1. **B’RACHOT SHEL HANUKKAH**

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam
A-sher kid-sha-nu b’mitz-vot-tav v’tzi-va-nu l’had-lik ner
shel Hanukkah.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam
She-a-sa ni-sim la-a-vot-tay-nu ba-ya-mim ha-hem ba-z’man ha-ze.

(First night only)
Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam
She-he-che-ya-nu v’ki-y’mar-nu v’hi-gi-a-nu laz-man ha-ze.

*You abound in blessings, Adonai, who has commanded us to kindle*
*the Hanukkah lights.*

*You abound in blessings, Adonai, who made miracles for our*
*ancestors in those days, and in our time.*

*You abound in blessings, Adonai, who has kept us in life, sustained us*
*and brought us to this joyous season.*

2. **I HAVE A LITTLE DREYDLE**

I have a little dreidle
I made it out of clay
And when it’s dry and ready
Oh dreidle I shall play.

Oh dreidle, dreidle, dreidle
I made it out of clay
And when it’s dry and ready
Oh dreidle I shall play.

Oh dreidle, dreidle, dreidle
I made it out of clay
And when it’s dry and ready
Oh dreidle I shall play.

My dreidle’s always playful
It loves to dance and spin
A happy game of dreidle
Come play, now let’s begin.

It has a lovely body
With legs so short and thin
And when it is all tired
It drops and then I win.

Oh dreidle, dreidle, dreidle
I made it out of clay
And when it’s dry and ready
Oh dreidle I shall play.
3. **OCHO CANDELIKAS**

Hanukkah linda sta aki
Ocho candelas para mi. (2x)

Una candelika
Doz candelikas
Trez candelikas
Quatro candelikas
Sintju candelikas
Sezh candelikas
Siete candelikas--
Ocho candelas para mi!

Muchas fiestas vo fazer
Con alegrijas i plazer. (2x)

Una candelika...

Loz pastelikos vo kumer
Con almendrikas i la miel. (2x)

Una candelita...

Beautiful Hanukkah is here--
eight candles for me. Many parties
I will give with happiness and pleasure.
The little cakes I will eat,
made with almonds and honey.

*A Sephardic Hanukkah song*
*sung in Ladino.*

4. **HANUKKAH, HANUKKAH**

Hanukkah, Hanukkah, festival of light.
Celebrate, dedicate, for eight days and nights.
Spin your tops, sing your songs,
light the candles bright.
Hanukkah, Hanukkah, sing with all your might.

Hanukkah, Hanukkah, chag ya-fe kol kach
Or cha-viv mi-sa-viv, gly l’ye-led rach Hanukkah, Hanukkah, s’vi-von sov, sov
Sov, sov, sov --- sov, sov, sov,
Ma na-im va-tov.

5. **O HANUKKAH, O HANUKKAH**

O Hanukkah, O Hanukkah,
Come light the menorah
Let’s have a party
We’ll all dance the Hora.

Gather ‘round the table,
We’ll give you a treat
S’vivon to play with
And latkes to eat.

And while we are playing
The candles are burning low.
One for each night
They shed a sweet light
To remind us of days long ago.
6. **S’VIVON SOV, SOV, SOV**

S’vi-von, sov, sov, sov,
Hanukkah hu chag tov!
Hanukkah hu chag tov!
S’vi-von, sov, sov, sov.

Chag sim-cha hu la-am
Nes ga-dol ha-ya-sham!
Nes ga-dol ha-ya-sham!
Chag sim-cha hu la-am.

7. **HOW MANY CANDLES**

How many candles, how many candles,
How many candles do we light?
On our ha-nu-ki-ya, on our ha-nu-ki-ya
The “first” Hanukkah night?

“One, one, one, one, one”

“One” little candle, “one” little candle,
The “first” Hanukkah night.

