

# Happy Hanukkah

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## Kesher Konekt.....Jewish activities at your fingertips for 4th Grade to 8th Grade

### HANUKKAH BLESSINGS



spread the  
**LIGHT**

Facing the menorah, place the first candle on your right and each night add candles to the left. Light the shamash (the single candle that is set apart).

Recite the following blessings:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר (שול) חנוכה.

*Baruch atah adonai elohenu melech ha-olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadleek ner shel hanukkah. Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the world, who makes us holy with mitzvot, and commands us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.*

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שעשאה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

*Baruch atah adonai elohenu melech ha-olam she-asah nisim la-avoteinu ba-yameem ha-em ba-zman ha-zeh. Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the world, who did wondrous things for our people long ago at this time of year.*

On the first night add this blessing:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

*Baruch atah adonai elohenu melech ha-olam shehechyanu v'kiyemanu v'higyanu la-zman ha-zeh. Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the world, who has given us life, sustained us, and brought us to this season of joy.*

Using the shamash, light the candles from left to right. We light the candle for the new night first. Now, sing Hanukkah songs, eat latkes and play dreidel. Enjoy the candlelight! Try not to do any work while they are burning. Take the opportunity to share stories about miracles and heroes from the past. Discuss the ways we can bring about miracles and acts of heroism in our times. On **Friday night**, light the Hanukkah candles **FIRST** and then light the Shabbat candles. On **Saturday night**, say **Havdalah** first, then light the Hanukkah candles.

**With every Hanukkah candle we light, we illumine the most important messages of all: that we must always work to find light in the darkness, and we must always work to keep the light of religious freedom burning for all people, for all time.** (ReformJudaism.com)

#### Dreidel Game

Before each turn, everyone puts 1 piece into the pot. Spin the dreidel and if it lands on:

ש Shin: Put 1 piece into pot

ה Hay: You win half of the pieces in the pot

נ Nun: Nothing happens, next player spins

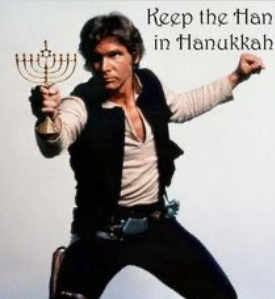
ג Gimmel: You win all the pieces in the pot

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#### DREIDEL SCATTERGORIES

Spin the dreidel & whichever side it lands on (N,G,H,S), players have two minutes to think up words that fit in a certain category like fruit, vegetables, movie star or animal name) and start with that letter. Longest (or most creative!) list wins.

Keep the Han in Hanukkah



### Hanukkah Trivia

1. Why is Hanukkah sometimes called The Festival of Lights?
2. When Jews observe Hanukkah, what are they celebrating?
3. What happened to the menorah and all the oil when enemy soldiers took over the temple?
4. Where did Mattathias and his followers hide?
5. Why might Mattathias have wanted to drive the enemy out of Jerusalem?
6. How long did the Jews fight their enemy?
7. After the Jews conquered their enemy, how much oil did they find in the Temple?
8. Explain the miracle of the oil.

1. celebrate rededication of 2nd temple by lighting of the menorah 2. celebrating God's glory, victory over an enemy, continuing freedom of Jews 3. menorah's flame, which had always burned brightly, went out & oil was spilled all over the floor 4. in the wilderness 5. so the Jews would be free again 6. 2 years 7. enough to light the menorah for one day 8. although there was enough oil for just one day, the menorah burned brightly for 8 days.

Trivia Answers at bottom of page



# Reading Corner

Penina Levine  
Is a Potato Pancake



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For Grades 4-6

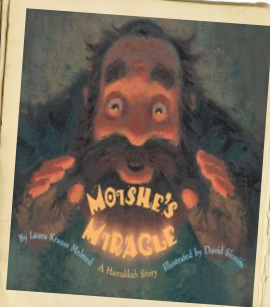
It's the beginning of Hanukkah, and Penina is having a hard time. Her best friend is going to Aruba, her favorite teacher is on extended leave, her parents are upset with her for not being nicer to her annoying little sister and she feels like no one in her family pays her any attention until her grandparents arrive with some TLC.

