



## Parents Materials: FIRE SAFETY

1. Plan and practice a family escape plan (pg. 3 in the Kids Packet)
2. Help your children complete the Fire Safety Checklist (pg. 2 in the Kids Packet) and become a Jr. Chief Maccabee
3. Are you and your family at risk? Take the Fire Risk Assessment.
4. Review the fire safety and Sabbath & Holiday fire prevention section

### Fire Risk Assessment

## FACTS:

**THE LARGEST BURN CENTER IN THE COUNTRY REPORTED THAT 30-40% OF PATIENTS ARE FROM OBSERVANT JEWISH FAMILIES<sup>1</sup>.**

**A LEADING HOSPITAL IN ISRAEL REPORTED AN UPWARD TREND IN BURNS AROUND THE CHANUKAH, PURIM AND PASSOVER HOLIDAYS<sup>2</sup>.**

**COOKING AND CANDLES ARE LEADING CAUSES OF HOUSE FIRES AND FIRE RELATED INJURIES<sup>3</sup>.**

## ARE YOU AT RISK? TAKE THIS SURVEY TO ASSESS YOUR RISK

(Circle the correct answer)

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| Do you light weekly Sabbath or holiday candles?           | Yes | No |
| On the Sabbath do you use a crock pot?                    | Yes | No |
| On the Sabbath do you use a hot water urn?                | Yes | No |
| Do you use a "blech" or other Sabbath cooking techniques? | Yes | No |
| Do you light a Chanukah menorah?                          | Yes | No |
| Do you light a yartzeit (memorial) candle?                | Yes | No |
| Do you search for "chometz"?                              | Yes | No |
| Do you burn the "chometz"?                                | Yes | No |
| Do you leave your oven or stove on during holidays?       | Yes | No |
| Do you attend a Lag B'Omer bonfire?                       | Yes | No |
| Do you ever need to kosher your kitchen or utensils?      | Yes | No |

If you answered yes to any of these questions then you are at risk for a fire and related injuries.

Call Toll Free (877) 585-1226 for information regarding a fire safety and burn prevention program serving the unique needs of the Sabbath and holiday observant Jewish Community.

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