



Lighting the menorah, one candle a day for eight days, is a Hanukkah ritual. The lights commemorate the relighting of the eternal light or the "Nehr Tomid" in the ancient Temple in Jerusalem by the Macca-

bees. It signifies the right of people to freedom of religion and to loyalty to one's traditions and represents the triumph of democracy over tyranny.

## Hanukkah:

**H**ANUKKAH, the eight-day Jewish Festival of Lights, celebrates the first struggle in human history when men fought not for material possessions and land but for the ideals of liberty and religious freedom.

In 175 B.C. Antiochus IV became the king of Syria, the land to which Israel had been annexed. He tried to force the Jews to renounce their faith and their customs, to worship Greek idols so that the kingdom would be composed of one people, all uniform, all believing and doing the same things.

Antiochus decreed that any Jew caught observing the Sabbath or having in his possession the Torah Scroll, the Five Books of Moses, or who in any way maintained Jewish ceremonies and did not worship the Greek gods, many of whose statues bore the features of Antiochus — would be killed.

The flag of rebellion was raised in Modin, a small town northwest of Jerusalem by Mattathias and his five sons, who rallied Jews from the entire country to join their guerilla forces. After the death of Mattathias, the fight was continued under the leadership of Judah Maccabee. Maccabee is Hebrew for hammer and symbolizes that Judah and his Maccabees were the "hammer of the Lord" as they fought against the Syrians.

Through brilliant military tactics, Judah and Maccabee and his small group

### Special Holiday Purchase

Hathaway Dress Shirts

\$22.50

Reg. \$30.

Regular or button-down collar.  
Mostly of a cotton blend.  
Assorted stripes.  
14 1/2-17 in average sleeve lengths. 32-33 or 34-35.



**whalings**  
has great gifts for men.

203 PIERCE IN BIRMINGHAM

646-1212

Open Thurs. & Fri. Eve. til 9 PM

GHURKA.  
A LASTING TRADITION.

### The Runabout.

Superbly made with a touchy interior and plenty of pockets. Ideal for the woman whose bag needs to be as flexible as her schedule.



### Gurka Waller.

All leather, slim and roomy with removable checkbook, zippered charge pocket and numerous compartments.



BIRMINGHAM

184 Pierce St.  
646-1225

**The Sportsman**



**BIRMINGHAM**

