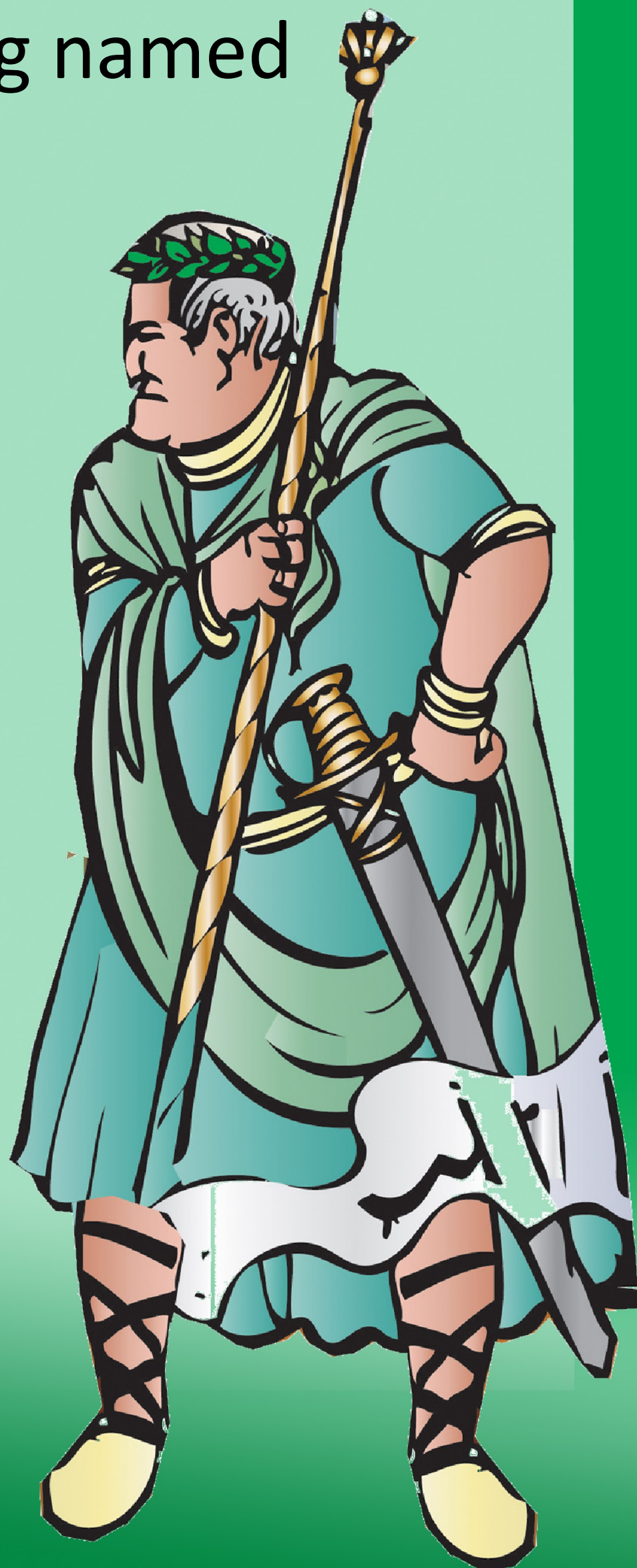


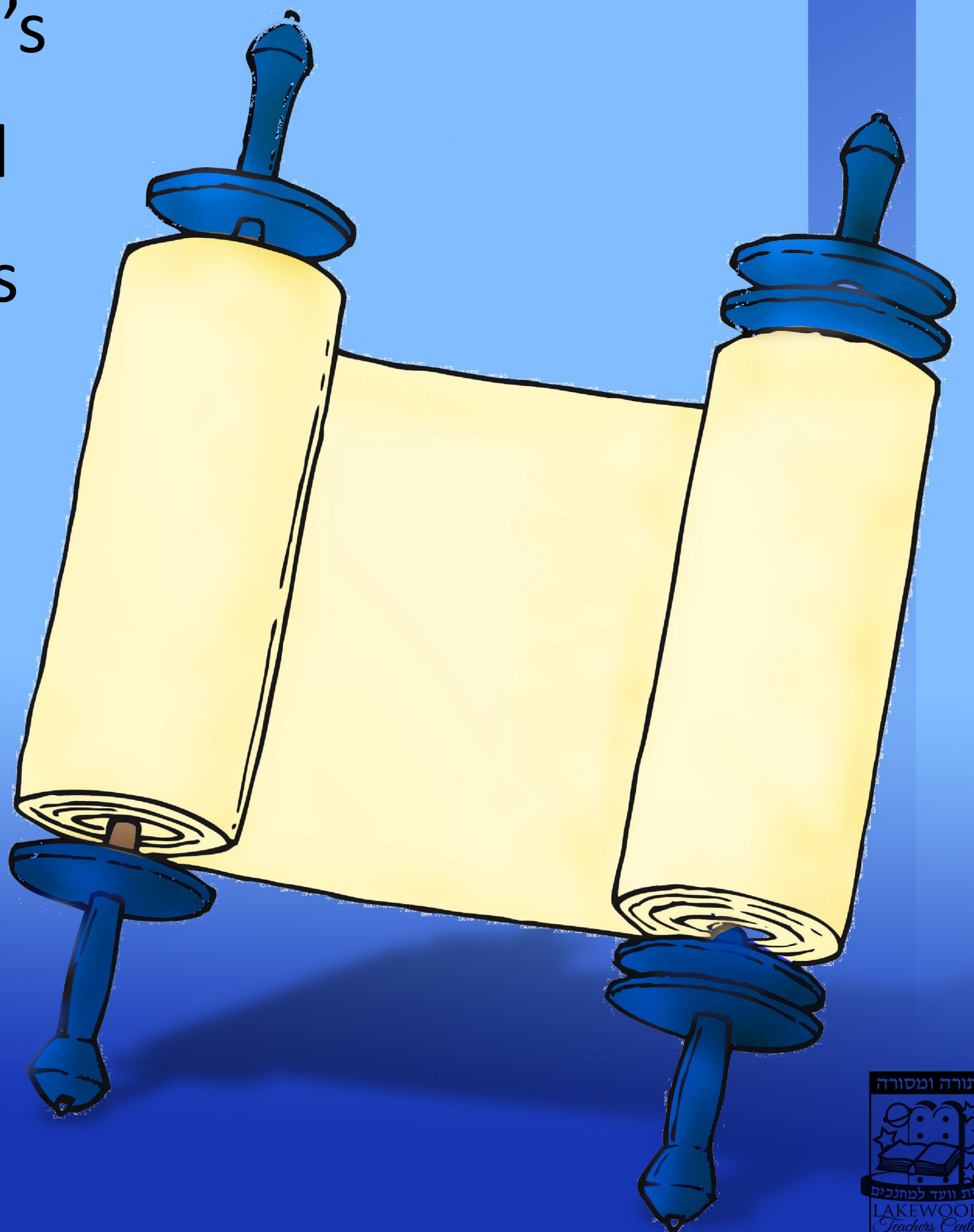
# OUR חגיגות STORY BOOK



In the times of the second  
בית המקדש, there lived a  
very wicked king named  
אנטיוכוס. He  
was the king of  
the land of יוון.  
The people in  
יוון were called  
יוונים.



