

RaYBaSH's Torah Thoughts for Kids
Parashah #36: Behaalotecha "When you set up"
B'midbar (Numbers) 8:1-12:16
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If you are camping and your lantern or flashlight goes out, whose fault is it? No one's but your own. Since you were using it, it was your responsibility to see it was working properly and had enough fuel, or that the batteries were fully charged.

In the Torah and Haftarah portion we learn about Menorah's, lamps, sort like lanterns.

In the Brit Chadasha (New Testament) we learn that God likens us to menorahs, lights to the world, showing the light of Torah and Messiah.

God expects us to keep our menorahs flame burning bright. We trim our wicks by accepting and doing what the Torah says. We stay fueled with oil by prayer, worship, Torah study and performing mitzvot (Commandments). If we fail to do this and our flame goes out, we have no one to blame but ourselves.

God may initially light our lamps, but it is our responsibility to keep the flame burning.

Shabbat Shalom and Shavuah Tov!
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