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Perfect Gadgets for Jetsetter, Homebody

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When it comes Chanukah, you've got eight nights to get your gift giving right. Our Gift Guide points you toward a cornucopia of categories for every evening of the Festival of Lights. From low- to high-ticket pricing, we've got your loved ones covered, including frequent fliers, adventurers, techies and homebodies of all ages. Last-minute shoppers never fear. With online and phone-in orders, you won't have to battle holiday traffic.

Bon Voyage

Breathe right with the ionic 1.5 oz. Ultra-Mini Air Supply (\$125). Bless your car with a compact version of "Baruch HaCar" (\$20), the traveler's prayer. Surprise your favorite road warrior with a collapsible flashing orange Pack-A-Cone (\$25). And supply travelers with Eagle Creek's astonishing Pack-It Compressors, Two-Sided Cube and other well-priced, smart ideas, such as the Flat Pack Organizer, Jewelry CarryAll and waterproof Splash Caddy (\$10 and up). Magellans.com, (800) 962-4943.

Streamline laptop travel with an action-packed lightweight Vertical Computer bag (\$85). Awesome convertibility, with a removable computer sleeve for quick getaways. REI.com, (800) 426-4840. Retrieve luggage with the Victorinox's astonishing Global Track I.D. Tag (\$15). You lose it, they send it back — gratis. SonomaOutfitters.com, (800) 290-1920.

Lux

Cuddle up with a scrumptious Föm horseshoe head pillow (\$25), Brookstone.com, (866) 576-7337. Eshave's rich shaving creams, in floral for her and cucumber for him, complement a his/her kit with pink and blue Lucite-handle razors (\$195). The picture is complete with a T-shaped chrome stand. Plumparty.com, (800) 227-0314.

Top-of-the-line, foldable "noise canceling" stereo headphones are pricey. Save with NoiseBuster (\$69) from Pro Tech Communications.com. Amazon.com (free shipping).

Brew full-bodied gourmet coffee or tea anywhere in the unbreakable, portable Bonjour French Press Carafe (\$15). Add romance with a totally flat, packable plastic WonderVase (three for \$15) that you mold under warm water. Or create ambiance with a flickering, battery-operated CandleSafe made of real wax (\$25). Magellan's.

Oprah loves a shimmery lime and powder blue silk throw (\$100). Will you? PlumParty.com, (800) 227-0314.

Washable suede shirts, sweater jackets and "cashnear" knits are equally yummy (\$89 and up). Travelsmith.com.

Techno

Save money and the planet with a Dual-Voltage Battery Recharger (\$35). Complete with four AA NiMH batteries, this practical gift runs on both 110 or 220 volt current. Magellan's.

Shape up with a digital pedometer (\$30), loaded with a panic alarm and calorie counter. Or tune in with Orion's AudioView AM/FM radio binoculars (\$90). Travelsmith.

Navigate 20 reversible routes with a wrist-mounted GPS receiver/personal navigator from Garmin Foretrex (\$130 to \$170). In under three ounces, compute speed, track trips and calculate distances, all while telling time. REI.

Countdown

The flip-top, analog Dakota Mini Travel Clock (\$35), features sleek stainless steel in a charming wooden box. Or keep time here and in Israel with easy-to-set dual-time tank style watches (\$79 each) for him and her. Magellan's.

Wake up to shortwave with Grundig's ultra-compact Mini Radio (\$40). Draws in seven bands of shortwave signals, plus AM, FM. With a digital clock, sleep timer and earphones, it's good to go. Or indulge and download news, weather and calendar dates on the Suunto Web Watch (\$299). Includes stopwatch, alarm and date. Subscribe to MSN Direct for stock quotes, sport scores and more. Travelsmith.

Call of the Wild

Prepare for all-weather winter adventure with outdoor gear. Add breathable warmth with soft, moisture-wicking Performance Wool separates (\$95 and up). Fast drying and machine washable. Bundle up with 650-fill-power goose down jacket (\$99) with a water-repellent, breathable finish that resists light moisture. Doubles as a zip-in liner for REI parkas and packs small for the space conscious. And hydrate with the REI Runoff Pack (\$60 and up). The women's version boasts super comfortable shoulder straps for women-specific contouring. REI.

The ultimate camping mat, the self-inflating Therm-A-Rest Dreamtime Sleeping Pad (\$199) includes a cushy pillow top and washable fleece cover. Campmor.com, (800) 525-4784.

His

The classic calfskin Taxi Wallet (\$49) or the Cash InCase key ring (\$20) stash cash for all occasions. Magellan's.

Gift gentlemen with the English Butler Shoe Shine kit (\$80), includes a distinctive leather case. Delight amateur astronomers with the Night Navigator digital electronic compass (\$99). And help Zayde fight off chills and spills with a stylish "Teflon" Stain-Free Cardigan (\$99). Travelsmith.

The Gerber Nautilus Flashlight Tool (\$69) packs a four-mode LED light with Fiskars scissors, a fine-blade knife, Phillips and flathead screwdrivers, with a bottle opener. REI. Or cut loose with Leatherman's "high-wattage" Charger Ti multitool. It boasts interchangeable bits, perks galore and lightweight titanium handles. Cabelas.com, \$100.

Hers

Classic equestrian-style boots (\$160) combine comfort and fashion. Bornshoes.com. Or prep her for wet weather with a 100 percent waterproof, packable microfiber Balmacaan raincoat (\$179), optional lightweight liner (\$70) and plenty of rain-worthy boots (\$89 and up). Travelsmith.

For the perfect shoulder bag on the road or at home, Hobo's women-designed, microfiber Essential Traveler (\$69) hides travel documents and organizes pens, travel guides and more. Attach a handsome leather phone tote (\$25) that doubles as an eyeglass case. Magellan's.

Wrap her in a cultural souvenir from the Himalayan region of Kashmir. This black merino wool shawl (\$89) features colorful hand-embroidered flowers. ShopNationalGeographic.com, (800) 437-5521.

Kids

Woolly mammoths and saber-toothed cats, hornless rhinos and giant sloths hold court in NatGeo's Prehistoric Mammals book (\$30). Ages 8 and up.

Or explore the "Atlas of the World," eighth edition (\$125). Hard copy purchases include online access to customized maps, satellite imagery and downloadable updates. National Geographic.

Little ones beam in super-bright blue light with a tiny Microbeam flashlight keychain (\$20). Brookstone.

A responsible teen ready for a pocketknife? A miniature Jewish version of Victronix's "Star of David" model (\$15) features a bright blue case and white Magen David. SwissArmyExpress.com, (877) 289-2769.

Little Robosapien (\$100), a carefree "pet," combines robot technology with personality. Command Robo with a remote or speech to fetch books and perform 65 other functions. Ages 6 and up. SharperImage.com, (800) 344-5555.

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