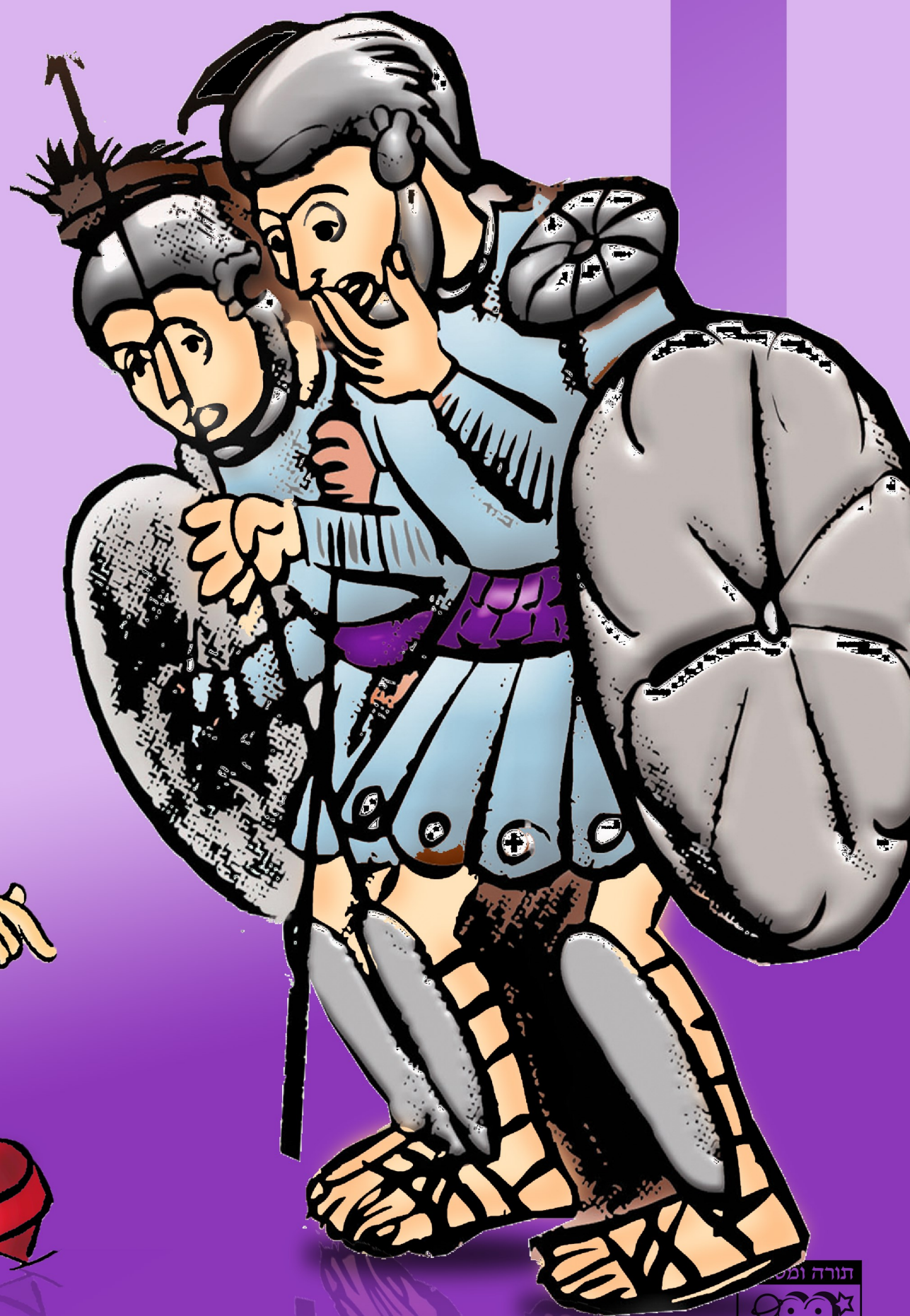
אנטיוכוס ruled over יוון , and  
sadly, he also ruled over ארץ  
ישראל. He wanted the יהודים  
to follow the ways of the יונים.  
He did not want the יהודים to  
learn 'ה's  
תורה and  
keep 'ה's  
מצוות.



The **יהודים** did not want to stop learning **תורה**!

The children would go into the caves and hide when they learned **תורה**. They took **DREIDELS** along with them. Do you know what they did?

If the children would hear the soldiers coming, they would quickly hide their **ספרים**, and start playing **DREIDEL**.



## אנטיוכוס

made other terrible  
decrees upon the

אנטיוכוס. יהודים

commanded:

NO CELEBRATING

! ראש חדש

NO BABY BOYS

MAY HAVE A

ברית מילה!

NO KEEPING שבת!

How terrible it was for

the יהודים not to be

allowed to keep 'ה's

beautiful מצוות!

