

Story of Hanukkah

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This year, _____^{Year} and every other year, Hanukkah starts every year on the 24th of Kislev. Hanukkah is the holiday that celebrates the unlikely victory of the Jews over the Greeks, who were led by a particularly _____^{Adjective} king named Antiochus. The leaders of the Jewish people were a family named the Maccabees, and the most famous was Judah Maccabee. Judah had many brothers, like _____^{First name} and _____^{First name} and lots of other Jewish people who helped to fight in the war against the ancient Greeks. With all these people, and Gods help, the Jews were successful in defeating their enemies. They were also some _____^{Animal plural} involved in the battle, who led the way trumpeting their large trunks!

To celebrate Hanukkah, we lights _____^{Plural noun} each night, starting with just one candle, going all the way up to eight. We do this because of a tradition that after the Jews rededicated the Temple, there was only enough _____^{Noun} left to light the Temple menorah for one night, but the oil burned through _____^{Number} whole nights!

Another Hanukkah tradition is to eat lots of fried food, especially latkes, which are fried potatoes, and sufganiyot
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which are fried dough. Sometimes we'll throw a little _____^{Noun} into the mix, for a little fruit. Another thing we do on Hanukkah is play dreidel, which involves sitting in a circle with friends or family and _____^{Verb} _____^{ending in ing} around a little top with _____^{Number} sides. Each of the four sides has a Hebrew letter, and all four letters together stand for a phrase we remember every year on Hanukkah: Nes Gadol Hayah Sham, which in English means "A Great Miracle Happened There."; In Israel of course, the _____^{Noun} has one letter different from all the dreidels outside _____^{Location}.

We hope everyone has an excellent Hanukkah this year, and gets to spend lots of time with their friends and family, _____^{Verb ending in ing} games, eating food and remembering the miraculous victory of the Maccabees over the ancient Greeks!