



HANNUKAH



Hanukkah is celebrated by Jewish people all over the world. It is an eight-day, wintertime “festival of lights,” celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers, fried foods and games. The Menorah is an important Hanukkah candle holder. It has nine candles.

Traditionally, one candle is separated from the rest, usually by being higher than the other eight. On the first night, only one candle is lit, on the right side of the menorah. On the second night, a second candle is added, and they are lit from right to left. This continues for all eight nights. The candles are never lit directly - instead, the higher candle, (called a shamash, meaning "attendant") is lit first, and then used to light the rest of the candles. Before the candles are lit, blessings are said over them. Children play games with dreidels during Hannukah and win gelt (money or chocolate coins). Latkes, fried potato cakes, are sometimes served with applesauce.

STORIES ABOUT HANNUKAH

- The Dreidel that wouldn't Spin by Martha Seif Simpson
- Latke the Lucky Dog by Ellen Fischer
- Happy Hanukkah Corduroy by Don Freeman
- Sammy Spider's First Hanukkah by Sylvia Rouss
- Eight Candles and a Tree by Simone Bloom Nathan
- [Hannukah Bear by Eric Kimmel](#)

RECIPE

LATKES



CRAFT

PAPER PLATE MENORAH

GAME

DREIDEL GAME INSTRUCTIONS



MUSIC

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