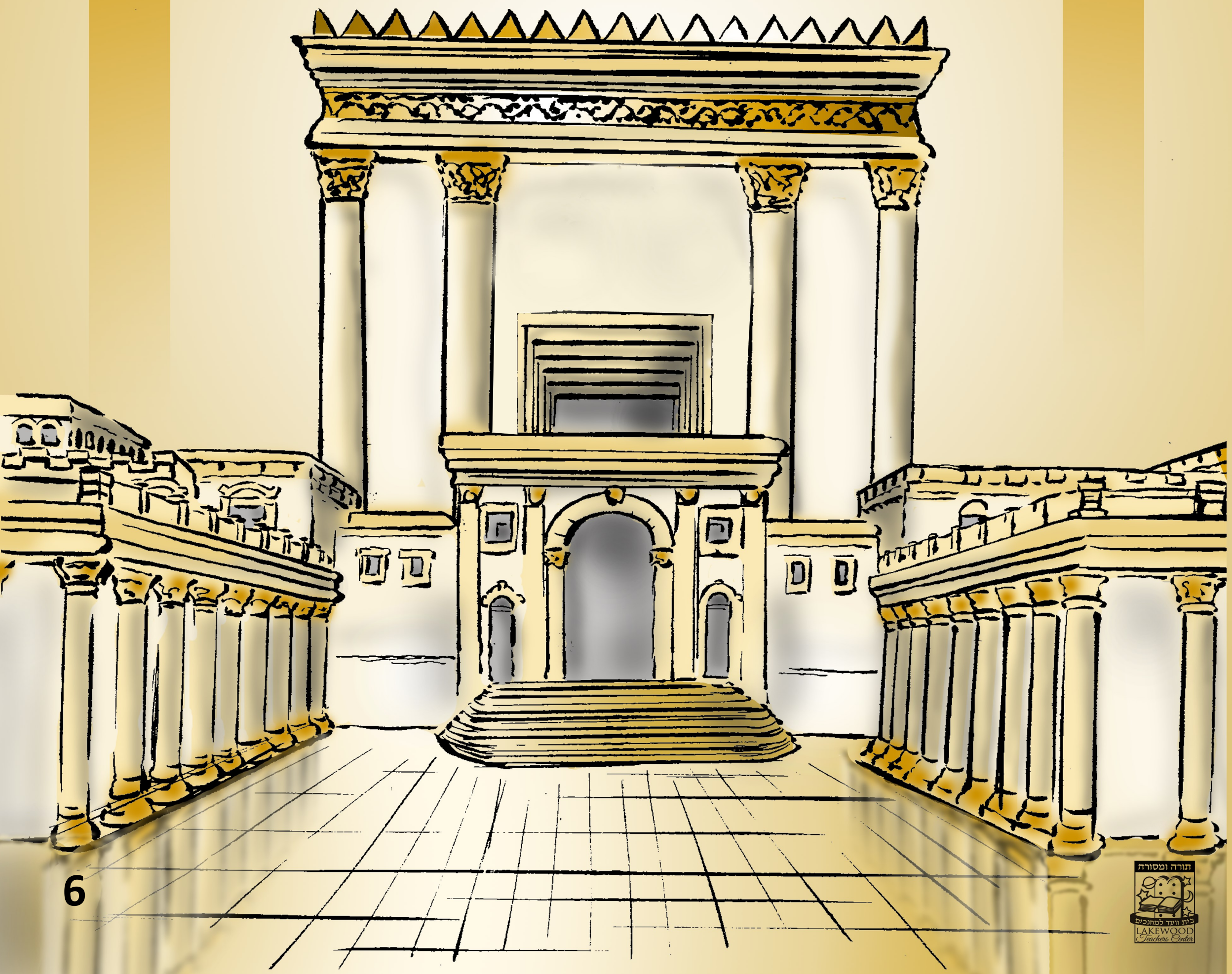


אנטיוכוס did not allow the  
יהודים to DAVEN to ה'. He told  
them that they must worship  
only עבודה זרה.

How  
terrible!



He even put a חזיר and a פסל  
inside the בית המקדש! He  
made a big mess in the בית  
המקדש!



כהן גדול was the מתתיהו of  
the בית המקדש. He did not  
want אנטיוכוס to stop the  
ה' from listening to יהודים.

