



Teachings of Moshe on Tradition

*Dear Rabbi,
Can one use an electric chanukiah?*

Rabbi Column: The head of the Rabbinical court in Jerusalem, ruled that one may not use an electric menorah. Electricity is not stored for future use; rather, it is consumed as it is generated. Thus the required amount of "fuel" is not in existence at the time of lighting. According to this, a battery-operated menorah should be ok, because the fuel actually is there at the time of lighting.



MOSHE: The decree below shows the reason why you do not use either the battery-operated or electric fuel one. The flame is what is being brought to memory, not the light.

MOTHER MARY: The votive candle that people pay for themselves would be the most economical for the church to light. You see that there is a place to kneel and pray.

Alternatively, you can pass a basket with votive candles and payment is place therein for people to say their weekly confessions as a part of their absolving of the week's sin or praying for a particular person that they pray at their seats and then go and place their votive candle.

You can extinguish the candles at the end of the day of service.

