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Symbolism in „ Universal Light of Chanukah” by Erik Kučera

In this image we see the depiction of a menorah for Chanukah. In the middle we have the sun which represents the Shamash. The fuel for the sun is coming from a never ending source of light and energy. Just as the oil that burned as a miracle beyond the time that was measured, the sun burns brightly as a miracle to us all – helping to give and sustain life.

Around the sun we see the planets, each one receiving its light from the sun. The sun acting as the Shamash (or attendant) candle, sits a bit higher than the others and it is used to light all others in this way the sun also serves all other planets by sharing its light with them.

Eight planets which revolve around the sun such as the eight candles which surround the Shamash or such as Hannah and her seven children which we find in the time of Antiochus and the story of miracle of Chanukah