

THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

# Hiddur Mitzvah Project

A Fresh Approach to Enhancing Mitzvot

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## Sisterhood Guide

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### CHANUKKAH

#### In sisterhood

*Oh Chanukkah! Oh Chanukkah! Come like the menorah....*

The Hiddur Mitzvah Project includes an essay on chanukkiot (Chanukkah menorahs), from early times to the present. Since collecting them has become popular in many Jewish homes, invite members to bring chanukkiot that are particularly unusual or have an interesting story. Use the essay (pages 20-22) as a basis for a discussion of the various chanukkiot.

- What are the similarities and differences?
- How does the chanukkiah reflect historical development?
- How does it reflect cultural variations?
- Which design motifs reflect the majority or popular culture?
- How do we decide which chanukkiah we use or purchase?

#### Chanukkah and the work of our hands....

Try one of the many creative projects as a sisterhood activity or at home. Hand-made gifts are a great change from the usual book or scarf.

- The Chanukkah table runner (pages 22-23)
- Hand-dipped candles (pages 23-24)
- Latkes for the health conscious (pages 24-25)

If making 56 hand-dipped candles to last the whole 8 days is too daunting, make just 9 for the last night. They are a lovely and personal gift, and end the holiday in a blaze of glory.

Take a plate of warm home-made Israeli doughnuts or sufganiyot (page 26) to a Chanukkah party. Watch how quickly they disappear before everything else!

Latkes or surfganiyot for seniors: Following the guidelines for Honey Cakes for Seniors on page 12, enhance the Chanukkah celebration in a local nursing home or senior center.