

REBOOT HANUKKAH RESOURCE GUIDE

Lighting the Darkness

With winter's longer and darker days, the Hanukkah ritual of lighting candles provides the much-needed opportunity to pause and shine fresh light on how we choose to spend our time and what needs our attention. In that spirit, Reboot has put together quick bits of things to read, watch and listen to to help illuminate the hidden corners and give you new paths to forge ahead.

From **Give Light** and **Jeremiah Lockwood's** solo Chanukah album to eight nights of reflections on everything from science to **Kung Pao Pastrami Latkes**, our easy to share Hanukkah material is both rooted in Jewish stories and is inclusive, encompassing shared universal themes. Like everything Reboot does, **this collection of content can easily complement or supplement your traditional holiday experiences to personalize how you embrace this holiday season.**

The materials you can download here include:

[Give Light](#)

[A Great Miracle: Jeremiah Lockwood's Guitar Soli Chanukah Record](#)

[Reboot Ideas](#)

[Six Word Memoir](#)

[The Jewish Bizarre Podcast](#)



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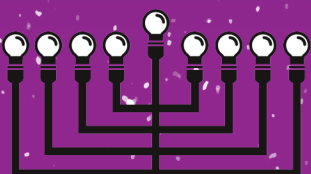
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GIVE LIGHT

Reboot's [Give Light Hanukkah Initiative](#) re-imagines the concept of gift giving into **tikkun olam** and asks people to consider how they "give light" to others this season. Giving light can have many meanings... it may mean giving time, talents or money to the causes you believe in. It may mean speaking up to injustice. It may mean supporting a friend or loved one in need. Or it may mean something completely unique to you.

The Give Light resources include:

- [Give Light Poster](#): Display in a lobby, classroom or at a party and have people write their intentions for giving light on yellow, orange and red Post-It Notes and stick them on as the "flames" to bring the menorah to life.
- [Give Light Activity Sheet and Bookmarks](#): These interactive tools can be used by individuals, families or communities as they light the Menorah candles each night; they can be used in classrooms as an activity throughout the 8 days or at a Hanukkah party as a conversation starter. We have designed these for easy at-home printing, with two sides back to back, and three to a page for easy cutting.
- [Give Light Keychain Activity](#): This very simple keychain reflection activity is versatile for many gatherings or events. Learn how to create your own Give Light keychains and facilitate this activity for children in your community.
- [Give Light Coupon Book](#): Show others what you care about. The pages of the coupon book can be used to give the gift of "light" to someone else during the holiday. Each coupon says, "On this night I give light by _____ as a gift to _____." The printable coupon sheets can be given out to individuals or can be used in a hands-on craft. Participants can cut each of the coupons out, make a cover with scrapbooking paper and secure the pages with metal brads.

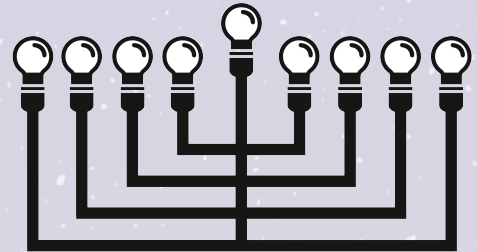


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GIVE LIGHT 2020 VIDEO SERIES

In December 2020, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Reboot curated eight gifts of imagination from our community of culture creators, asking them to share the music, art and ideas that were providing them with light in that moment. One for each night of the holiday (plus a bonus ninth video for the shamash!), we share these gifts out for others to find light inside.



GIVE LIGHT

VIEW FULL PLAYLIST [HERE](#)

[Kung Pao Pastrami Latkes](#)

- As parents, Mission Chinese Food founders **Karen Leibowitz** and **Anthony Myint** have worked to blend their different cultural backgrounds into their own new family traditions. There are many twists on latkes for Hanukkah, but few have the culinary genius of their Kung Pao Pastrami Latkes. The James Beard Award-winners, founders of the nonprofit Zero Foodprint and owners of Mission Chinese Food in San Francisco, chop up the one-of-a-kind Hanukkah recipe with their daughter Aviva and introduce their Give a Ton sustainability campaign.

[Call Me Ishmael](#)

- **Logan Smalley** and **Steph Kent**, founders of CallMeIshmael.com – a creative, participatory literary initiative that was an honoree for the National Book Foundation’s Innovations In Reading Prize in 2015, share a reflection by writer **A.J. Jacobs** on the children's classic, *The Cat In the Hat*.



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GIVE LIGHT 2020 VIDEO SERIES (cont.)

[Dixie Plus Dreidel](#)

- Guitarist and vocalist **Luther Dickinson** and jazz musician **Sharisse Norman**, of the multiple Grammy-nominated North Mississippi Allstars, welcome us to Royal Studios in Memphis, Tennessee. Lighting the second night of candles, Luther asks us to “give light” to those suffering from loneliness, depression, homelessness and hunger. And, together they serve up some Dixie plus dreidel.

[The Light Within](#)

- The most beautiful menorah you will ever find. Guided by her practice of moving meditation to process lived experience and give shape to the intentions and hopes **Olivia Guterson** has for the world, along with fellow Jewish artist **Laura Earle**, she designed and constructed solar-powered, recycled paper lanterns with the goal of shining light on the homeless in Detroit. The lanterns will raise awareness and funding for additional resources and support. Their interpretation of growth, resilience, and hope is embedded in the pattern of the lanterns. The lanterns will live among us unlit during the day and at night serve as beacons of light, beauty, hope, and a reminder that there are no throw-away people or resources.

