the week.
- Add a small notebook for gratitude notes.
- Keep the area clean and clear, with only what you need.

Simple systems create special moments.

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Make Memories

Aim for simcha, not perfect.

The beautiful table is nice.
The homemade donuts are nice.
The perfect party is nice.

But they aren't the point.

The goal isn't to squeeze everything possible into eight nights. It's to make room to notice the eight nights you're actually living.

Simple moments. Lasting memories.

A FEW PROMPTS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL CHANUKAH:

- A tradition we love: _____
- Something simple we want to do together: _____
- Something we're grateful to Hashem for: _____

It's not about doing more. It's about noticing more.



The Gratitude Donut Wall

One night. One donut. One thank-you.

Each night, add one thing your family is grateful to Hashem for.
By Zos Chanukah, you'll have eight nights of gratitude.

A sweeter perspective changes everything.



Same Nights. More Gratitude.

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6 Restore Calm

A simple reset after Chanukah.

PACK AWAY WITH EASE. KEEP WHAT YOU LOVE.
STEP INTO A CALMER, MORE ORGANIZED HOME.

YOUR 30-MINUTE POST-CHANUKAH RESET

- [ ] Let candles and oil fully cool.
- [ ] Put away menorahs and fragile items using padded storage.
- [ ] Sort and store Chanukah decorations.
- [ ] Donate or discard anything you don't use or love.
- [ ] Wipe down surfaces (look for wax!).
- [ ] Refresh table linens and everyday items.
- [ ] Restock basics for the rest of the winter.
- [ ] Take a minute to appreciate the beautiful Yom Tov you created!

A calmer home makes room for what's next.



It's not just about cleaning up. It's about carrying the light forward.

SAME HOME.
BRIGHTER DAYS AHEAD.

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Chanukah Wrap-Up & Beyond

Keep the calm going.

A FEW MINUTES NOW MAKES NEXT YEAR EVEN EASIER.

End with order. Carry the light forward.

AFTER CHANUKAH CHECKLIST

- [ ] Let candles and oil fully cool.
- [ ] Clean menorahs and store safely.
- [ ] Pack decorations in labeled bins.
- [ ] Sort and donate items you no longer use.
- [ ] Wipe down surfaces (look for wax!).
- [ ] Wash and put away table linens.
- [ ] Restock oil, candles, and essentials if on sale.
- [ ] Save your notes: what worked well? What do you want to do again?
- [ ] Set a 10-minute reminder next year to pull out your bins.
- [ ] Take a moment to thank Hashem for a beautiful Yom Tov.

A little effort now gives you a brighter next year.



WHAT WORKED WELL?

Take a few minutes to jot it down.

- Favorite activities _____
- Most meaningful moments _____
- Recipes to repeat _____
- What to simplify _____
- What to prepare earlier _____



"The light we create in our homes doesn't end with Chanukah. It carries into every day."

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8 Next Steps

Keep it simple next year.

TWO EASY WAYS TO KEEP THE CALM GOING

1

GET THE LABELS

Chanukah and Yom Tov Label Pack

$7

Printable bin and jar labels in English, with Spanish underneath. Print them, label your bins as you pack away, and next year your Chanukah things are easy to find.

Get the labels: sortplace.gumroad.com/l/chanukah-yom-tov-labels

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JOIN THE APP WAITLIST

Sorted & Stocked

The home management app we are building at Sort + Place, made for kosher homes: your inventory, meal plans, and shopping lists in one place. Join the waitlist to hear when it opens.

Join the waitlist: sortandplace.com/waitlist

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