

# Hanukkah



**STARTS**

**SUNDOWN  
12.25.24**

25 of Kislev

**ENDS**

**SUNDOWN  
01.02.25**

2 of Tevet

## What it IS...

An 8-day holiday celebrating the story of the Macabees and the *miracle* of the tiny bit of oil lasting for 8 days.

## What to SAY...

*Chag Urim Sameach*  
**HAPPY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS!**

## What to EAT...



*Latkes:*  
Potato pancakes



*Sufganiyot:*  
Jelly donuts

*Gelt:* Chocolates shaped like coins



*And any other fried foods to remember the Miracle!*

## What to DO AT THE JCC...

December 3rd, 2023

# HANUKKAH

  

## INSIDE OUT!



Bring the kids to the JCC parking lot for FREE, fun holiday activities including music, crafts, jelly donuts, dancing, storytelling...and more!

## What to DO...

 Play dreidel



Light the Hanukkah

Sing songs



Give gifts

## Say Blessings & light the Hanukkah

The hanukkah (menorah) holds 9 candles, one for each night of the story and a shamash (helper) to light the others.

THE Hanukkah (MENORAH)



the shamash

Different households have different customs when it comes to lighting the hanukkah. Some start the holiday with one candle and increase with each day, others begin by lighting all eight and decrease each day. Some households only light one hanukkah while others have one for each member of the family.

*Blessings* are recited first, then candles are lit from left to right.

*Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav, ve-tzevanu lihadlik ner shel Hannukah.*

Play *Dreidel* a 4-sided spinning top game.



Dreidel was created as a cover for Torah study when the Torah was forbidden.

Players get gelt (chocolate coins) & do what comes up on their spin.

Whoever has the most gelt at the end wins!



NUN  
do nothing



GIMEL  
get all of the gelt



HEY  
get half of the gelt



SHIN  
add a piece of gelt

These Hebrew letters stand for *Nes Gadol Haya Sham*, a great miracle happened there.