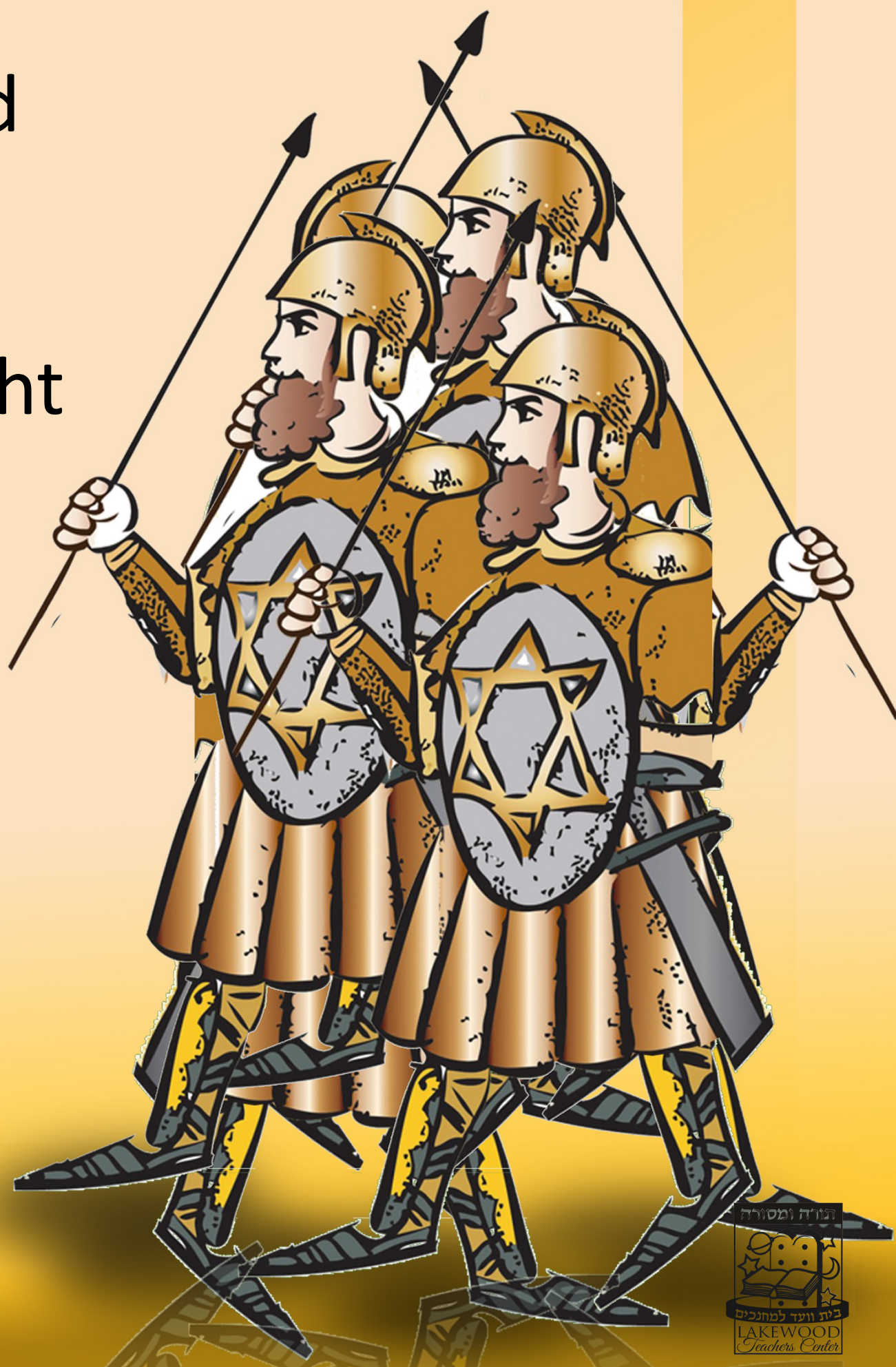
מתתיהו fought  
the soldiers of  
אנטיוכוס and told  
them that the  
יהודים would  
only follow in the  
ways of ה' and  
his תורה!





appointed his youngest son יהודה to be the head of the יהודי army. This army was called the מכבים and the מכבים would fight for ה' and his תורה.

They would fight אנטיוכוס and chase the יונים out of ארץ ישראל.

