

Light up
Literacy



Dear Parents,

It is our mission to provide our children with a strong foundation of Jewish ethical, moral, and spiritual values. We have partnered with Reading Village, an organization working to eradicate illiteracy in Guatemala. Fifty percent of the rural Guatemalan's are illiterate and we have taken it upon ourselves to help change this statistic by participating in a campaign called "Light up Literacy."

Since the Torah tells us God created the world in six days, and rested on the seventh day, on the seventh night of Hanukkah, we are asking parents to help give illiteracy a rest. In lieu of giving Hanukkah gifts on that night, we are asking parents to give a monetary gift to Reading Village to provide books for children in Guatemala.

The mission of the Reading Village Organization is "transforming lives through literacy." By donating to this cause, we will be transforming the lives of Guatemalan children giving them the gift of literacy, and transforming our children's lives by giving them the gift of giving.

Our children are blessed to live in an environment rich with resources that we may take for granted. This campaign will help our families remember our blessings and serve as a reminder of our commitment to *Tikkun Olam*, to repair the world.

Simply return the attached donation form with your check to the school/temple, and your child will receive a special, hand-woven blue and white Guatemalan friendship bracelet. There are also available on Reading Village's website (<http://www.readingvillage.org/light-up-literacy.html>), *tzedakah* certificates you can download to give to your child on the seventh night of Hanukkah acknowledging the donation in their name.

We will send home with your child a Hanukkah Celebration Guide for celebrating the blessing of literacy in your candle lighting on the seventh night.

We hope you will join us as we light up literacy, and transform lives across the globe. Together, we are shaping our children's understanding of the global community and fostering an attitude of gratitude through giving.

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Donation Form

For this Hanukkah, show your children how meaningful it can be to not only receive, but to give...

Just \$5 puts a Spanish-language storybook in the hands of a child who has none, so any donation is appreciated. Students who bring in a donation or a receipt from an online donation to the office will receive a special hand-woven, blue and white (for Hanukkah) Guatemalan friendship bracelet.

Visit <http://www.readingvillage.org/get-involved.html> to donate or fill out the attached form and submit it to your School office.

For payment by check, please tear off and send to your child's School Office

Student's name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____