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her climb a ladder & she looked into the
nose & amid. She saw only a little oil
in the lamp. Sadie thought & herself,
"surely the light will burn out, ~~at once~~
when the oil runs out." The next Friday night,
Sadie came to the Temple again and expected
to see ~~the light~~ ^a ~~dark~~ ^{lamp} but strangely it
was as bright as ever. Sadie was sure
that this was a miracle. How was it
possible for the light to burn without oil?

She took her question to the Rabbi, and he
smiled. "Sadie," he said, "~~you~~ the light
is still burning" because someone here at the
Temple put more oil in the lamp. The eternal
light does not go out because some
people care enough to keep putting oil
in it." "Oh," said Sadie, "is that all,
somewhat disappointed."

"That isn't a little thing," the Rabbi quickly
added. "The eternal light in the synagogues of the
world have burned for thousands of years, & if you
think about it, that is a kind of miracle it is
a miracle that Jews have cared enough about
the eternal light and about their religion to
keep it alive all these long years." Sadie
began to understand that this was a kind
of miracle, so she wasn't ~~so~~
disappointed after all.

The Book of Maccabees tells us that
in over 2,000 years ago, a group of

you all know the story of the Maccabees
and the Eternal Light in the ^{Great} Temple in
Jerusalem.

Then the Rabbi said to Sadie,
~~How would~~ "you remember the story of Judah the
Maccabee?" Sadie's face brightened, ~~and~~ she
did indeed remember that a long time ago at
the ^{very} first Chanukah, the light in the ^{Great} Temple
in Jerusalem burned for 8 days even though
there was no Holy Oil to keep it burning.
The Rabbi went on, "Sadie, there were two ~~long~~ ways
that light could have kept burning. One is that
God worked ~~an~~ unusual miracle. And the
other is that some good people came to the Temple
and gave what little oil they had to keep
it burning." "An ounce is not much oil," said
the Rabbi, "but if one person brings an ounce -
and another person brings an ounce, soon we
have enough oil for ^{with} a day!"

Sadie smiled broadly. "Yes," she said,
"there were two ways the Holy Flame could keep
burning." "And both of them are a kind of miracle,"
said the Rabbi. "You," ~~said~~ ^{said} Sadie, "they are both
wonderful, and they both tell us something ^{wonderful} ~~about~~
about people and about God." (over)

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at the time of the first Chanukah

You & I dear friends were not there
 2,000 years ago to help keep the
 eternal light burning in the Jerusalem Temple,
 but we can help to keep the light burning
 today. We can help by ~~helping~~ keeping our
 Temple strong, by teaching Judaism in our
 homes, by showing the world that we can be
 good & kind people and by ^{helping or doing} ~~leading~~ the world to ^{work} peace & justice.

Chanukah begins Sunday night.
 Light your first candle with the understanding
 that as you light ~~it~~, you are helping to
 keep the Jewish people alive - & that in itself
 is a ~~very~~ miracle as great as any
 miracle.

You are joining ^{millions of} Jews
 who have lit ^{their} candles for ~~4,000~~ years
 at this season - ^{in past centuries} they lit their Chanukah candles
 in the hope that future generations
 would not let the light

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You are giving strength to other ^{Living} Jews
who will strike their matches [?] at
approximately the same time. You will
be bringing a glow to the darkness
faced in the Soviet Union, in
Israel, in Syria ~~North Africa~~
& in other lands where they are a small minority.

as you light your Chanukah Candles,
know that you will be keeping faith
with the millions of Jews in past centuries,
who in spite of persecution, pulled their
candles, & lit their candles
at this season

Light your candles w/ the understanding
that as you do ^{the candles} you are helping to
keep the Jewish people alive

& that in itself is a miracle
as great as any miracle