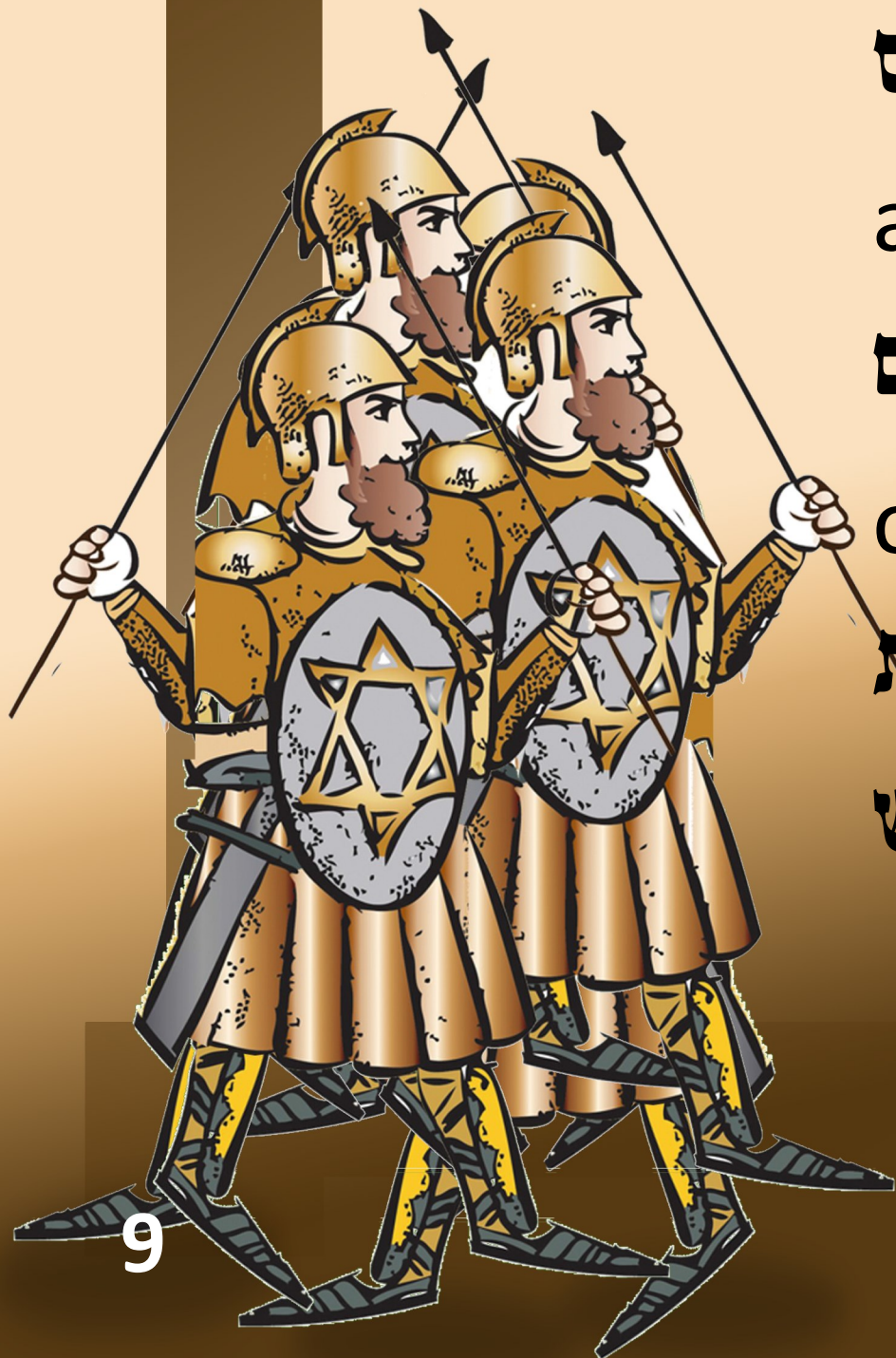


מתתיהו and his sons called out  
to all of the יהודים: "מי לה' אלי!".

