Hanukkah Celebration Service
Light up the Darkness
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Torah Portion

Genesis 1:3-5

3 Then G-d said, “Let there be light!” and there was light.

4 G-d saw that the light was good. So G-d distinguished the light from the darkness.

5 G-d called the light “day,” and the darkness He called “night.” So there was even evening and there was morning—one day.

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Service Portion

John 1:1-5

1 In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with G-d, and the Word was G-d.

2 He was with G-d in the beginning.

3 All things were made through Him, and apart from Him nothing was made that has come into being.

4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overpowered it.

John 1:14

14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us. We looked upon His glory, the glory of the one and only from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Ephesians 5:8-14

8 For once you were darkness, but now in union with the L-rd you are light. Walk as children of light
9 (for the fruit of light is in all goodness and righteousness and truth),
10 trying to learn what is pleasing to the L-rd.
11 Take no part in the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them—
12 for it is disgraceful even to mention the things that are done by them in secret.
13 Yet everything exposed by the light is being made visible,
14 for everything made visible is light. This is why it says, “Wake up, O sleeper! Rise from the dead, and Messiah will shine on you.”

John 8:12

12 Yeshua spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. The one who follows Me will no longer walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”