

Hebrew Phrase:

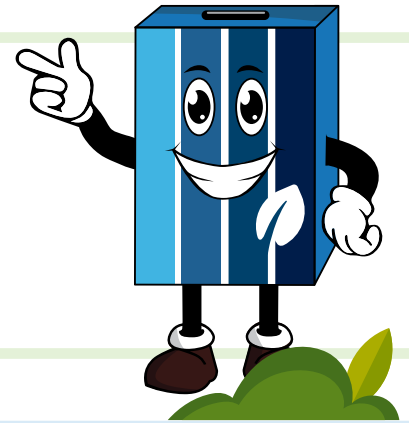
חבל על הזמן - Chavall Al Haz'man

Literal translation:

'Pity/waste of the time' but actually describes the opposite - something fantastic or great.

For example, you could say:

"This movie was chavall al haz'man."



JNF Project

The JNF Canada Israel Resilience Fund is providing urgent disaster relief for Gaza envelope communities, including rescue and relocation services, as well as long-term recovery needs such as the completion of the Resilience Centre in Sderot and supporting PTSD therapy and other post-trauma needs.

To learn more, follow this link:

www.jnf.ca/resiliencefund

Prayer for Israel:

<https://jr.co.il/prayers/hebrew-israel-prayer.html>



Hebrew Calendar

- **November 19, 2023:** 50th anniversary of the passing of Ben Gurion, first Prime Minister of Israel, who said "Dare, persevere, and you will succeed!"
- **November 29, 1947:** The UN General Assembly voted for the creation of the State of Israel
- **December 7-15, 2023:** Chanukah, which is known as the festival of lights, is a holiday that lasts 8 days. It is a happy holiday and we light a candle on the Chanukiah (menorah) every night of the holiday. Other popular activities during Chanukah are eating food made with oil (especially doughnuts and potato latkes) and playing dreidel. The word Chanukah comes from the Hebrew word meaning 'to dedicate,' the holiday celebrates a military victory of the Jews against their enemy over 2000 years ago.

Watch these clips for Hanukkah:

- **Sesame Street:** Chanukah With Veronica Monica
- **Sesame Street:** Happy Chanukah from Elmo and his friends!
- **The Chanukah Shaboom!** Special - Great Miracles



Did You Know?

- Hula Valley Birds Festival - the migration festival shouldn't be missed. It happens every year usually in the month of November, when millions of birds migrate south for warmer weather. The Hula Valley is an important resting place for them on their journey!
- You can enjoy a special Knights Festival in the old city of Jerusalem, demonstrating what the city was like in medieval times. Visit the old city's Christian Quarters, there will be scenes acted out along the way from the kingdom of knights.
- November is actually the best time to go biking, so if you love biking, don't miss out. There are midnight biking tours, there are also special charity events such as "The Wheels of Love" or "The Israel Ride", that take place during the month of November.
- A unique experience to celebrate Chanukah in Israel. If you walk down the streets of Jerusalem's old city or the neighbourhood of Nachlaot, you will be able to see the Chanukiyot (menorahs), which are lit and kept on windowsills.

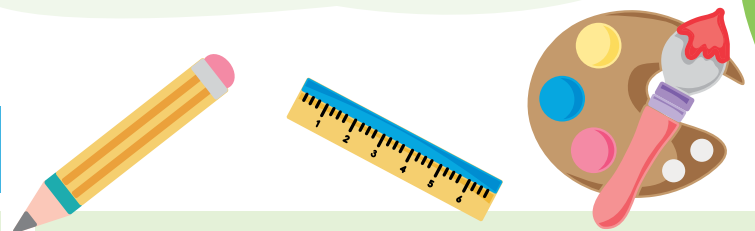


- You can warm up your belly on a cold day in December with a spongy sfganiyot, the filled donuts can be found in every bakery in abundance flavours ranging from strawberry and chocolate to halva (similar to nut butter) and melon.
- Hamshushalyim (a mashup of Hebrew words for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Jerusalem), is Jerusalem's winter cultural festival. Every weekend in December, restaurants, hotels, and cultural institutions are open late with special offerings. Street theatre, night tours and musical performances are part of the fun. Watch a fun video of last year's celebrations here.

Blue's Favourite Activities

Sand Art Menorah and Candles - Use your favourite colours to make this DIY Menorah, to keep for years to come.

[Link to Activity](#)



Paper tops - use materials you have laying around the house to make a version of this traditional Jewish toy

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Chanukah Countdown Calendar

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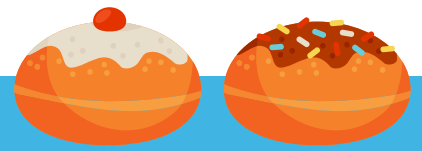


LEGO Menorah - have a Creative and Flameless Chanukah!

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Blue's Recipes!



La Boite Latkes

This latke recipe is no fuss and great to make with the entire family.



[Click here for recipe](#)

Candy Dreidels

Here's a fun way to get your kids into the Chanukah spirit!



[Click here for recipe](#)

Fricasse - Savoury Tunisian Donuts

Fried donuts for dessert, stuffed with veggies.



[Click here for recipe](#)

Fried Artichokes

Recipe and step-by-step photo tutorial for crispy and savory Fried Artichokes.



[Click here for recipe](#)

Blue's Favourite Chanukah Books

1. **Mrs. Greenberg's Messy Chanukah** by Linda Glazer
2. **Chanukah in Alaska** by Barbara Brown
3. **Hershel and the Chanukah Goblins** by Trina Schart Hyman, Eric Kimmel
4. **The Runaway Latkes** by Leslie Kimmelman




Blue's Favourite Chanukah Music

 **Chanukah Compilation Video - The Kiboomers Preschool Songs for Jewish Holidays**

 **Chanukah Songs for Children - Carol Boyd Leon**

 **"Candle Chase" by The Laurie Berkner Band | A Chanukah Song For Kids**

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