Got a Light?



1. This light's for Hanukkah …
for a people who choose to begin
our best of days with light.
What special Jewish day
doesn't start with an open flame?

2. This light's for the Dreidel…
for the great miracle that
happened *there*, unless
you happen to be *there*
where it's changed to *here*
because we're inclusive like that.

3. This light's for latkes …
Potato pancakes
because everything good
begins and ends
with potatoes.

4. This light's for Sufganiyot …
Jelly doughnuts. Not quite as popular
as latkes in all the official surveys
but, really, who can complain
when a doughnut comes along?

5. This light's for oil …
Be careful, it's flammable!
Bad for you in every way!
But fry *anything* in it and the
memory of that miracle
flies back into our hearts.

6. This light's for Maccabees …
Judah and his whole crew.
When the not really elected leaders
started to pooh-pooh everything
they risked life and limb
for all these lights. Stand up
like a Judah, my friends.

7. This light's for the *shamash* …
Doesn't take a night off.
Does the essential work that
lets the other eight shine.
Be the *shamash* you wish
to see in the world.

8. This light's for miracles …
It doesn't matter if a great miracle
happened *here* or *there*
just that you believe that one
could happen at all.
How many miracles are you missing?

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