

Discovering the Maccabees

Framing this unit

The Maccabees, the heroes of Chanukah, continue to provide inspiration in modern Israel. How have the Maccabees been remembered throughout Jewish history? How are they viewed today?

This activity uses primary sources from the National Library of Israel to expose the students to a variety of images of the Maccabees.

With a matching game, students will discover the qualities of the Maccabees that inspired the early Zionists and the founders of the State of Israel.

At the end of the matching activity, the students will reflect on what the Maccabees mean to them and which traits they would like to emulate.

What adjectives would you use to describe the Maccabees? You are about to do an activity that includes six primary sources relating to the Maccabees. As you learn about the items, think about what traits are being showcased in each.

You can do the matching activity with this [worksheet](#).

Discussion

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

Creative Activity

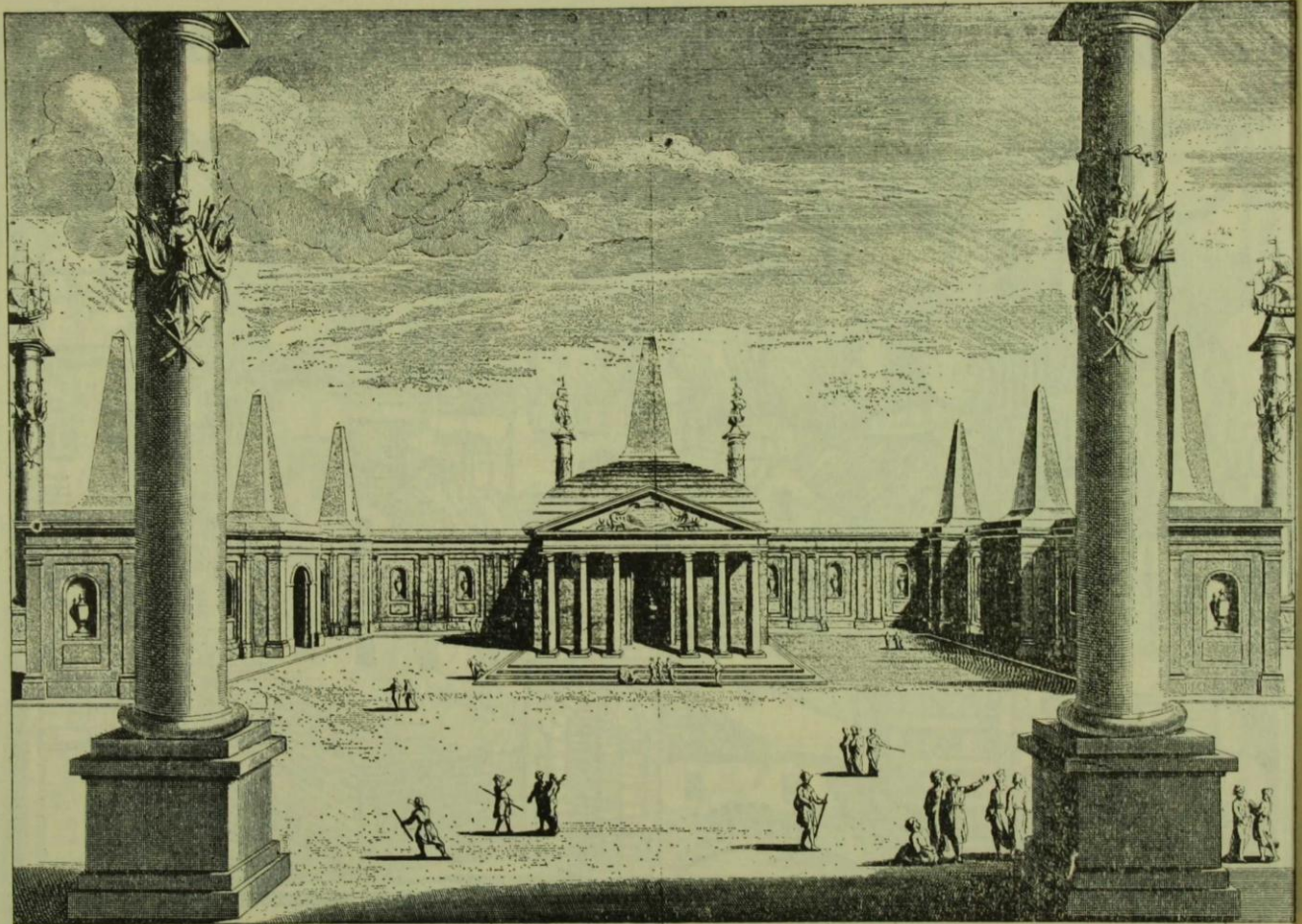
Choose from one of the following:

- Make a trailer for a movie about the Maccabees. Include some of the resources from the activity in your trailer. Suggested app: Microsoft Movie Maker.
- Design a poster about the Maccabees. Include their characteristics. Suggested app: Canva.com.

Primary sources in this lesson

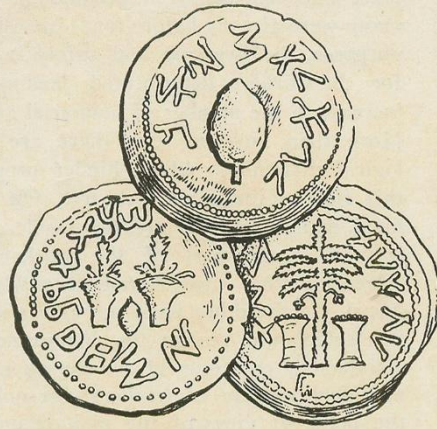


Hasmonean Cave, Ben Shemen Forest



ציור דמיוני של קברי המכבים משנת 1720

Illustration of Maccabee Graves, 1720



SIMON THE MACCABEE

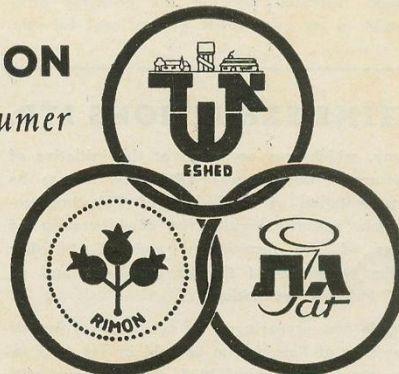
*after conquering the hellenistic
city of Jaffa, annexed the city
definitely as part of the Jewish*

*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
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Simon the Maccabee



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לשנה טובה

חג החשמונאים (חנוכה)

The Kindling of the Menorah

מֵאֵי חֲנֻכָּה ?
חֲשֻׁמוֹנָאִים נוֹעְלִי כְּתָר הָיוּ !

וּלְפִיכֶךְ — בְּחֵג הַחֲשֻׁמוֹנָאִים
כָּל הַקּוֹנָה מִ"כְּתָר" זֹוג נֶעְלָם
כָּל גֶּבֶר וְכָל גְּבֵרֶת
יִקְבֹּל מִתְּנָה נְאֻמָּה
מִן הָאָרֶץ מִן הַתּוֹצֵרֶת
תְּפִנוּקִים, תְּמָרוּקִים וְיֵין צְמוּקִים
וּמִנּוֹת וּמִגְדָּנוֹת נְחֻמָּדוֹת
לִילָדִים וּלִילָדוֹת

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

What is Chanukah? Keter Shoe Advertisement, 1934



Photograph of a Maccabi Sporting Event, Berlin 1937