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## Chanukah, Sicha 2

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In the Rambam it says that if a person only has enough money,  
To buy Shabbos candles or Chanukah candles to shine brightly,  
Shabbos candles take priority,  
Because their light brings peace in the home physically.

A proof the Rambam does bring,  
To show that peace is the most important thing.  
From an Isha Sotah, a woman who did stray,  
And acted in an immodest way.

In order to prove that she wasn't guilty,  
So that she could live with her husband in peace and harmony,  
On a piece of parchment Hashem's name was written with the intention,  
That it would be erased when put into water that was drunk by the woman.

To have His name erased, Hashem did agree,  
Because peace is the most important thing there could be!  
As a matter of fact the reason that the Torah was given,  
Was so that peace would increase in the world through the Yidden.

True peace is when there is no opposition,  
Between earth and heaven.  
True peace is when we take away the disguise,  
So that Hashem is the only one, the whole world does realize!

But in the times of Chanukah the peace was shattered,  
 In the town square of every city the Jews were gathered.  
 To hear the terrible decrees that the Greeks did make,  
 The entire Torah was at stake!

With self sacrifice the Macabees fought with all their might,  
 To save the Torah and the light of Yidishkeit!  
 Although we were few in number, Hashem was on our side the whole world did see!  
 Miraculously, we were victorious against the Greek army!

Peace finally did reign and we were able to practice our religion openly,  
 We were able to study Torah and do Mitzvos proudly!  
 Because of the Chanukah miracle,  
 We continued our mission of revealing Hashem in the physical!

Therefore when a Mitzvah we see,  
 That helps bring peace practically.  
 It includes all the other Mitzvos that we can do,  
 Because bringing peace is the mission for every Jew.

The Chanukah candles shine so bright,  
 But we are not permitted to benefit from their light.  
 While Shabbos candles which are meant to bring honor and delight,  
 Naturally bring peace into the home on Friday night.

Especially in the olden days before electricity,  
 The Shabbos candles were key,  
 To bring peace in the home clearly,  
 Because it ensured that no one would trip and fall because they couldn't see.

Therefore if between Shabbos candles and Chanukah candles one must choose,  
 For Shabbos candles the money we must use!  
 Because Shabbos candles brings out,  
 What Chanukah is all about!

Since lighting Shabbos candles is as powerful as can be,  
 We must encourage every woman and girl to light candles weekly.  
 Until we will merit the coming of Moshiach when Hashem will no longer hide,  
 And all the negativity will come over to the good side!

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