

# Hanukkah Challenge



**The Jewish festival, also known as the Festival of Lights!**  
Celebrated with the lighting of candles, playing games and eating fried foods.  
Let's find out more and celebrate Hanukkah together!

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It's our mission to help leaders, teachers and parents save time by providing ideas and opportunities to help them deliver everyday adventure and skills for life. We do this through our family of brands; find out more below and head to the website for your next adventure!



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# Craft

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- ☆ Make your own dreidel using our free resource.
- ☆ Craft your own Hanukkah gift calendar, like an Advent calendar but with 8 small gifts, one for each night of Hanukkah.
- ☆ Create your own Hanukkah Menorah (or Hanukkiah).

## What?

Hanukkah is observed by lighting candles on a special candle stick called a Hanukkah Menorah. There are 9 branches, one typically placed above or below the others and used to light the other candles. This candle is called the shamash meaning "attendant" in Hebrew. Each night one additional candle is lit until all eight candles are lit together on the final night of the festival.

- ☆ Make a candle or oil lamp; Hanukkah is also known as the Festival of Lights.
- ☆ Create a storyboard or timeline of the Hanukkah story or share the story in an interesting way such as animation, illustrating a short story or similar.
- ☆ Make a gift to exchange during Hanukkah.

## Why?

Many families exchange gifts or give presents to children during Hanukkah. Some families give gifts of gelt (money) and encourage their children to give tzedakah (charity) in lieu of presents for themselves.

- ☆ Books are often exchanged as gifts, have a go at book binding and make your own book/notebook to give.
- ☆ Create an eco-friendly menorah. Candles haven't always been used and poorer Kurdish Jews were known to use egg shells and olive oil instead. What could you re-purpose and use for your menorah?
- ☆ Make a sign for your bedroom door; Kurdish children would lock their doors during Hanukkah and their parents would have to give coins for entry!
- ☆ Get crafty and make a "Hanukkah Sameach!" (Happy Hanukkah) card.
- ☆ Use materials of your choice to make a dreidel shaped decoration/ornament.
- ☆ Create your own Hanukkah decorations in traditional blue and white, you could make a garland, a wreath or bunting.



# Food

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- ☆ Fry your own latkes, a type of potato pancake/fritter, traditionally eaten during Hanukkah.

## Why?

Fried foods are eaten during Hanukkah to symbolise the miracle of the oil that was used to light the menorah in the ancient temple for eight days and nights. Jews around the world all have their own unique ways of celebrating but fried foods are traditional the world over!

- ☆ Make your own jam doughnuts known as sufganiyah in Israel.
- ☆ Investigate the different oils that can be used for cooking; when should each one be used and why would one be preferred over another?
- ☆ Olive oil was traditionally used to light the menorah before candles were widely used. Find out how to make it and have a go at pressing your own.
- ☆ Many families give/exchange chocolate coins as Hanukkah gelt. Have a go at making your own chocolate coins or using gold leaf on a chocolate bake.
- ☆ Some Jews eat dairy at Hanukkah in dishes such as kugel, cheesecake or rugelah. Make one of these yourself and try it.

## Why?

This tradition begins with the story of Judith who overcame Holofernes by feeding him salty cheese in order to make him thirsty. He satisfied his thirst with wine and passed out, after which Judith took his sword and cut off his head. What a heroine!

- ☆ Use plantain to make patacones, eaten by Jews in Cuba.
- ☆ Fry your own precipizi, Italian Hanukkah treats.
- ☆ Enjoy some sfenj, Moroccan orange doughnuts.
- ☆ Cook your own Burfi, a milk-based sweet from India that is gifted instead of chocolate gelt in India.
- ☆ Use a pretzel stick and a marshmallow and make your own sweet dreidels.
- ☆ Visit friends in your neighbourhood and eat together. In Avignon, France it is custom to open a new bottle of wine on a Sunday that falls in Hanukkah, then travel the neighbourhood tasting wine and toasting the celebrations.



# Games

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- ☆ Play a game of dreidel using our free resource.

What?

A dreidel is a four-sided spinning top played during Hanukkah. Each side of the dreidel bears a letter of the Hebrew alphabet; nun, gimel, hey or chai, and shin. The letters for an acronym for the Hebrew saying Nes Gadol Hayah Sham, "*a great miracle happened there*," referring to the miracle which Hanukkah is centered around.

- ☆ Share a card game with friends or family, cards are commonly played during Hanukkah.

- ☆ Have a relay race.

Why?

Jews around the world light menorahs at Hanukkah but in Jerusalem runners race a burning torch from the Israeli city of Modiin to Jerusalem (about 20 miles/32 km), where the chief rabbi lights a giant menorah at the Western Wall.

- ☆ Play Toma Todo (winner takes all), also known as Pirinola, played by Jews in Mexico. Use our free La Pirinola Spinner resource to make yours!
- ☆ Mexican Jews also celebrate by breaking a dreidel-shaped pinata. Make your own or have fun breaking a pinata.
- ☆ In Morocco bonfires are traditionally held on a 9th day of celebration when all the shamash candles are collected. Jumping over these bonfires is believed to bring good luck. We wouldn't suggest jumping over a fire but why not have a game of leapfrog instead?!
- ☆ Play a game of pairs matching objects or greetings for Hanukkah.
- ☆ Have a game of connect 4 or 3-in-a-row using chocolate Hanukkah gelt. Use gold and silver foil coins for the different players.
- ☆ Hold a Hanukkah scavenger hunt searching for all blue items or items that light up. Create your own criteria.
- ☆ Take part in the gift wrap challenge. Giving gifts is part of many Hanukkah celebrations but how fast can you wrap a gift? How about using only one hand? When tied together with a partner?
- ☆ Play a game of Hanukkah Charades with friends/family. Use our free resource or create your own cards with words/phrases to act out.



# Other

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- ☆ Following their 3 year war the Maccabees cleaned and repaired their temple. Clean your room.
- ☆ Fix something that is broken or damaged, i.e. sew a button back on a jacket, or darn a hole.
- ☆ Read the Hanukkah story of the recovery of Jerusalem and the re-dedication of the Second Temple.
- ☆ Hanukkah means “dedication” in Hebrew. Dedicate your time and volunteer.
- ☆ Discover and learn the days of the week and months on a Hebrew calendar. Hanukkah begins on the 25th day of Kislev.
- ☆ Find out how to light the menorah and take part lighting an additional candle each day of Hanukkah. Syrian Jewish tradition is to light an additional shamash as a sign of thanks after the Sephardic Jews expelled from Spain found a safe haven in Syria in 1492.
- ☆ Hanukkah celebrates the re-dedication of the Second Temple. Find out where the Second Temple is on a map.
- ☆ Learn and sing some traditional Hanukkah songs.
- ☆ Read the hymn Hanerot Halalu.
- ☆ Learn how to wish people a Happy Hanukkah in different languages.
- ☆ In Morocco it is tradition to build and light bonfires on the 9th day of Hanukkah, celebrated as the Day of the Shamash. Build and enjoy your own bonfire or campfire.
- ☆ How many different types of doughnuts can you discover? From Bunuelos, a tradition for Sephardic Jews in Latin American countries to Loukoumades of Jews in Greece.
- ☆ Visit your local synagogue, the Jewish house of worship.
- ☆ Find out about Judaism and how it compares with your own/another religion.
- ☆ Speak to members of your local Jewish community and find out about how they will be celebrating Hanukkah this year. Perhaps you can observe or join in with some of their celebrations?

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