*(Repeat with 2,3,4,5,6,7 & 8 candles and the appropriate night of Hanukkah to match.)*

8. **NOT BY MIGHT**

Not by might, and not by power,
But by spirit alone
Shall we all live in peace (2x)

The children sing, the children dream.
And their tears may fall, but we’ll hear their call,
And another song will rise! (3x)

9. **WHO CAN RETELL?**

Who can retell the things that befell us?
Who can count them?
In every age a hero or sage came to our aid,

Hark!
At this time of year in days of yore
Maccabees the Temple did restore
And today our people as we dreamed
Will arise, unite and be redeemed.

10. **MA OZ TZUR**

Ma-oz tzur y’shu-a-ti
L’cha na’eh l’sha-be-ach
Ti-kon beit t’fi-la-ti
V’sham to-dah n’za-be-ach
L’et ta-chin mat-be-ach
Mi-tzor ham’na-be-ach
Az eg-mor, b’shir miz-mor
Hanukkat ha-miz-be-ach (2x)

Rock of Ages let our song
Praise thy saving power
Thou amidst the raging foes
Was our sheltering tower
Furious they assailed us
But thine arm availed us

And thy word, broke their sword,
When our own strength failed us (2x)
11. **LIGHT ONE CANDLE**  
Peter Yarrow

Light one candle for the Maccabee children  
with thanks that their light didn’t die  
Light one candle for the pain they endured  
when their right to exist was denied  
Light one candle for the terrible sacrifice  
justice and freedom demand  
Light one candle for the wisdom to know  
When the peacemaker’s time is at hand!

**CHORUS**

DON’T LET THE LIGHT GO OUT  
IT’S LASTED FOR SO MANY YEARS  
DON’T LET THE LIGHT GO OUT  
LET IT SHINE THROUGH OUR LOVE AND OUR TEARS  
(2 times)

Light one candle for the strength that we need  
to never become our own foe  
Light one candle for those who are suffering  
the pain we learned so long ago  
Light one candle for all we believe in  
let anger not tear us apart  
And light one candle to bring us together  
With peace as the song in our hearts!

**CHORUS**

What is the memory that’s valued so highly  
that we keep it alive in that flame  
What’s the commitment to those who have died  
when we cry out they’ve not died in vain  
We have come this far, always believing  
that justice would somehow prevail  
This is the burden, and this is the promise  
And this is why we will not fail!
12. **EIGHT DAYS OF HANUKKAH**

Once there was a time we had a Temple
Where every Jew would go three times a year
There we worshipped God in our tradition
Till suddenly a tyrant did appear

Then at Modin Mattathias told us
"Whoever is for God come join our band"
Led by Judah and his faithful brothers
We drove the tyrant from our holy land.

**CHORUS**

**EIGHT DAYS OF HANUKKAH, EIGHT DAYS OF HANUKKAH**
**WE CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHT**
**THOSE DAYS IN HISTORY STILL LIVE FOR YOU AND ME**
**LET'S KEEP THE FLAME FOREVER SHINING BRIGHT**

When they came to dedicate the Temple
How their hearts were heavy with despair
Impurities and idols all around them
And just one jar of pure oil was there

But with faith in God they cleansed the Temple
Kindled that small lamp with hope and love
Then the story had a happy ending
Eight days of blessed light came from above.

**CHORUS**

**EIGHT DAYS OF HANUKKAH, EIGHT DAYS OF HANUKKAH**
**WE CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHT**
**THOSE DAYS IN HISTORY STILL LIVE FOR YOU AND ME**
**LET'S KEEP THE FLAME FOREVER SHINING BRIGHT**
13. THE LATKE SONG

I am so mixed up that I cannot tell you
I’m sitting in this blender turning brown
I’ve made friends with the onions
and the flour and the cook is scouting oil
in town.

I sit here wond’ring what will ‘come of me
I can’t be eaten looking as I do.
I need someone to take me out
and cook me,
Or I’ll really end up in a royal stew.

