

Timeline I: Alexander the Great-the Chanuka Story:

- 515 BCE Building of *Bayit Sheini* (Second Temple)
- 332 BCE Alexander the great conquers Judea. Judea comes under Greek rule and will remain there for the most part until the Roman take over. The process of Hellenization begins in Judea.
- 301 BCE Judea under Egyptian/Ptolemaic rule. The Torah is translated to Greek in what comes to be known as the *Targum Shiviim* or the Septuagint. The process of Hellenization continues.
- 201 BCE Syria (Seleucid Empire) conquers Judea
- 175 BCE Antiochus (IV) Epiphanes comes to power over Syrian Seleucid Empire. Judea falls under his rule
- 168 BCE After civil war breaks out between Jason and Minelaous over the rights to the high priesthood, Antiochus institutes *Shmad* policies.
- 167-160 BCE The Maccabean (Hasmonean) revolt followed by the rededication of the *Beit haMikdash* (Temple). This period is identified with the Chanuka story and the miracle of the oil.

Timeline II: The Hasmonean dynasty:

- 152 BCE Yonasan established as Kohen Gadol and *Nassi*
- 143 BCE Shimon assumes the rule of Judea and holds the position of Kohen Gadol
- 134-104 Yochanan Hyrcanus takes over for his father as ruler and Kohen Gadol
- 104-103 Aristobulus I
- 103-76 Alexander Yannai (Janneus) proclaims himself **King of Judea** (first of the Hasmoneans to assume the title of King) and Kohen Gadol
- 76-67 Reign of Shalom Alexandra (Shalom Tzion)
- 67-63 civil war between Hyrcanus II and Aristobulus II
- 63 BCE Roman Conquest of Judea by Pompey