

## ***Discovering the Maccabees Class Activity***

### **Preparation**

1. Print copies of the primary sources (in the end of the of the worksheet)
2. Print copies of the explanations written below:
  - This is a drawing of the Maccabean graves. The unknown artist drew the illustration in 1720 from his imagination according to the traditional description of the tomb. The tomb itself has never been found.
  - This is a photograph of a cave in the cave complex known as the Tomb of the Maccabees in the Ben Shemen forest. Although it is a popular place to visit, it is not believed that the Maccabees were actually buried here.
  - This is an advertisement from the period of the British Mandate promoting the Eshed-Gat-Rimon Canneries and their products. The advertisement claims that Simon the Maccabee conquered Jaffa and made it part of the Jewish State and minted coins which bore the image of citrus fruit.
  - This is a New Year's card featuring a Chanukah illustration depicting the High Priest lighting the menorah. Many of the other priests in the illustration are carrying spears and shields, signifying that they have just returned from the battlefield. The caption reads: "The Festival of the Hasmoneans."
  - This photograph was taken during a Maccabi sporting event which took place in Nazi Germany in 1937. The Maccabi sports clubs were founded by Zionist leader Max Nordau, who wanted to revive the idea, demonstrated by the Maccabees, that Jews can be strong and confident warriors.
  - This is a 1934 Chanukah advertisement for the Keter shoe company. The advertisement claims that the Hasmoneans (Maccabees) were Keter shoe wearers and stresses the importance of buying products produced in the Land of Israel.

## Instructions

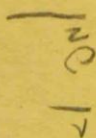
The Maccabees (Hasmoneans), the heroes of Chanukah, have inspired Jews throughout the ages. Their motivation, self-confidence, and military power helped them to gain independence from the Greek oppressors and made them role models for the early Zionists and the founders of the State of Israel.

## Matching Activity

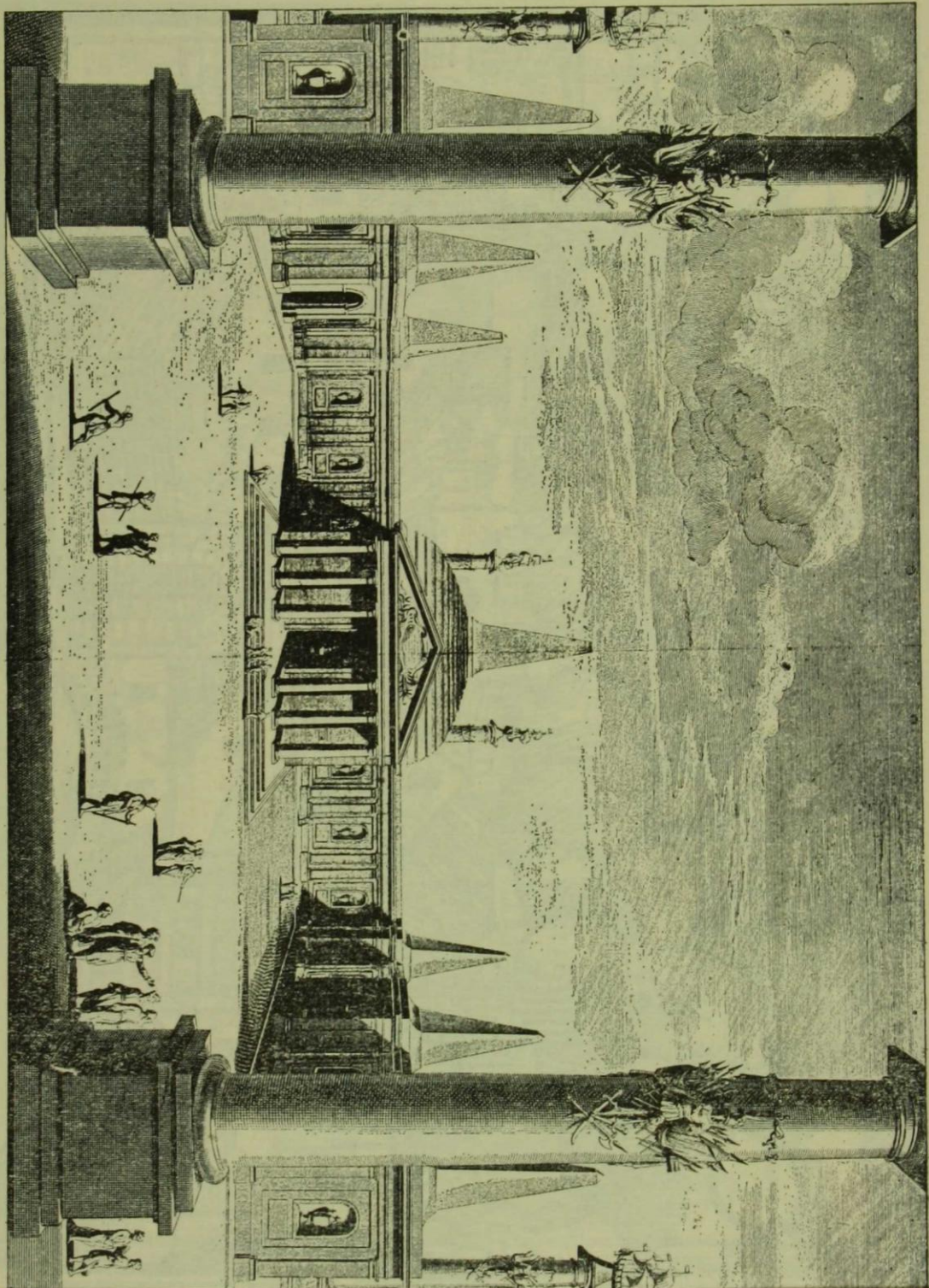
Match the six pairs of images with their explanation.

