

DIAL A HANUKKAH STORY IN N.Y.C.

Hanukkah the Festival of Lights has many interesting stories and facts surrounding its celebration. Here are a few you may not have heard, courtesy of the Dial Hanukkah program, sponsored by the New York Telephone Company in cooperation with the

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us: Did you know that at West Point Academy there is a picture of Judah the Maccabee in a display of Great War Heroes of History? Did you know that Hanukkah always begins on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev because it was resolved that the Temple in Jerusalem be rededicated on the exact day it had been defiled by the Syrians some years before?

The Dial Hanukkah Program also tells us a story about George Washington and the Hanukkah candle. It was the winter of 1776 in Valley Forge. Simon, a lonely Jewish soldier, sat huddled in the icy cold. In spite of his hardship and hunger, he was grateful to have escaped the terrible persecutions in Poland. As he lit the candle on his small Hanukkah menorah, Simon felt a hand on his shoulder. He looked up into the eyes of General George Washington. "Tell me about the candlestick," the General said gently.

Simon poured out the story of Hanukkah, of his prayers for freedom, and of his faith in Washington's victory. "You are a Jew, a son of the prophets," the General said "if you predict we will win, we shall win."

Years later Simon met Washington again. President Washington said "I've never forgotten that little Hanukkah candle, and that your words brought renewed hope into my heart that fateful night."

If you'd like to hear more stories, facts and legends about Hanukkah, then Dial Hanukkah, (212) 976 - 2929, from December 20th through December 28th. The charge is just one message unit when dialing from a 212, 516 or 914 area code.



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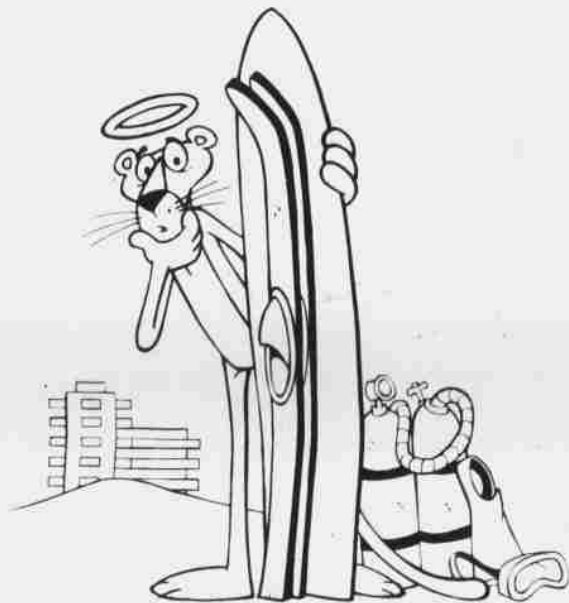
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