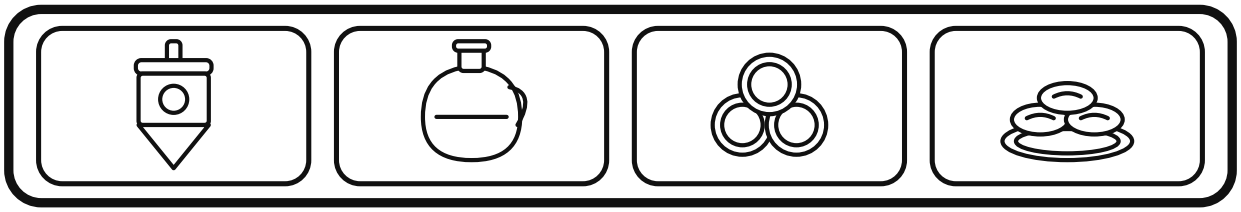
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Read the book, then answer the questions.



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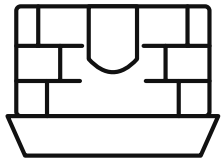
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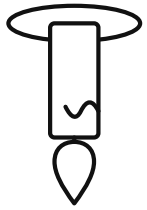
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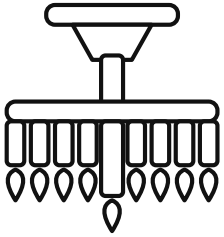
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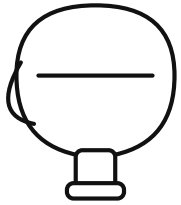
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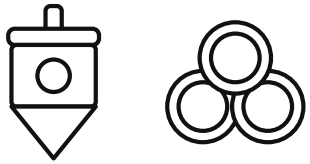
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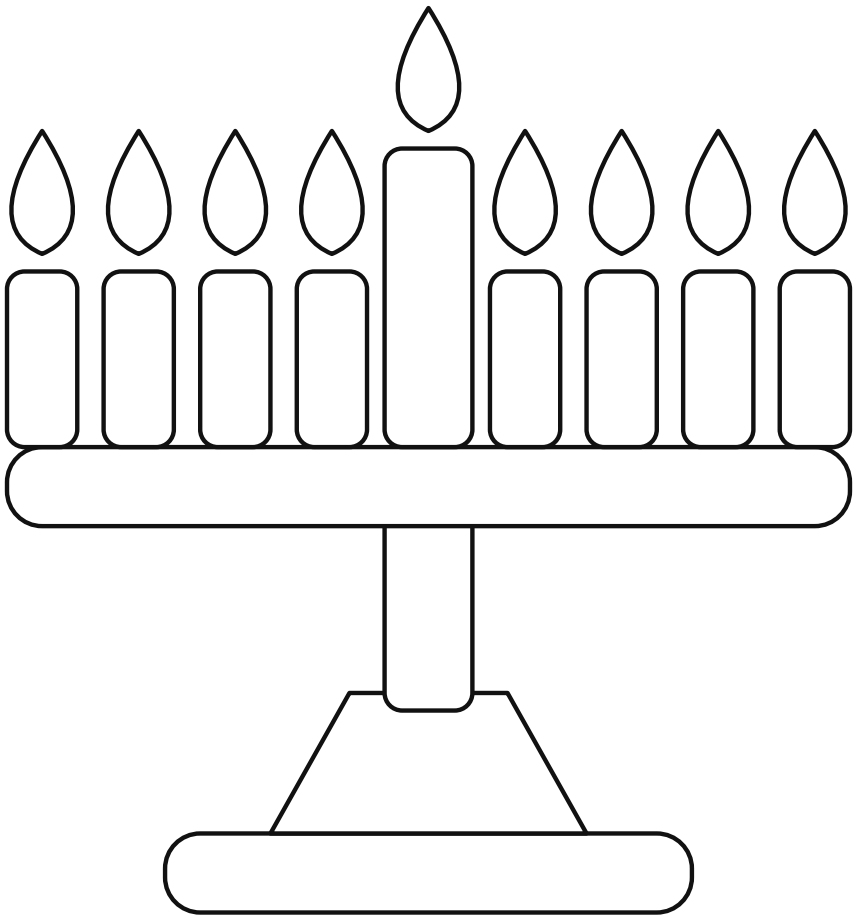


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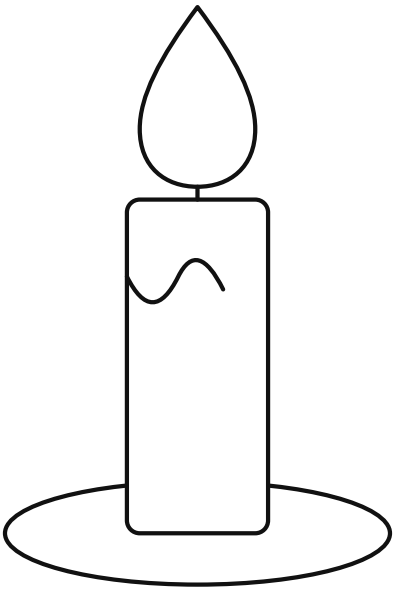
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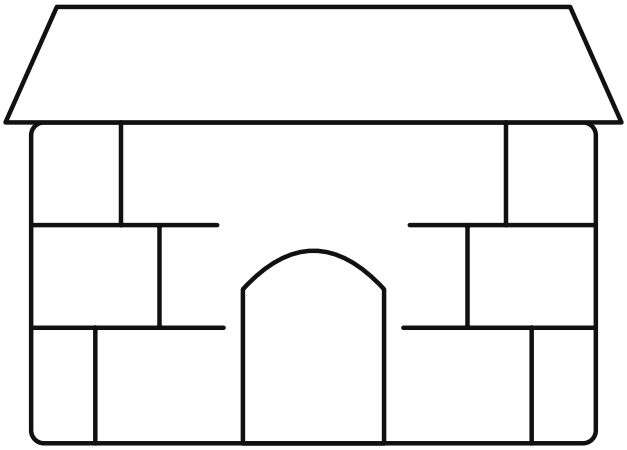