CHORUS

I AM A LATKE, I AM A LATKE
AND I AM WAITING
FOR HANUKKAH TO COME
(repeat chorus)

14. SING WE OF HANUKKAH

Each year about this time
We celebrate our faith
Based on a miracle
From centuries ago.

Oil in a temple lamp
Enough for just one day
Burned bright for eight instead
A sign of God’s great power

CHORUS

Sing we of Hanukkah
Traditions of our family
Sing we those tales
Of long ago.

Sing we of Hanukkah
Traditions that will always be
Sing we those tales
Of long ago.

And now the dreidels spin
Proclaiming miracles
Warm latkes made with care
Traditions of our faith

Light candles burning bright
In gold menorahs
Remind us of the day
We saw God’s mighty power
15. **WHEN YOU BELIEVE**

Many nights we've prayed  
With no proof anyone could hear  
In our hearts a hopeful song  
We barely understood

Now we are not afraid  
Although we know there's much to fear  
We were moving mountains long  
Before we knew we could

There can be miracles when you believe  
Though hope is frail, its hard to kill  
Who knows what miracles you can achieve  
When you believe, somehow you will  
You will when you believe

In this time of fear  
When prayers so often prove in vain  
Hope seems like the summer birds  
Too swiftly flown away

Yet now I'm standing here  
My heart's so full I can't explain  
Seeking faith and speaking words  
I never thought I'd say

**CHORUS**

Ashira ladonai kee ga-oh ga-ah (2)  
Mi chamocha bacilim adonai  
Mi kamocha needar bakodesh  
Nachita b'chasdecha am zu ga-alta (2) Ashira (3)

16. **LO YISA GOY** *(Isaiah 2:4)*

Lo yisa goy el goy cherev  
Lo yilmedu od milchamah
Douglas the Dragon loved Hanukkah. He liked making potato latkas with his mommy. And he liked eating them. He liked playing dreidel...and exchanging presents...But — being a dragon — there was one thing he liked more than any other. Douglas loved the lighting of the menorah. And this year was extra special because his Daddy said Douglas was finally old enough to light the candles. Douglas was very upset. "Don't worry," his Daddy said. "You just need some more practice. So that night and all the next day, Douglas practiced...And practiced...And practiced...And practiced some more, until suddenly! He made a small flame. That night Douglas lit the Hanukkah candles. All by himself. It was the very best Hanukkah, ever.

17. **ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES**

Cuz he said no, no, no, no,
You cannot do this.
No, no, no, no, you cannot do that.
You may not read from Torah
And you may not dance the Hora
And you may not pray three times a day.

Cuz he said no, no, no, no,
You cannot do this.
No, no, no, no, you cannot do that.
His name is Antiochus
And he isn't trying to joke us,
Antiochus Epiphanes.

He was ruthless and impossible
And a tyrant at best.
He was angry, he was nasty,
A persistent little pest.

He made life for the Jewish people
Very hard to take.
He told the Jews that he was God
But we knew he was a fake.

**CHORUS**

So once again our history tells us
That we had to fight,
So that we could save the Jews
And live for what was right.
And every year about this time
We celebrate our chag,
Rededicating Temples
And our spirit to God.

**CHORUS**

Antiochus Epiphanes (2x)
19. **LIGHT THE MENORAH**

Light the Menorah,  
It's Hanukkah, it's Hanukkah;  
Light the Menorah  
When Hanukkah is here.

Light the Menorah,  
Say the blessings every night;  
Light the Menorah  
When Hanukkah is here.

Add a new candle every night,  
Light them for all to see,  
Sing special blessings and sweet songs,  
Now please sing along with me.

Light the Menorah,  
The candles burning for eight nights;  
Light the Menorah  
When Hanukkah is here.

Light the Menorah,  
It's Hanukkah, it's Hanukkah;  
Light the Menorah  
When Hanukkah is here.

