

הלכות זאת חנוכה

Hilchos Zos Chanukah – the last day Chanukah

1. Any leftover oil in the Menora has a kedushah since it was set aside for a mitzvah. [Generally one may dispose of an object used for a mitzvah, like the Schach and Sukkah walls. The Chanukah oil is extra special as its compared to the oil of the Menora in the Beis Hamikdosh].
2. It may not be used for other purposes, even for Neiros Shabbos. The oil should be burnt (שו"ע תרע"ח:ד).
3. Even though one should not save the oil for next Chanukah, some have the custom to save this oil till Erev Pesach to burn the Chometz.
4. The used wicks should also be burnt (קיצשו"ע קלט"כ).
5. The oil in the bottle may be used for any purpose even though it was bought for Chanukah, it does not contain any holiness.
6. The last day of Chanukah is an auspicious time to daven and one's prayers are answered. Rav M.Y. Lefkowitz zt"l explains that after a full week of praising Hashem with the complete Hallel, one merits extra Brocha from Hashem.

May the light of Chanukah continue to enlighten
throughout the year.