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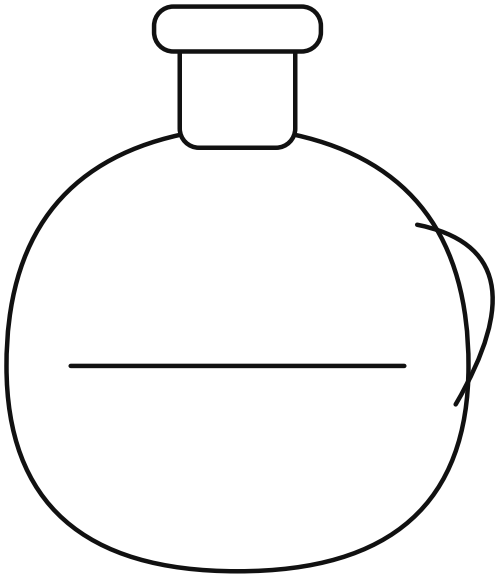


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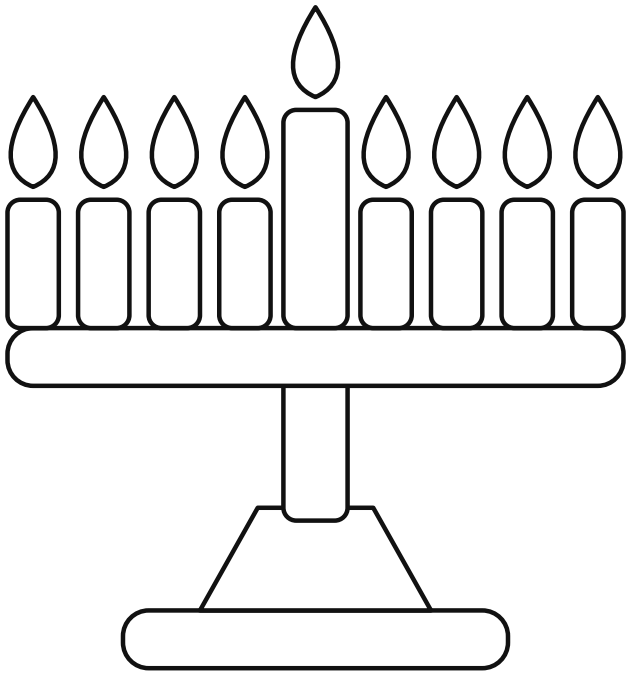
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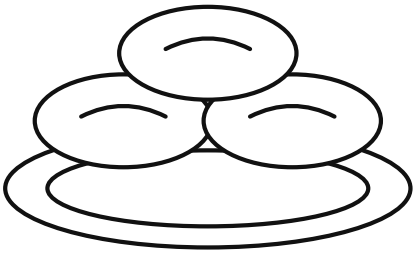


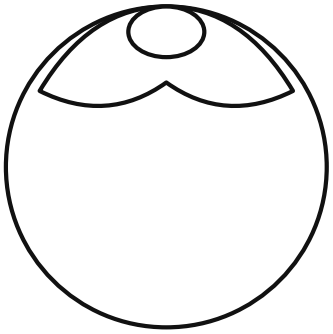
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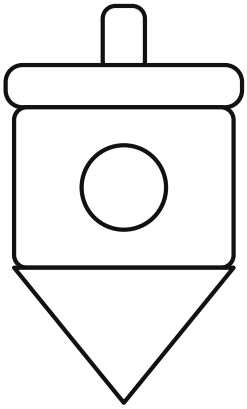


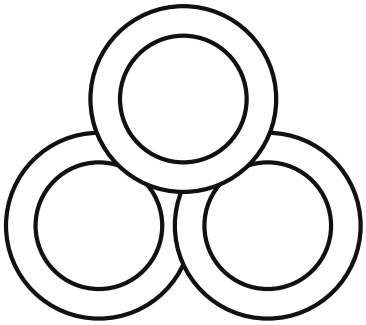
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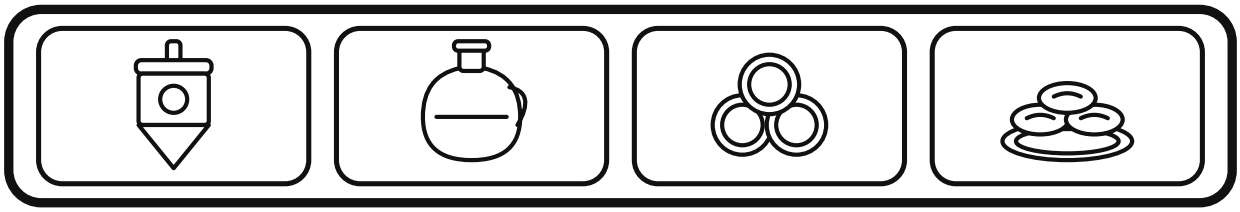
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Answers

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   Eight nights

2. What does the word Hanukkah mean?

   Dedication

3. How many candles does a Hanukkah menorah hold?

   Nine: eight and the shamash

4. Name one food people eat at Hanukkah.

   Latkes or jam doughnuts

5. Why do you think people eat foods cooked in oil at Hanukkah?

   Possible answer: to remember the little jar of oil that lasted eight days

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