

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: (Vayikra [Lev] 24:1-3)

1 Then the L-RD 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 L-RD 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 **הַאֲרוֹן**, *haAron*, the Ark, to remind us that in the Temple the golden *menorah* stood with its glowing lights just before the **פְּרֻכֶּת**, *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!

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.

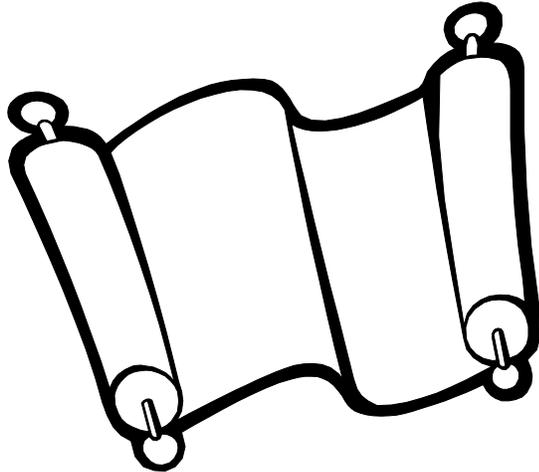
Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to find out some ways we can be a light to the nations.

Tell people that

(ESYHAU)

is the Messiah and

He's coming again!



_____ (VLEI)

according to G-d's Torah

_____ (VLEO)

your neighbor as
yourself



Yeshua said:

I have come as
light into the
world, that
everyone who
believes in Me
may not remain
in darkness. John 12:46