



# DAILY BOOST

## 1 TEVES

CELEBRATING MIRACLES

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## YOU ARE MOSHIACH'S CANDLE

*[To commemorate the miracles of Chanukah,] the sages of that generation ordained that each of the eight nights [of Chanukah be celebrated by...] lighting candles in the evening at the entrance to the houses to publicize and reveal the miracle. (Rambam, Mishneh Torah, Zmanim, Megillah v'Chanukah, 3:3)*

G-d performed the miracle of Chanukah by using oil and light to teach us many lessons, as Mishlei (20:27) states, "The soul of man is the candle of G-d."

- *A candle is complete with fuel and wick, but it requires fire to produce light.* A soul is always pure and holy, but without understanding and inspiration, it remains dormant.
- *Once a candle is lit, it burns without further assistance.* Once the mind is ignited by the light of the soul, it, too, grows.
- *A candle's light spreads in all directions, benefiting everyone around.* A fiery soul spreads light and joy to all those near and far.
- *The candle doesn't consume the oil and wick for its own sake, but to provide light for others.* The soul descends to this world not to perfect itself, but to light up the darkness of the world.
- *One candle loses nothing by lighting another candle.* One soul loses nothing by teaching and inspiring another.
- *A candle needs a holder to make use of oil or fuel.* The soul needs Torah and mitzvos to express its essence.

We must make ourselves into luminous candles to spread the light of Moshiach, as we say (Rosh Hashanah Amidah), "Prepare a candle for the son of Yishai, your Moshiach, speedily in our days."

*Likkutei Sichos, vol. II, pg. 484, and footnote 18*

