

## Activities continued

**Suggestion:** Instead of using mini candle-holders, you can use pieces of a drinking straw. Cut up a straw into 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch pieces. Put the straw into the clay so that the straw runs through the center of the clay. Shape the clay around the straw and complete the project as directed.

### CANDLE MAKING

*Candles can be made for practical use or as pretty or fun adornments.*  
See candle-making ideas in Teen Chanukah or Teen Shabbos.

**Alternative:**

### ADVENTUROUS TWIST TO CHANUKAH PRESENTS

Prior to the meeting, send a notice to the parents and children asking each child to bring \$5.00 to the meeting. Write the name of all the children on separate papers and place in a hat or jar. Each child should pick a name. Take the children to a discount store or toy store in your area. Each child should buy a small gift for the child that she picked. When you return to the meeting place, each child should present the gift and explain why she chose that gift for her club-mate.

**Note:** When arranging transportation to the store, make sure that every child will be able to have his own seat belt.

**Note:** If you have a large group, arrange for a few volunteer teenagers, parents, or any other members of your community to come along to the store with you. Divide your children into smaller groups and have each group go around the store supervised by an adult. Be especially vigilant in large stores as this is a busy season and easy for children to get lost. Prearrange a meeting spot and be sure that each group knows the time to meet.

### SOCIAL ACTION: GIFT WRAPPING FOR THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

Prior to the meeting, inform the parents about the chesed that you will be doing. Ask them to send a gift along with their child to the upcoming meeting. Depending on the standards of your community, it may be important to set a price limit on the gifts so that they don't get too extravagant or competitive.

At the meeting, demonstrate how to wrap a gift and tie a ribbon around the gift. Set out a variety of wrapping papers, tape dispensers, scissors, bows, ribbons, and any other wrapping materials. The children should wrap their presents and write messages on an attached card or label.

**Suggestion:** Design your own Chanukah wrapping paper. The children can decorate plain white wrapping or shelving paper.

**Suggestion:** Before the meeting, pre-cut the wrapping paper and ribbons.

**Note:** Some organizations will only accept unwrapped gifts. Call the organization when planning this meeting. If this is the case of your local organization, the children can write notes and place it in the gift itself.

Chai Life Line provides support to children suffering or recovering from life-threatening illnesses and their families. Every Chanukah, they make a grand Chanukah party for all its members and welcome all donated gifts. Chai Life Line - 48 West 25 Street - New York, N.Y. 10010 - 212-255-1160 / (212) 465-1300 / (800) 343-2527

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### **Local Children's hospital**

Send the Chanukah presents to the nearest children's hospital. If you have a choice of hospitals, send the packages to the hospitals with the most Jewish patients.

**Suggestion:** Arrange a trip to the children's hospital so that your club members can distribute the gifts themselves. Speak to a hospital representative to arrange the visit and to find out hospital regulations regarding children's visits, receiving gifts and the like. See Chessed Club "Gifts for Hospitalized Children" and "Visiting the Elderly" for more information.