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How is it celebrated?

Often called the Festival of Lights, the holiday is celebrated with the lighting of the menorah, traditional foods, games, and gifts.

In recognition of the Hanukkah miracle, traditional foods are fried in oil. Potato pancakes (known as latkes) and jam-filled donuts (sufganiyot) are particularly popular in many Jewish households.

Another Hanukkah custom is playing with four-sided spinning tops called dreidels.

On each side of the dreidel is a different Hebrew letter, the first letters of the Hebrew sentence "Nes gadol hayah sham," which means "a great miracle happened there."



Happy Hanukkah

What is Hanukkah?

Hanukkah is a joyous holiday that celebrates the victory of the Jews over the Syrians. About 2000 years ago, the Jewish people led by Judah Maccabee rebelled against the powerful Syrian army and drove them from the land of Israel. When they reclaimed their temple in Jerusalem, they wanted to light the eternal light (menorah) but there was only enough oil left in the menorah to burn for 1 day. A miracle occurred and the oil burned for 8 days.

Hanukkah Sameach!

Chag Hanukkah Sameach
(translates to "joyful Hanukkah festival";
pronunciation - chag KHänəkə sa'me.αχ).



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