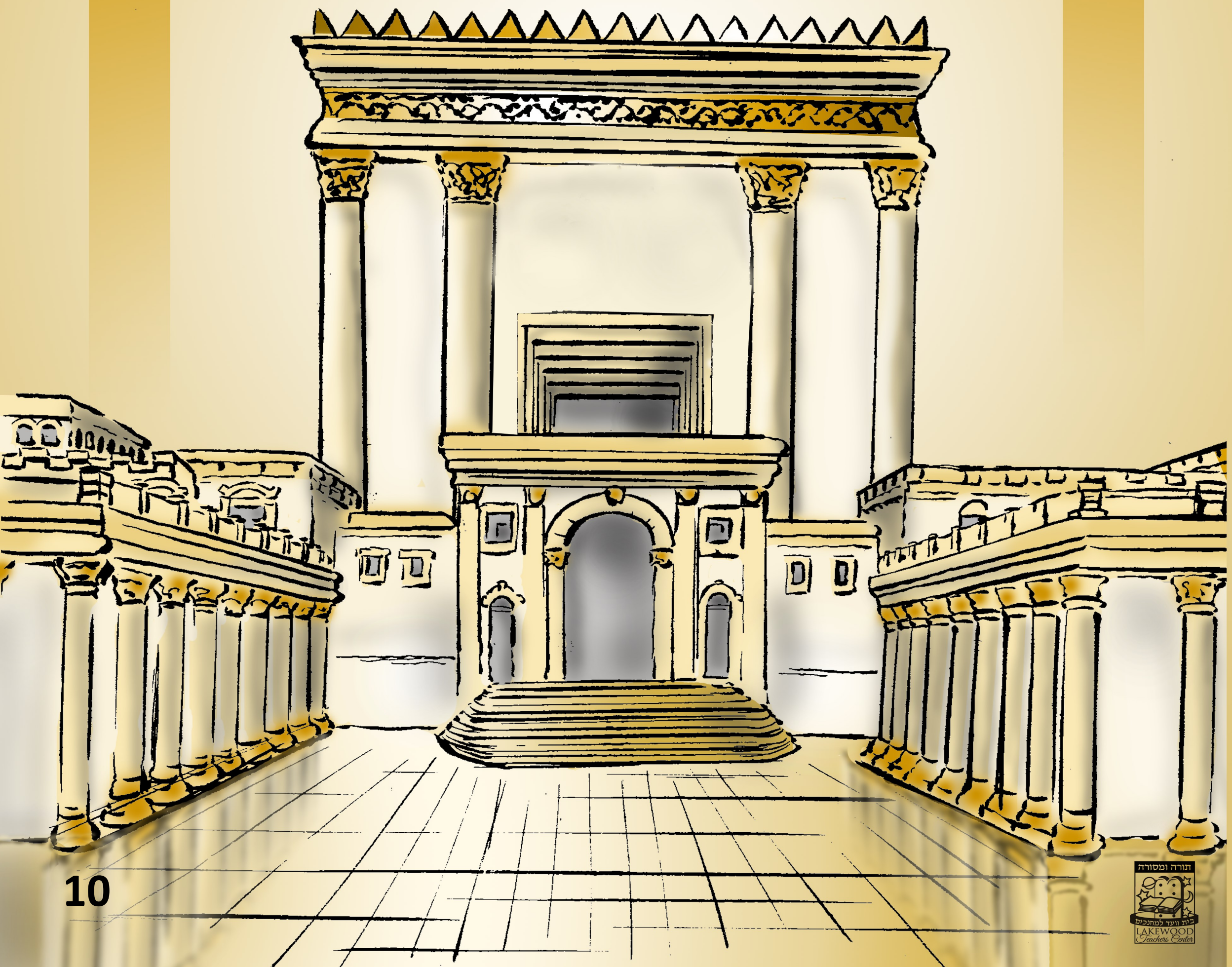
This means "whoever wants to fight  
for ה', come to me!"

Even though there were many more  
יונים fighting, the  
מכבים had the help  
of ה' so they were  
able to chase

אנטיוכוס  
and the  
יונים out  
of the  
בית  
המקדש.