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20. **THE DREIDEL SONG**

Nun, Gimel, Hey, Shin,  
Watch the dreidel spin, spin, spin.  
Nun, Gimel, Hey, Shin,  
Watch now, let the fun begin.  
Nun, Gimel, Hey, Shin,  
Spin the dreidel, try to win  
And sing along our dreidel song with me.

See the dreidel spinning 'round,  
Spinning 'round and 'round and 'round;  
When it stops, it will tell you,  
This is what you have to do.

**CHORUS (1x)**  

You take nothing Nun will say;  
Gimel wins, it's fun to play.  
Hey takes half, but land on Shin  
And you'll have to put some in.

**CHORUS (1x)**  

Sing along our dreidel song with me. (2x)

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**Is There Life After Chanukah?**

Chanukah begins on the twenty-fifth of Kislev and ends on the second day of Tevet. Just about six weeks later we celebrate another "Jewish New Year," the New Year of the Trees, Tu bi-Shevat. In Hebrew, the letters TET (ת) and VOY (ו), which make up the word Tu (ת"ו) equal 15 (9 = ט, 6 = ו). Tu bi-Shevat is the fifteenth day of the month of Shevat.

How many times does the word SHEVAT appear in the puzzle? Hint: Wish a tree a happy new year.  
Read up, down, backwards, and forwards.
"CHANUKAH WARS"

A long, long time ago in a land far, far away, the people of Israel were ruled by the dark forces of the invading Syrian-Greek Empire. The leader of the invaders, Antiochus, set forth a ruling that all Israelites must give up their Jewish beliefs and begin to worship idols of the Greek Gods.

Many of the Israelites had already chosen to forget their religion and were acting like the invaders. These Israelites were called "Hellenists"; they stopped observing Jewish rituals and holy days and lived a life style closer to Greek ways than to Judaism. But the Syrian-Greeks would not rest until all the Israelites followed their evil rulings. Syrian-Greek troopers stormed the countryside to force the Jewish people to change their beliefs. The situation seemed hopeless against the power of the invading army; but there was a ray of light ahead. A small band of Jews in a country village called Modiin decided to fight for their beliefs. Led by an old man, Mattathias, and his five sons, a group of dedicated Jews became the freedom fighters for justice and belief in the Jewish way of life.

Judah, one of Mattathias' sons, was destined to carry out his father's glory. Judah possessed a force of strength and bravery which earned him the nickname "Maccabee" or "mighty hammer." Soon Judah, his brothers, and a small band of Jewish followers became known as the Maccabees. A Jew who wanted to become a Maccabee had to fight great battles against the Syrian-Greek Empire, showing great courage and dedication to the one God - the all-powerful Ruler of our Universe.

The forces of the Maccabees battled the Syrian-Greeks for many years. The small Jewish army never gave up their hope for victory. Finally, their hopes became reality when the Maccabees recaptured Jerusalem and the Holy Temple, thus driving Antiochus and his troops from the country. Judah Maccabee and his forces of good cleansed and re-dedicated the Temple to the holy purpose of worshipping the one God. The Jewish way of life was returned to the children of Israel. An eight-day holiday was declared, recalling King Solomon's eight day celebration when the Temple building was completed almost 400 years earlier. Of course, the Temple lamp was re-kindled and the glorious event was recorded in the Book of the Maccabees.

This new festival of re-dedication to the light forces of truth and belief in Judaism was called Hanukkah - "dedication". In ancient days, the Israelites lit fires during the winter nights since the season was filled with short days. This may be why the custom arose of lighting a candle for each winter night of the Hanukkah festival. About 200 years after the very first Hanukkah, the Rabbis of the Talmud told a holy legend about a special cruse of oil, a small amount of oil, enough to last only one day which was found in the Holy Temple and burned miraculously in the Temple lamp for eight whole days. This famous legend is another fitting tribute of glory to the light force of the Maccabees' victory.

