It’s Time to Light the Lights

Happy Chanukah! It’s time to light the menorah!

1 First, prepare a wick for each lamp. Each wick must be long enough to burn for enough days. The clues for the wicks are in order from left to right – that is, from shortest to longest answer. (Be careful, though: there’s a trick to the wick!)

2 Second, you need to provide something to hold each wick. The “lamp” clues are for the combination of the wick and its base; these clues are presented alphabetically by answer. You will need to match each lamp with the correct wick.

3 Third, copy the letters from the numbered squares in the menorah to the corresponding blanks below. Some letters may be used more than once, and others not at all.

4 Finally, find the word in the menorah that completes the answer to the question:

Why were the Temple records a mess when the Maccabees arrived?

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Wicks

Hard work
Ruin, mess up
Jump back in horror
Disturbance, fuss
Cook an egg in its shell so it's still runny (hyph.)
Boat that can fly
Where one was born (2 wds.)
Flank steak, cut across the grain (2 wds.)

Lamps

Kind of strong acid
It’s falling down (2 wds.)
Local boys (2 wds.)
Fix from errors, make not wrong
Things hit at home? Or, metaphorically, easy questions asked at a press conference
Radials on a bicycle wheel?
Yellow spice found as an ingredient in many curry powders
Penguin suit