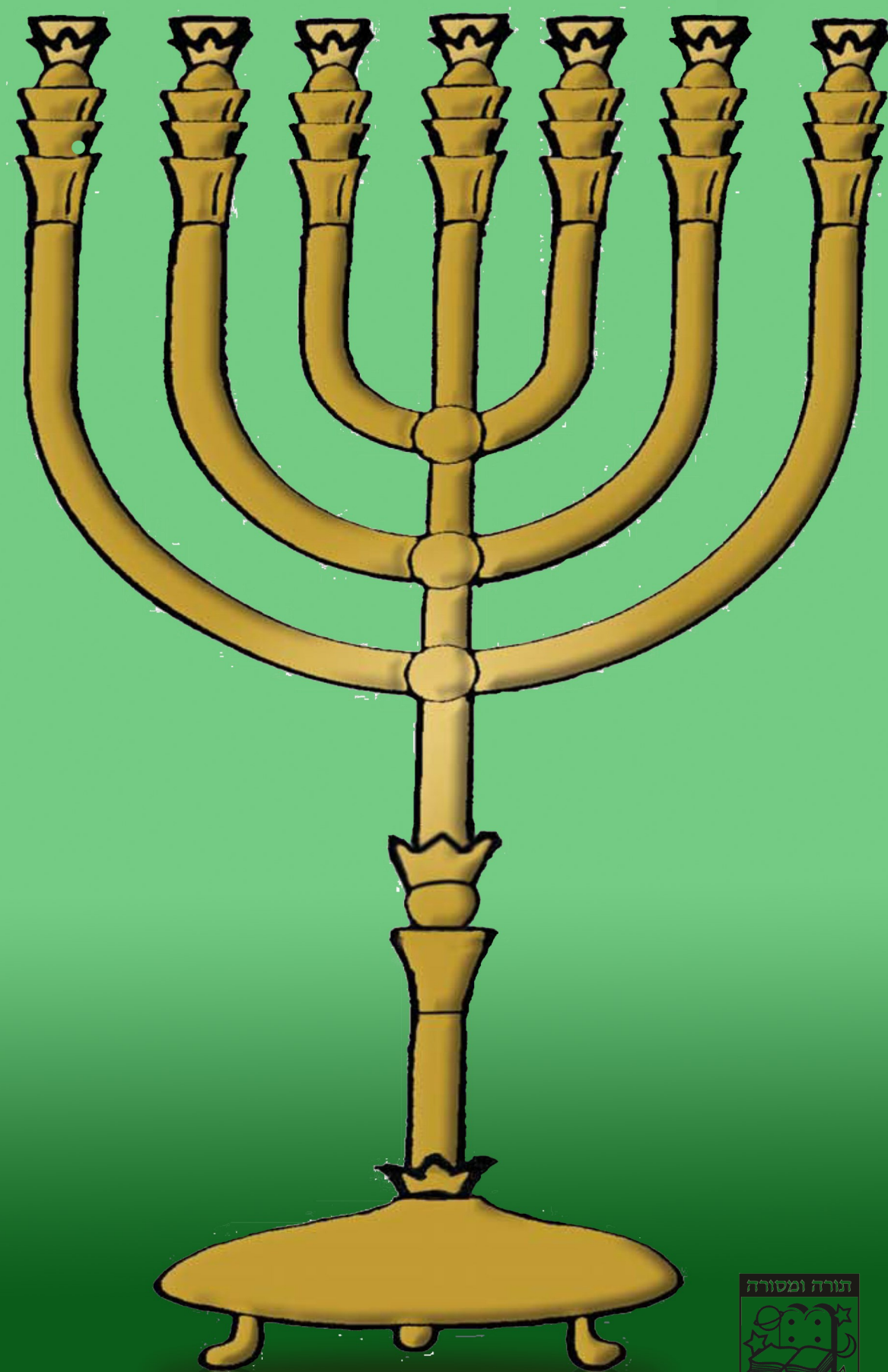


The **יהודים** worked very hard to restore the **בית המקדש** to the **קדושה** that it had before the **יונים** came.



When they were finished  
cleaning up the **בית המקדש**,  
they wanted to once again light  
the special **מנורה**. BUT, they  
couldn't find  
any more  
**שמן זית זך**.

Not even  
one sealed  
flask of **שמן**  
could be  
found.



They searched and searched all over the **בית המקדש**. At last they found one small jar of **שמן זית זך**. They were so happy to find it, but it was only enough to keep the **מנורה** flames burning for one night and day!



The **כהן גדול** lit the **מנורה** with  
the **שמן זית זך** that they found.

‘ה made a big **נס** and this one

little jar of  
**שמן** burned  
for eight  
nights and  
days even  
though it was  
only enough  
for one night  
and day!



We celebrate **חנוכה** for eight days and nights. We light the **מנורה** on each night of **חנוכה** to remember the **נסים** that **ה'** did for us.





We do many other special things on חנוכה to remind us of the many נסים of חנוכה.