When completed, answer the following questions:

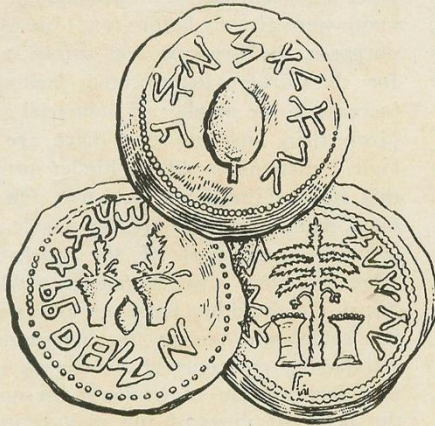
- What do the Maccabees mean to you?
- Which of their traits do you admire?
- Which traits would you like to have? Why?



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צִיּוּר דְּמיוֹנִי שֶׁל קְדֵשׁ הַמִּכְבִּים מִשָּׁנַת 1720



## SIMON THE MACCABEE

*after conquering the hellenistic  
city of Jaffa, annexed the city  
definitely as part of the Jewish*

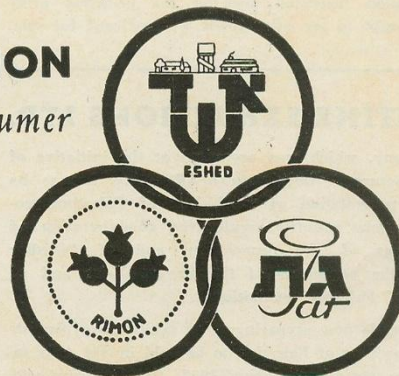
*State • Seven years later — 136 B. C. — obtaining from his suzerain  
Antiochus VI. the right to issue money, he struck copper shekels and other  
coins bearing pictures of Citrus • Today, although Citrus fruit are not  
featured on Palestine coins, citrus is a prominent factor in the life of  
the country • The orange has become again the symbol of the industrial  
and agricultural development of Palestine • There are, however, not  
only oranges for home consumption and for export, but Citrus fruit of  
all varieties — oranges, lemons, grapefruits and others — in form of  
Marmalades and Jellies, Juices and Squashes, Pulps and Peels, Essential  
Oils, and last not least — **CONCENTRATED CITRUS JUICES** • The Eshed-Gat-  
Rimon Canneries take a leading part in the Palestine Citrus Industry,  
supplying canned products unsurpassed in quality, flavour and taste.*

