Start with the Beis Yosef question:

* Joke – Miracle of the first night was that we all accepted one rabbi’s seal
* One eighth each night
* Pach was always filled
* oil was always filled

4) R Chayim Freedlander – miracle of oil lighting is a miracle

Ask why does the siddur only mention war, tie in the same that it was to show that the war was a miracle

5) Chayee adam – war – that is first day

Why would we have a miracle that wasn’t necessary?

Bring R Weinberg difference between greeks and jews – purpose of what we do what we do

 - greek didn’t mind if we serve Hashem, as long as it was okay for us to serve others

 - donut fat not like greek joke

 - maharal bronze darkness

 - Ramban – difference is that we believe beyond what we can see

 - Similar to the 13 holes in the walls (R Gedaliah Shor)

Tie it all in, that that is the purpose of the whole miracle, and light, and extra because we were willing to give to Hashem, that is why he did this for us.

Eight – is beyond nature maharal

6) chanuka miracle is beyond nature

you find that there was an “extra” time of Hashem’s presence two other times (R Weinberg)

 - Avraham by bris

 - Shemini atzeres

Both times are 8, because they are beyond nature, and here also one reason of 8 is because of bris that they wanted to ban

 R Sheftal – Bris in chad gadya

Tie it all the miracle was to be beyond nature, just to show that we went beyond nature, and we wanted to Hashem that we cared.

(perhaps that is why mizmor shir is about dovid’s personal struggles)

Third reason

Similarly another reason is because we want to to mimic the mishkan.

 - mishkan is 8 beyond 8

 - R Bachya – it last 8 days even when they got the oil

 - R Dessler – they had no choice, so they were given a special mitzvah

Tie it in on Zos Chanukah – we need to not only light the menorah, but light ourselves as well.

We should have pride in our succeeding

And we should grow – end with R Dessler - on numbers going up or down