

First blessing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוְּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר חֲנֻכָּה

Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech ha-olam a-sher ki-de-sha-nu be-mitz-vo-tav ve-tzi-va-nu le-had-lik ner Ha-nu-kah.

Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Hanukkah light.



Second blessing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שְׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים וּמִוֹתָרוֹת לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בְּיָמֵם הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה

Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech Ha-olam she-a-sa ni-sim la-avo-te-nu ba-ya-mim ha-hem bi-zman ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who performed miracles for our forefathers in those days, at this time.



Third blessing, recited only on the first night (or the first time lighting this Chanukah):



בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שְׁהַחֲיֵינוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה

Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech Ha-olam she-heche-ya-nu ve-ki-yi-ma-nu ve-higi-a-nu liz-man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

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CHANUKAH

בס"ד חנוכה

The Dreidel is a playful reminder of the wonderful miracles 'n made for us during חנוכה. There are various ways to play the game. Here is one of the most common ways:

In the game of Dreidel, the letters on the Dreidel stand for the rules of the game. The words (of the game rules) are in Yiddish.

Each player begins with an equal amount of coins, חנוכה Chocolates, marbles or anything else, with an equal portion in the pot. As you take turns spinning the Dreidel, the letter on which it falls, is your fate.

If your spin gets you a:

Letter	Meaning	Action
נ	Nun (gur)Nisht nothing,	Do nothing
ג	Gimmel Gantz – everything (or the entire thing)	You get the whole pot
ה	Hey Halb - half	You get half the pot
ש	Shin Shtel – give (or put down)	Put one in

A few more rules: When someone gets a:

ג: Everyone - including the spinner - puts one in.
 ה: If there's an odd number in the pot, take the bigger half.
 ש: No crying allowed.

You remain in the game - until you need to put one in - but you don't have it. So you can have nothing left and still play for a while. If you just get Nuns - you are still in - until you get a Shin - or another gets a Gimmel - because then you need to put one in. No borrowing from others...

The winner is the last remaining survivor - after all others are out. You can also set a time limit to the game or an arranged number of rounds - and the one who earned the most, wins.

Remember that Jewish law does not allow gambling, so be sure you are only playing for fun - not for keeps!

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Hanukkah

First Night of Hanukkah is on Thursday, December 10



**First night:**

Fill Your Home with the Sights and Sounds of Hanukkah:

Invite your children to create drawings of the Hanukkah story and make Hanukkah decorations. Use these or store-bought items to decorate your home. Create an annual tradition of taking a family photograph at Hanukkah. Hang the photographs in chronological order so that everyone can see how the family has grown and matured. Fill your home with song. A broad array of Hanukkah music can be purchased at Judaica stores, book stores, and on the Internet. Add to the festive spirit of the holiday by playing and singing your favorites—at home and in the car.

Second night:

Sponsored by Aleph class: Sufganiyot (Hanukkah donuts)

Ingredients

1 can parve refrigerated biscuits
Jelly (optional)
Oil
Powdered sugar



Open biscuits split each one in half. You will have 16 circles. Fill frying pan with 1/2 inch oil. Heat for 5 min. Fry 2-3 at a time. 1 min/ side. Place on paper towels. Once cooled, use a pastry bag to add jelly. Shake sugar on top.

Third night:

Sponsored by Hay class: Paper Bag dramatics

Each family member brings a random item that has to be used in the skit. The skit can be factual, funny or a combination of both. Families can make their own costumes, props and scenery if they would like too. So let your creative juices flow and have fun while spending time with your family! Don't forget to record it or take photographs of the final product as a keepsake.

Fourth night:

Sponsored by Bet class: Make Edible Hanukkiyot

Supplies needed:

Slices of bread
One Spread such as Cream cheese, marshmallow fluff, vanilla frosting, peanut butter, or butter.
Very thin pretzel sticks
Candy corn is preferred as it looks like the flames of a candle. You can use jelly beans, mini chocolate chips, chocolate covered raisins, craisins etc. for the flames.

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Instructions: Decide which night you are going to show.

On your piece of bread use your spread of choice making a thin layer.

Next take the pretzel sticks and build your Hanukkiah.

On top of the “candlesticks” make a flame with the candy corn.

Fifth night:

Sponsored by Gimel Class: Homemade Decorative Sevivon

Materials: Pint size OJ Container (Tropicana has these).

Strips of plaster wrap or newspaper and glue, Pencil, Scissors, Paint and brushes

Glue-on Hebrew letters for dreidel

Directions:

Separate each side of the opening of container

Cut the four triangular strips off

Tape the top closed into a pointed tip

Carefully make a slit with a scissor point or knife into the underside of the container

Insert pencil securely into slit.

Now it resembles a Sevivon

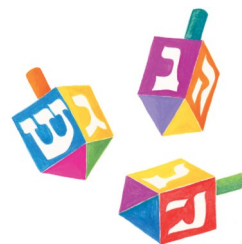
Wrap container with strips of wet plastic wrap Or strips of paper dipped in glue until container is completely covered.

Let dry overnight.

Paint and let dry

Glue a Hebrew letter on each side

Voila! A decorative Sevivon!

**Sixth Night**

Sponsored by Dalet class: another make a sevivon (dreidel) and play the dreidel game!

Two nights of fun can be had with this activity. On the first night, take out your art supplies and make your own personalized all-in-one dreidel sets. Spin your way into more fun the following night with your compact new game.

Materials Lucite or clear plastic box or container

Dreidel Pennies, nuts, or your family's favorite candy Dreidel Game instructions (included) Materials to decorate; paint markers, stickers, puffy paints, or whatever you like



Instructions 1)Decorate your box or container. 2)Place a pretty piece of paper in the bottom of the box or tape the instructions to the bottom. 3)Fill the box with candies, coins, chocolate chips, or whatever your family likes the most. 4)Put a folded copy of the instructions in the box and you are ready to play.

Seventh Night:

Say Goodnight with a Hanukkah Story:

Each night of Hanukkah before bedtime, gather together as a family to read a Hanukkah story. If you have young children, you might read *Latkes, Latkes Good to Eat* by Naomi Howland (Clarion), *When Mindy Saved Hanukkah* by Eric Kimmel (Scholastic), or *The Christmas Menorahs: How a Town Fought Hate* by Janice Cohn (Albert Whitman & Company). If you have older children, consider “The Maccabees’ Sister” as told by Rabbi Ed Feinstein in *Capturing the Moon* (Behrman House). Be on the lookout for Hanukkah tales published in Jewish magazines or your local Jewish newspaper.

Eighth Night: Give a Gift to Those in Need:

Take your child shopping for a gift to give to someone less fortunate. Encourage your child to pick out a gift that he or she would like to receive. Then, let your child donate that gift to a local hospital or charitable organization. You might also plan with your extended family to each put aside a weekly donation in a family tzedakah box. (Before Shabbat on Friday afternoons would be the perfect time!) Then, at Hanukkah, pool the money and donate it to a children's aid organization. Gather together the children and provide them with a list of charities. Let them choose where they want to donate their collective Hanukkah gift.

Hag Urim Sameach!

From our homes and from the Jane Fishman Grinberg Religious School of Har Zion Temple, Rabbi Shawn and Dr. Schatz wish you a joyous Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights! In this packet you will find 8 Ideas for 8 Nights- projects to celebrate Hanukkah as a family. You will also find the three brachot for candle lighting, some songs, and directions for playing dreidel.

We hope that you will enjoy this family time this year.