[The Most Important Least Important Thing](#)

- **Roger Bennett** of Men in Blazers fame, Reboot’s co-founder and former Hanukkah cynic shares how soccer - the most beautiful game - provided a new appreciation for what he long considered an overblown holiday. As he sees (English) football as a light in the darkness of the pandemic, he sees Hanukkah as the light in the darkness of winter. And when he lights his candles this year, he will do it with gratitude and awe, love for his family and of course David Beckham.



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GIVE LIGHT 2020 VIDEO SERIES (cont.)

[Lessons from the Lockdown](#)

- “Lessons from the Lockdown” is an animation-meditation with music, words and pictures from **Rebecca Odes** and **Christopher Noxon** and inspiration and organization from **Beth Karlin**. The project grew out of conversations during the pandemic lockdown. The short film offers eight points of reflection to light our way through the darkness, with narration by the **Reverend RK Smith** of Dexter Avenue Church in Montgomery Alabama.

[The Miracle of Shakespeare](#)

- Artists have employed light as metaphor throughout time. Shakespeare scholar and actor, **Dr. James Allen Jones**, takes us into the mind of Shakespeare’s Othello. In this intimate moment, Dr. Jones draws a parallel between the miracle witnessed by Judah Maccabee in the beloved Hanukkah story, and the guidance given by the Duke of Venice to Othello in Shakespeare’s classic play. Both moments of revelation are symbolized with the power of light.

[The Weight of the World is Love with Laurie Anderson](#)

- Rooted to the earth by the light of the flame, with shooting stars fading in and out of the night sky, **Laurie Anderson** muses on light, its absence, and faith in its presence, even when sensed but not visible.

[We Believe... In Science](#)

- Back by popular demand, the intergenerational power duo, Emmy Award-winning writer, director, producer **Ann Druyan** and her equally illuminating daughter, author **Sasha Sagan** join us for the 8th night of Hanukkah. On this the night of miracles, they remind us of the awe and wonder in the capacity of scientific discovery through the ages.



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A GREAT MIRACLE: JEREMIAH LOCKWOOD'S GUITAR SOLI CHANUKAH RECORD

[*A Great Miracle: Jeremiah Lockwood's Guitar Soli Chanukah Record*](#) is a beautiful solo guitar tribute to the holiday. With heartfelt appreciation of the 1968 classic *The New Possibility: John Fahey's Guitar Soli Christmas Record*, Lockwood has sweetly crafted eight songs, one for each night of Chanukah, to celebrate the dancing candlelight with his new, blues-inspired takes on the most beloved melodies of the holiday's canon. From the prayers for lighting the candles to the kids' songs that are sung around the burning menorah, Lockwood paints the light through the darkness with his instrumental creations.

- [Listen on YouTube](#)
- [Get the Album](#)



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REBOOT IDEAS

[Reboot Ideas](#) hosts the critical conversations that are evolving the Jewish experience and transforming society. For 20 years, Reboot has been gathering and catalyzing some of the best and brightest change-agents for off-the-record conversations about Jewish identity and meaning, and we are now amplifying these vital ideas and bringing in wider perspectives to identify and carve new pathways for wandering Jews and the world we live in. We have selected two recent ideas conversations that were produced for the 2021 Hanukkah season and explore the themes of **democracy, antisemitism, music, and ritual.**

REBOOT IDEAS

[Democracy Thrives in Light](#)

- Too often the fights for equity and justice ignite surprising and new altercations. Why are long-held allies fracturing? What are we not seeing? With Eric K. Ward, nationally recognized expert on authoritarian movements, and movement pioneer, Ilyse Hogue, Reboot Ideas will use the flames of Hanukkah to illuminate the cracks where white supremacy, antisemitism and misogyny jeopardize our social fabric and help shape the multiracial, inclusive democracy that we strive for.



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REBOOT IDEAS (cont.)

[Ancient Psalms Meet Contemporary Folk](#)

- Grammy-nominated producer and writer, Nathan Salsburg, has dedicated his life to using music to tell the stories of our lives. As both the curator of the renown Alan Lomax Archive now housed at the Library of Congress, and a musician whose own works build on American traditions, Salsburg is constantly innovating, inspired by the voices that came before. In 2021, Salsburg dove into his Jewish inherited sounds, releasing a record of psalms and Jewish poetry that he studied, recontextualized and produced with fellow folk musicians for the album, Psalms. Join Reboot for a conversation with Salsburg and Reboot CEO David Katznelson, a Grammy-nominated producer in his own right, and also no stranger to the power of the tincture of history and sound to propel us forward. The two dig into Salsburg's Psalms, the process, his impetus and the impact on him personally of deeply investigating his Judaism now. You will be treated to a musical and thoughtful conversation about the value of listening to the sounds of our past to imagine our future.

SIX WORD MEMOIR

With cards prompting for [Six Word Memoirs](#) on both "Light" and "Hanukkah," this is a great way to encourage creative interpretation of the holiday. Use the Six Words tools at home, in your classroom, or with friends over the dinner table to succinctly share what you will be doing to make the world a better place this holiday season.



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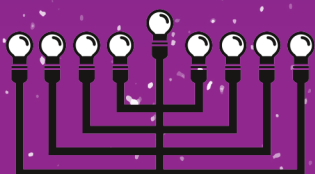
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THE JEWISH BIZARRE PODCAST

This Hanukkah, a brand-new podcast from Reboot...rioting mothers, anarchist parties and pseudoscience - everything you never learned in Hebrew school and that your Rabbi still doesn't want you to know. Dr. Eddy Portnoy, Academic Advisor for the Max Weinreich Center and Exhibition Curator at the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, Dr. Tony Michels, Professor of Jewish American History at UW Madison, and Jessica Chaffin, writer, comedian and host of the popular podcast *Ask Ronna* join up on [The Jewish Bizarre Podcast](#) to discuss the strangest corners of Jewish history.



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