LIKE A MACCABEE



For Grades 4+

A great story to relate the Maccabee story of Hanukkah to every day life in the now. This can also transfer into using the principles of God's Word - including the Ten Commandments - in everyday life. It also includes how generations can help each other to continue to learn when the attitudes are right.



Ages 6-10

Kind-hearted Moishe is given a magical frying pan that will produce all the latkes you could wish for—latkes by the dozen, latkes by the hundreds—but only Moishe must use it. Alas, his short-tempered wife, Baila, does not heed the warning.

## RECIPE CORNER

### Sufganiyot Made Easy

Traditional Hanukkah Jelly Donuts

#### Ingredients:

- 1 ball of store-bought pizza dough or refrigerator biscuit dough
- 1/2 cup seedless raspberry jam
- 1/2 cup granulated or powdered sugar
- oil

#### Instructions:

- ★ Allow your dough to warm up on the counter for 30 mins to an hour
- ★ Roll out the dough to about 1/4 inch thick and use round cookie cutter to cup out circles of dough
- ★ While dough rests, put sugar into a shallow bowl
- ★ Scoop 1/2 cup of raspberry jam into the corner of a large plastic bag & snip off a small portion of the corner to make a pastry bag
- ★ Pour about 2 inches of oil into a walled frying pan
- ★ Warm oil to about 350 degrees (consider using a candy thermometer)
- ★ Place 2 or 3 rounds of dough into the pan at a time
- ★ Flip once the bottom side is lightly brown (be careful not to over cook)
- ★ When both sides are cooked, place onto paper towels, then toss in the granulated sugar
- ★ Using a long skewer, make a hole in one side of the donut and wiggle it around to create a cavity inside
- ★ Squeeze the raspberry jam into the hole in the donut (don't be scared to put too much in—remember the dough is not sweet, so the filling can be)

EAT THEM! JUST LIKE EVERYTHING FRIED, THEY'RE BETTER HOT.

### SWEET APPLE LATKES

#### Ingredients:

- 2-3 tart apples, peeled & coarsely grated
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 TBS sugar
- 2 lg eggs
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon
- Pinch of salt

#### Instructions:

- ★ Combine all ingredients in medium bowl & mix well
- ★ Make apple latke patties
- ★ Heat skillet over medium heat
- ★ Add 1 TBS oil to skillet (just enough to coat bottom of skillet)
- ★ Cook latkes 3-5 mins, until edges are brown & crisp
- ★ Flip & cook until latkes are browned on 2nd side, about 2 mins more
- ★ Transfer to paper towel plate to drain
- ★ Serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream

### Chocolate Hanukkah stars

(forkandbeans.com)

#### Ingredients:

- ★ 1 c. chocolate, melted
- ★ 60 pretzel sticks
- ★ sprinkles

#### Instructions:

- ★ You will need 6 pretzel sticks per star
- ★ Dip each pretzel stick into the melted chocolate
- ★ Assemble together on a piece of wax paper and coat with sprinkles
- ★ Allow to set until hardened. You can place in the freezer to expedite this process. ENJOY!



Edible  
Menorahs



Happy  
Hanukkah



Two dice are shown, one slightly behind the other. Each die has a white face with a black Hebrew letter. The front die shows the letter 'א' (Aleph) on its top face and 'ב' (Bet) on its front face. The back die shows the letter 'ג' (Gimel) on its top face and 'ד' (Dalet) on its front face. The dice are set against a blue background with a white horizontal line.



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- ★ Who brings light into your life?
- ★ What miracle could the world use now?
- ★ To whom would you bestow the Maccabee Award of courage? Why?
- ★ What do these have to do with Hanukkah?

**Now is the time to get your Legos out  
and build our own Lego menorah.  
Celebrate Hanukkah Lego style!**