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## Staying Afloat

On Chanuka we light the *menora* and eat oily foods to commemorate the miracles that happened with oil. When the Greeks made all the oil of the *Beis Hamikdash* impure, the *Chashmona'im* miraculously found one small jug of pure olive oil; and this small amount of oil burned for eight days.



We can learn a lesson from oil itself:

Oil soaks through whatever it touches. (When we put a donut on a napkin, it leaves a mark.) A *Rid* should behave in the same way. We shouldn't focus only on our own *mitzvos*, but we should also try to "leave a mark," to influence the *Ridden* around us as well, and bring them closer to the ways of Hashem.

One may be concerned that while influencing others, he may learn from their negative behaviors, causing him to lower his level of

*Yiddishkeit*. Here is another lesson we learn from oil: When you mix oil with other liquids, it always rises to the top. So too, when reaching out to others, we won't sink to the bottom and be affected negatively. When giving to others we will always rise to the top.

**Lesson** - When interacting with our friends, we must always be the positive role model and show others the proper way for a *Yiddishe* child to behave. This will have a positive effect on them and our own *Yiddishkeit* will stay strong.



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