

I Light Up the World – Menorah Craft

Chanukah Self-Esteem Activity

This Chanukah-themed arts and crafts project helps children build self-esteem by recognizing both their kind actions and their unique strengths.

Each flame on the menorah represents a way they bring light into the world — through what they do and who they are.

Start with a discussion:

Talk about the purpose of lighting a candle — to bring light into dark places. Explain that every person has their own special light — the ways they make the world brighter.

Prepare your menorah:

Decorate the base with the words: “My Light Shines Bright!”
On the shamash (helper candle), write your name.

Activity Instructions:

Read through the flame choices below. Cut out the ones that describe you best.

Complete your flames:

On half the flames, finish the sentence:
“I light up the world when I...”

On the other half, finish
“I light up the world with my...”

Be creative!

You can also come up with your own ideas to write on extra flames.

Assemble your menorah:

Glue the flames onto the candles and decorate them to shine bright with color and sparkle.

Share and celebrate:

If you're doing this in a group, invite each child to share one aloud -
“I light up the world when I...”
Celebrate everyone's unique light — every flame counts!







I LIGHT UP THE WORLD WHEN I...

help someone who's
having a hard day

include others in
my game

say something nice
to someone

try again after I
make a mistake

listen carefully
when someone is
talking

take turns
and share

stand up for what's
right

comfort a friend
who feels sad

take responsibility
for my actions

keep trying even
when it's tough

do a mitzvah
without being asked

make others
laugh or smile

I LIGHT UP THE WORLD WITH MY...

kindness

creativity and
imagination

musical talent
(singing, playing an
instrument)

artistic skill
(drawing, painting,
crafting)

athletic
ability

sense of
humor

patience

curiosity and
love of learning

helpful
hands

courage to
try new things

positive
attitude

leadership and
teamwork

