

Light up  
Literacy



## Logistics for Administrator of the Program

*We are pleased to be working with you this year!*

Light Up Literacy is a resource-rich program created to help you as you bring to life the value of *tikkum olam* during Hanukkah for your students and their families.

It begins four weeks prior to the seventh night of Hanukkah with classroom activities to bring awareness to students about impoverished Maya children in Guatemala. These children live on less than two dollars a day, have illiterate parents, own no books, have no public library and rarely have books at school. Only 25% of these children make it to the sixth grade and only 10% make it to high school. The possibilities for their lives are severely diminished by this.

By participating in Light Up Literacy your students will have an opportunity to give the gift of literacy to children in Guatemala. In lieu of giving Hanukkah gifts on the seventh night, we are asking parents to make a monetary gift to Reading Village to provide books for children in Guatemala. Donations will be brought to the classroom and students will receive a special hand-woven, blue and white, Guatemalan friendship bracelet.

And on the seventh night of Hanukkah, families will celebrate the blessing of literacy as they light the candles, read a story together and share their thoughts and feelings about the importance of reading in their lives with help from the Hanukkah Celebration Guide. And students will receive a certificate acknowledging the donation made in their name.

Below is a timeline for rolling out the program. All materials listed in bold letters are available on our website.

### Timeline and Materials

8 weeks before the 7 <sup>th</sup> night of Hanukkah	Download, print, copy and distribute <b>Letter to Teachers</b> .
7 weeks before the 7 <sup>th</sup> night of Hanukkah	Meet with teachers, explain the program and hand out <b>Lesson Plans, Hanukkah Celebration Guide</b> and <b>Posters</b> . Show the <b>3-minute video</b> that can be used in classrooms.
6 weeks before the 7 <sup>th</sup> night of Hanukkah	Place your order for friendship bracelets. See web site for <b>Bracelet Order Form and Instructions</b> .
4 weeks before the 7 <sup>th</sup> night of Hanukkah	Program begins. Teachers lead activities in the <b>Lesson Plans</b> , explain program to students, show the <b>3-minute</b>

**video**, hang **Posters** in their room, send home **Letter to Parents/Donation Form**.

Begin collecting donations (and receipts from online donations) and handing out bracelets. (Checks are written to Reading Village.)

During the program

You might consider putting a “thermometer” in a common area for students to measure their progress.

Use any communications methods at your disposal to create awareness of the program: announcements, newsletters, bulletins, meetings, events, posters, etc.

7<sup>th</sup> night of Hanukkah

Parents give children **Tzedakah Certificates**, use **Hanukkah Celebration Guide** for lighting candles.

To conclude

If you hold a school assembly for Hanukkah prior to winter break this is a good time to announce the success of the program and incorporate themes of giving and literacy in the ceremony.

After

Mail checks to:  
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3210 15<sup>th</sup> St  
Boulder, CO 80304

Let us know how it went!

Email [Linda@readingvillage.org](mailto:Linda@readingvillage.org) with your stories, comments and suggestions for how to improve the program.