The real miracle of Hanukkah lives in the story of Judah and the Maccabees who performed the great deed of restoring Judaism to our people at a time of great oppression, at a time when many Jews turned away from their religion. The Maccabees force glows inside our homes each night that we light a Hanukkah candle. The glow reminds us to be "mighty hammers" of faith and courageous beliefs.

We, as Jews, hold the light power to hammer and shape our lives as Jews dedicated to a tradition of strength and beauty. May the force of re-dedication be with each and every one of us this year!
FAIR GAME

TAKE THE CHICKEN'S CHALLENGE!
GRAB YOUR FAMILY AND WORK THE PUZZLE...

ACROSS
1. JUDAH
2. YOU LIKE IT
3. INSECT
4. AUSTRALIAN BIRD
5. LEFTOVER, REMAINDER
6. BAKED PAGNY
7. ETERNAL LIGHT
8. WHERE JEWISH WORSHIP
9. MINERAL
10. HIT A BALL WITH THIS
11. FUEL OF LIFE
12. SMALL STATE (ABB)
13. AFTER MIDDLE SCHOOL (ABB)
14. SERVICE ORGANIZATION (ABB)
15. ABRAHAM LIVED IN ONE
16. MEASURE OF LAND
17. MONTH OF YEAR (ABB)
18. BED
19. GREETING (BACKWARDS)
20. IT SEEMS ON YOUR HEAD
21. WHAT PARTICULAR ONE
22. ESPECIALLY TALENTED
23. NOT YESTERDAY
24. NOT KOSHER
25. SHOCK
26. MIDWEST STATE (ABB)
27. OPPOSITE OF DO
28. VERSAILLES - E I OF ISRAEL
29. HAWAIIAN WREATH
30. R. IN SPAIN
31. WELL THAT ENDS WELL
32. HANNUKAH SONG (3 WORDS)
33. P.A.'S WIFE
34. FIRST TWO LETTERS
35. FEMALE SPELLED BACKWARDS
36. INC. PREP Y...
37. HEBREW girl's NAME
38. IT TURNED EIGHT DAYS
39. TO AND...
40. LINES AROUND AN OBJECT
41. HANNUKAH MONEY
42. TOP OF A HOUSE
43. HOLDS FLOWERS
44. MANY MANY MONTHS
45. FLOATING ICE

DOWN
1. HOLDS HANNUKAH CANDLES
2. OUR COUNTRY
3. RESTORE TO HEALTH
4. NEIGHBORS OF ISRAEL
5. TEMPLE ALTAR (HEBREW)
6. SEND OUT
7. CONCLUSION
8. SYRIAN GREEK TYRANT
9. LET IT STAND
10. ADAM & EVE ATE THIS
11. NOTHING
12. FOR A GOLF BALL
13. PATRIARCH OF MACCABEES
14. AGAINST (ABB)
15. WASHING BIRD
16. EXODUS AUTHOR
17. FLOWS THROUGH EGYPT
18. HANNUKAH ________ LIGHTS (3 WORDS)
19. CEREMONIAL OBSERVANCE
20. HE GETS YOU UP FROM SLEEP
21. BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE
22. CITY OF ISRAEL...
23. ABILITIES
24. BRANCH OF SERVICE U.S. (ABB)
25. CONSERVES
26. TOWN ________
27. OPPOSITE OF STOP (BACKWARDS)
28. CITRUS (HEBREW)
29. FOUNDATION
30. SWEET AS APPLE CIDER
31. RUN ________ YOUR LIFE
32. 2ND NOTE OF SCALE

Answers on Page 12
1. **Word Game**

The scrambled words below represent Hanukkah characters, foods, games, symbols, etc. Try to unscramble them. Set a time limit.

