



Mainly we think of the rebuilding of the temple during this time, but the story of Most High's deliverance of Israel from our enemies is also a part of the Feast of Dedication. Judas Maccabees is the name of a forefather that we hear a lot during this celebration, and reading 1 Maccabees, chapter 4 is a great way to prepare for the feast. Officer Seriah (20) offered a lot of advice to young Israelites based on the battles of our forefather Maccabees.

The Bible says that Most High is a man of war. With that and the battles of our forefathers in mind, I asked the officer what we could learn about the importance of prayers and fighting from the story behind our High Holy day. "[Israelite] children fight against a lot more than we did coming up," he began. "Children are in competition with the world." There is social media and the world's wicked holidays that can seem tempting to young people in the truth. The officer stated that both prayer and fighting were important for our forefathers and are important for young Israelites today. "Prayer is important. That's why the bible gives us so many [directions] on how to do it like face the east, blow the shofar, cover your head, uncover your head. It is our communication with the Most High God." In the story of FOD, Maccabees prayed with his men before the battle to encourage them, to remind Most High of His promise to our people, and to ask Him for victory and protection. Ofc. Seriah reminded us of Phillippians 4:6 which teaches us to be thankful when we pray asking Most High for what we need. This is what Maccabees did. He asked Most High to remember his covenant and to beat Israel's enemies. With so many distractions out there, young Israelites must fight- but how? With Mo-Mo, drugs and homosexuality everywhere, Officer Seriah had encouraging, detailed instructions for the young brothers and sisters: " I understand that there are cool kids at your school, but you are special. Special people do different things." He reminds us that "our Bible and our parents have taught us right from wrong, and that we shouldn't do anything we don't want to do." Maccabees fought against the Greeks; young Israelites must fight against peer pressure. The officer reminds us of Sirach 4:20-21 which talks about peer pressure, calling it a shame that brings forth sin. "It's ok to say no. Don't be worried about the cool kids at school." This scripture also says there is a shame that is glory and grace. That is the peer pressure young people in this truth should give in to: pressure to keep the laws. The officer reminds young princes and princesses, "Let your light shine! As a child, be an example." He brought up 1 Timothy 4:12. Even though young people poke and laugh at things they don't understand, and there are many distractions, just like your forefather Maccabees: pray and fight!

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# Ofc Seriah (20) speaks about FOD!



**Curry Chicken Salad** (serves 3-4) Ingredients -2 large chicken breasts (fully cooked, can buy) -2 tbsp onion (finely diced) -1 tbsp bell pepper (finely diced) -2 tsp sugar -3 tbsp curry powder  $-1 \& \frac{1}{2}$  tsp lime juice -1/4 cup mayo -1 tbsp chopped cilantro -1 sprig fresh thyme (leaves only) -1/8 tsp freshly grated ginger

## - Salt & pepper to taste

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- Cut the chicken into small dices.
- -In a bowl, combine all the ingredients & mix well. -Adjust the seasonings.





Micah's dad pushed open the bright yellow doors, and he had to bend down to peer inside the playhouse. "Son, are ya there? Your teacher called me."

The teacher had told him that Micah hadn't wanted to come out from the playhouse area since the school Santa Clause had visited the classroom, and so she didn't force him. "I thought once the kids started to sing Jingle Bells, he would come around..." she trailed off, hoping Micah's father would know what to do. He did.

"Miss Brusowski, we don't celebrate Christmas, and so Micah probably felt a little left out and different. Eh- where is he now?" Micah's dad looked around the room for his son.

"Dad, everyone here celebrates Christmas, but you said it's wicked. Even the other Israelites were singing and dancing and cheering with the fat esau in the red clothes."

"Well, Micah, I didn't tell you not to celebrate Christmas; the Most High did."

Micah came to the door of the playhouse and peered out. He liked to be happy and sing too, but he knew what the class was doing was wrong. His parents had told him many times to keep Most High's laws and that includes His High Holy Days. He was not to envy the ways of the oppressor.

"They might be having fun now, but MH will not be mocked," his dad quitely said as he patted Micah's head. "Let's go outside and climb the monkey bars until they are finished with this part of the school lesson."

As they sat on the big toy, Micah said, "Dad I know I'm different. I don't talk, eat, wear and do things the way my classmates do them." His father smiled at his avenger. It felt good to see his son stand for the truth.

"Yes, son. Your fringes should remind you that you are a special person unto the Most High, and because of that, you must keep the MH's commandments no matter what others are doing."

After his dad left and Micah had returned to class, Emily slid him a candycane. Micah showed a big grin and handed the cane back to her, "You keep it. I don't want any."

#### FOD Jewzletter Crossword Puzzle

Complete the crossword puzzle below using words from this month's Jewzletter



#### Across

- 5. To use your strength to protect a goal against destruction. 6. Different, unique
- 7. Anything that causes you to lose focus of
- a goal
- 9. The way we communicate with the Most High

10. When you feel forced to do something because other people around you are doing

### Down

- 1. Israelites that came before us.
- 2. Our forefather that fought the Greeks and rededicated the temple
- 3. A model of how something is done.
- 4. Heartfelt, Honest
- 8. Most High Chose this people as his own and made a covenant with them.

