

## **SERMON IN SONG INTROS TO EACH SONG:**

**READER 1:** Hannukah; festival of lights, festival of freedom. On these eight days we remember our struggle and triumph against oppression. Led by Judah, the Maccabees saved the Temple in Jerusalem from utter destruction, ensuring the future of the Jewish people.

**READER 2:** As we come to light the Hannukah candles, we recall how the Jewish spirit won against all odds and continues to live in the face of adversity.

## **SONG: EIGHT DAYS OF HANUKKAH**

**READER 3:** From the Sephardic Jews we get the language of Ladino, a mixture of Spanish from the Middle ages and Hebrew. The Sephardic Jews originated in Spain, but upon their expulsion, they migrated to the Middle East to such countries as Yemen, Iran, Iraq and Morocco.

**READER 4:** This song by Flory Jagoda is from their tradition: "Beautiful Hannukah is here, eight candles for me. Many parties I will have, with happiness and pleasure... The little pastries we will eat filled with almonds and honey."

## **SONG: OCHO CANDELIKAS**

**READER 5:** Although we celebrate the victory of Judah and the Maccabees over the Syrian Greeks, there is an untold story of the true hero of the Hanukkah Story--Mrs. Maccabeus!

## **SONG: EACH HANUKKAH WE GLORIFY**

**READER 6:** The story of Hanukkah is not only about one time in Jewish history where we fought for freedom. It is about remembering that in every age, we must continue our pursuit of justice and freedom.

**READER 7:** Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul, and Mary, wrote his anthem, "Light One Candle," as a reminder that the lights of the Hanukkah Menorah should light the way of justice for all people everywhere. If you count every time we sing, "Light One Candle," you'll count up to eight--the eight nights and lights of Hanukkah.

## **SONG: LIGHT ONE CANDLE**

**EVERYONE SAY TOGETHER:** "Khappy Khanukkah!"