1. RANHOEM
2. TAIATASHMT
3. NAMOHNANES
4. LANDSEC
5. CEBMASCEA
6. HAAKHUNK
7. DDEERLI
8. KESLAT
9. SUCHOIAINT
10. YNAIRS

**Answers:**

1. Menorah
2. Mattathias
3. Hanukkah
4. Candles
5. Macaebes
6. Dreidel
7. Tackles
8. Antics
9. Antiochus
10. Syrinae

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**Crossword Puzzle**

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  MACCAEBES  BAGANT
  EMU  REMHUNT  PIE
  VERTAMID  TEMPLE
  ORE  BATH  VITAL
  RISH  USD  TENT
  ACRE  APR  COTT  TH
  HAIR  WHICH  ABLE
  TODAYS  V  TREE
  STUNKS  S  HIE
  HEALED  GAIN  A
  ALLS  ROCK  OF  AGES
  MAZABHRDGIST
  AVIVA  OIL  FRO
  SIDES  GELT  ROOF
  VASE  YES  BARG
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**Answers to Puzzle on Page 11**
A. It’s so delicate, the light.  
And there’s so little of it.  
The dark is huge.  
Just delicate needles, the light,  
in an endless night.  
And it has such a long way to go  
through such desolate space.

So let’s be gentle with it. Cherish it.  
So it will come again in the morning.  
Rolf Jacobsen

B. We are loved by an unending love.  
We are embraced by arms that find us  
even when we are hidden from ourselves.

We are touched by fingers that soothe us  
even when we are too proud for soothing.  
We are counseled by voices that guide us  
even when we are too embittered to hear.  
We are loved by an unending love.

We are supported by hands that uplift us  
even in the midst of a fall.  
We are urged on by eyes that meet us  
even when we are too weak for meeting.  
We are loved by an unending love.

Embraced, touched, soothed, and  
counseled...  
 ours are the arms, the fingers, the voices;  
ours are the hands, the eyes, the smiles;  
We are loved by an unending love.  
Rami M. Shapiro (adapted)

C. Connections are made slowly,  
sometimes they grow underground. You  
cannot tell always by looking what is  
happening. More than half a tree is spread  
out in the soil under your feet. Penetrate  
quietly as the earthworm that blows no  
trumpet. Fight persistently as the creeper  
that brings down the tree. Spread like the  
squash plant that overruns the garden.  
Gnaw in the dark and use the sun to make  
sugar.

Weave real connections, create real nodes,  
build real houses. Live a life you can  
endure: make love that is loving. Keep  
tangling and interweaving and taking more  
in, a thicket and bramble wilderness to the  
outside, but to us interconnected with rabbit  
rungs and burrows and lairs.

Reach out, keep reaching out, keep bringing  
in. This is how we are going to live for a  
long time: not always, for every gardener  
knows that after the digging, after the  
planting, after the long season of tending  
and growth, the harvest comes.  
Marge Piercy
D. So pharaonic oppression, deliverance, Sinai and Canaan are still with us, powerful memories shaping our perceptions of the political world. The “door of hope” is still open; things are not what they might be – even when what they might be isn’t totally different from what they are. We still believe, or many of us do, what the Exodus first taught, or what it has commonly been taken to teach, about the meaning and possibility of politics and about its proper form:
- first, that wherever you live, it is probably Egypt;
- second, that there is a better place, a world more attractive, a promised land;
- and third, that “the way to the land is through the wilderness.” There is no way to get from here to there except by joining together and marching.

Michael Walzer

E. A BLESSING

May your eyes sparkle with the light of Torah, and your ears hear the music of its words. May the space between each letter of the scrolls bring warmth and comfort to your soul. May the syllables draw holiness from your heart, and may this holiness be gentle and soothing to the world. May your study be passionate and meanings bear more meanings until life itself arrays itself to you as a dazzling wedding feast. And may your conversation, even of the commonplace, be a blessing to all who listen to your words and see the Torah glowing on your face.

Danny Siegel

F. This is how a human being can change:
there’s a worm addicted to eating grape leaves.

Suddenly, he wakes up, call it grace, whatever, something wakes him, and he’s no longer a worm.

He’s the entire vineyard, and the orchard too, the fruit, the trunks, a growing wisdom and joy that doesn’t need to devour.