**ESHED • GAT • RIMON**

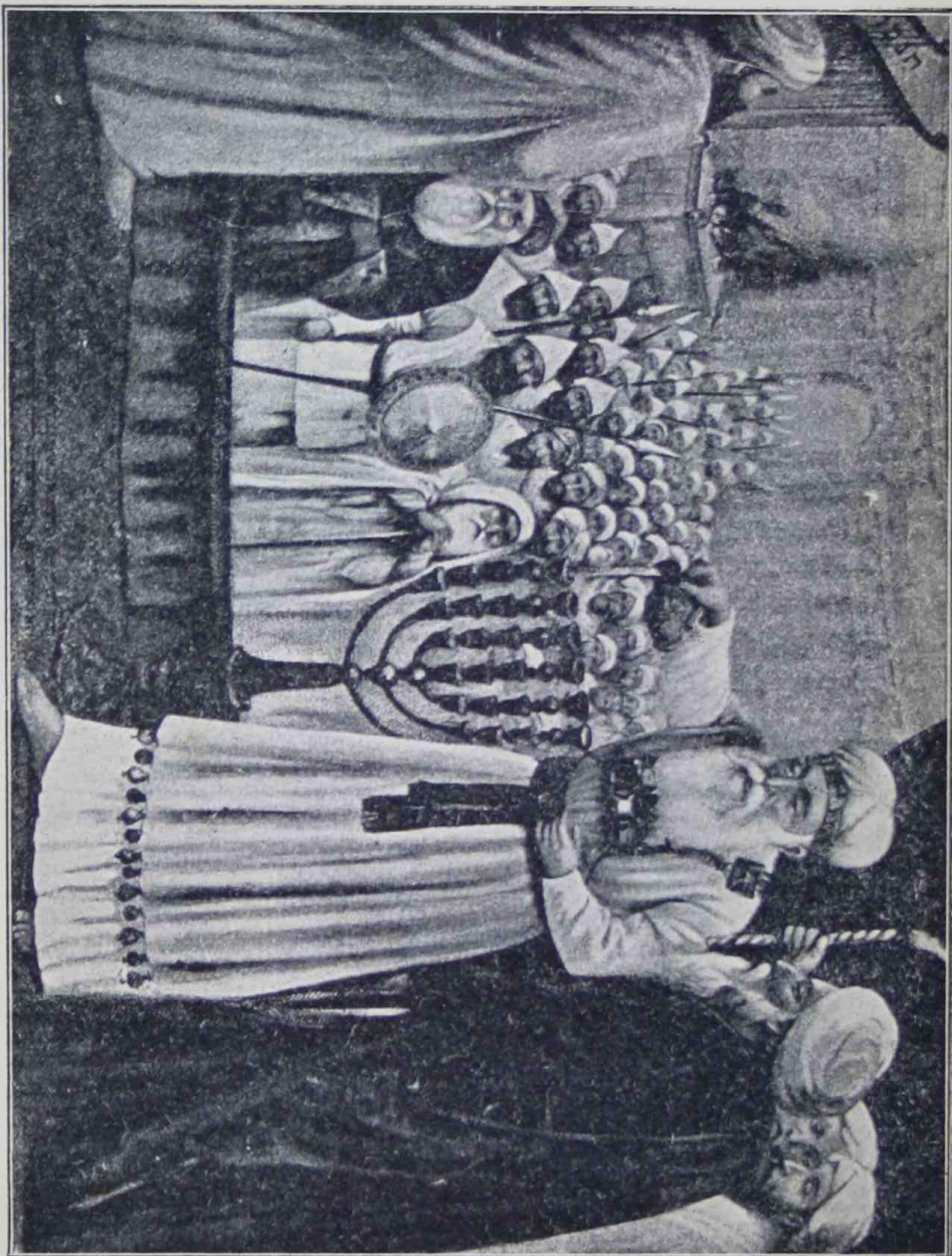
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GIVATH BRENNER  
GIVATH HAIM

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לשנה טובה

הג' השפונאים (הנוכה)

מֵאֵי חֲנֻכָּה ?  
חֲשֻׁמוֹנָאִים נוֹעְלִי כְּתָר הָיוּ !

וּלְפִיכֶךְ — בְּחֶג הַחֲשֻׁמוֹנָאִים  
כָּל הַקּוֹנָה מִ"כְּתָר" זֹוג נֹעְלִים  
כָּל גֶּבֶר וְכָל גִּבְרֶת  
יִקְבֹּל מִתְּנָה נְאֻמָּה  
מִן הָאָרֶץ מִן הַתּוֹצֵרֶת  
תַּפְנוּקִים, תַּמְרוּקִים וַיֵּין צְמוּקִים  
וּמִנּוֹת וּמִגְדָּנוֹת נְחֻמָּדוֹת  
לִילָדִים וְלִילָדוֹת

וּבִכֵּן הַכֹּל בְּ"כְּתָר" יִכְתִּירוּ  
וְאֵת תּוֹצֵרֶת אֶרְצָנוּ יִגְבִּירוּ יִאֲדִירוּ !

