

The Daily Portion

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The ninth candle of never-ending miracles

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We lit the Chanuka candles for eight days and we recited the additional AL HANISIM (for the miracles) prayer during the Amida and Birkat HaMazon. Now that Chanuka is over, what's next?

Rabbi Elimelech Biederman tells us: We only need to look closely around us. Today we can also say AL HANISIM if only we pay attention to what we see...

Today during shacharit (the morning prayer), as on every other day (three times a day!), we thank God and say:

“And for Your miracles that are with us every day, and for Your wonders and Your goodness at all times – evening, morning, and afternoon.”

If we contemplate what we see around us we will discover that every day is full of miracles, Divine Providence, and special wonder.

“For the miracles and for the wonders” is not only meant for eight days but is part of the daily Jewish routine.

Let's try and take from Chanuka the

AL HANISIM attitude, wear AL HANISIM glasses, search for miracles in everyday life – and be grateful for every moment.

B'HATZLACHA.

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