Rumi

G. THE HEART OF THE STRANGER

We were strangers in Egypt and Kiev, we were foreigners in Babylon and Berlin.

We were outsiders and wanderers in Spain and Poland and France.

We looked at the citizens of those lands with the dark pleading eyes of the alien. Our hearts beat the hesitant beat of people without rights, fearful and uncertain.

We pray: Help us to remember the heart of the stranger when we walk in freedom.

Help us to be fair and upright in all our dealings with every person.

Burn and brand the lesson of all the years and all the lands on our hearts.

Make us forever strangers to discrimination and injustice.

Ruth F. Brin
H. The real victory of the Maccabees was winning the right to self-determination; the right to rededicate themselves to their ideals and their way. Such a victory is never permanent. The right to self-determination must be won again and again; it is forever in jeopardy.

As long as there are tyrants to enslave the body, and false doctrines to further suspicion and hate rather than cooperation and hope, so long as we must fear for our survival as a people and a plant, we must place our hope in fragile flames. Flames kindled by ordinary people in extraordinary times.

We are these people. These are the times.  
*Sherwin Wine*

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I. Whoever can protest and prevent his household from committing a sin and does not, is accountable for the sins of his household; if he could protest and prevent his fellow citizens, he is accountable for the sins of his fellow citizens; if the whole world, he is accountable for the whole world.  
*Talmud*

J. A tzaddik was going to warn the people of Sodom and Gomorrah that they should turn from their evil ways. A man mocked him: “But your words will never change their ways.” “I know,” replied the tzaddik, “but my words will prevent me from becoming one of them.”  
*Hasidic*

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K. **FOR OUR WORLD**

We need to stop. Just stop.  
Stop for a moment. Before anybody says or does anything that may hurt anyone else.  
We need to be silent. Just silent. Silent for a moment.  
Before we forever lose the blessing of songs that grow in our hearts.  
We need to notice. Just notice. Notice for a moment.  
Before the future slips away into ashes and dust of humility.  
Stop, be silent, and notice. In so many ways, we are the same. Our differences are unique treasures.

We have, we are, a mosaic of gifts  
To nurture, to offer, to accept.  
We need to be. Just be.  
Be for a moment, kind and gentle, innocent and trusting, like children and lambs, never judging or vengeful.  
Like the judging and vengeful.  
And now, let us pray, differently, yet together, before there is no earth, no life, no chance for peace.  
*Mattie J. T. Stepanek*
L. And I must confess, my friends, 
that the road ahead will not 
always be smooth. 
There will still be rocky places 
of frustration and meandering points 
of bewilderment. There will be inevitable 
setbacks here and there. And there will be 
those moments when the buoyancy of hope 
will be transformed into the fatigue of 
despair. Our dreams will sometimes be 
shattered and our ethereal hopes blasted. 
But difficult and painful as it is, we must 
walk on in the days ahead with an 
audacious faith in the future. 

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

M. TURN, TURN, TURN

To everything – turn, turn, turn 
there is a season – turn, turn, turn 
And a time for every purpose under heaven

A time to be born, a time to die 
A time to plant, a time to reap 
A time to kill, a time to heal 
A time to laugh, a time to weep 

A time to build up, a time to break down 
A time to dance, a time to mourn 
A time to cast away stones 
A time to gather stones together

A time of war, a time of peace 
A time of love, a time of hate 
A time you may embrace 
A time to refrain from embracing 
A time to gain, a time to lose 
A time to rend, a time to sew 
A time to love, a time to hate 
A time of peace, I swear it’s not too late! 

Ecclesiastes/Pete Seeger

N. T'FILAT HADERECH

May we be blessed as we go on our way 
May we be guided in peace 
May we be blessed with health and joy 
May this be our blessing. Amen.

May we be sheltered by the wings of peace 
May we be kept in safety and in love 
May love and compassion 
find their way to every soul 
May this be our blessing. Amen.

Debbie Friedman

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