It's Time to Light the Lights

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

- First, prepare a wick for each lamp. Each wick must be long enough to burn for enough days.

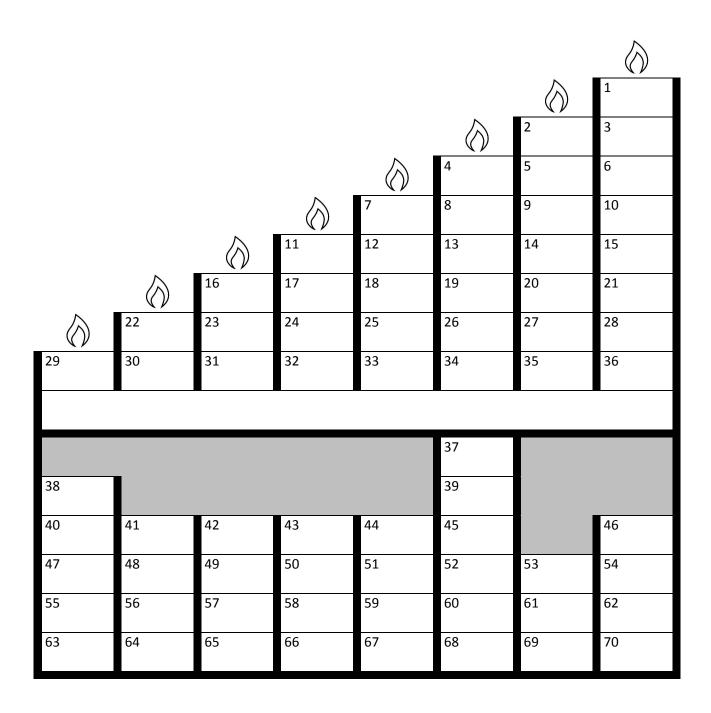
 The clues for the wicks are in order from left to right that is, from shortest to longest answer.

 (Be careful, though: there's a trick to the wick!)
- 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.
- 7 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.
- W 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?

33	47	31	5	17	64	70	29	4	43
49	54	26	37	44	42	16	12	39	22
62	24	27	23	48	7	15	1	10	14
23	36	35	4	44	13	28	56	43	6
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Wicks **Lamps** Hard work Kind of strong acid Ruin, mess up It's falling down (2 wds.) Jump back in horror Local boys (2 wds.) Disturbance, fuss Fix from errors, make not wrong Cook an egg in its shell so it's still runny Things hit at home? Or, metaphorically, easy (hyph.) questions asked at a press conference Radials on a bicycle wheel? Boat that can fly Where one was born (2 wds.) Yellow spice found as an ingredient in many curry powders Flank steak, cut across the grain (2 wds.) Penguin suit



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Note: The nun-gimel-heh-shin numbering on page one is just for fun, and not a puzzle.