



HANUKKAH RESOURCES

**Books & Videos to Enhance Your Family's Celebration
Available in the Gray Cultural & Learning Center**

FOR YOUNGER READERS:
In the Pins of Children's Reading Room

***The Hanukkah Story* by David A. Adler (E240.4)**

Retells the story of the first Hanukkah, describing how Mattathias and his followers defeated their Greek rulers, the rededication of the Temple, and the miracle of the oil, and discusses how Hanukkah is celebrated today.

NEW! *ABC Hanukkah Hunt* by Tilda Balsley (E240.4)

Rhyming text reminds the reader of a significant word related to Hanukkah for each letter of the alphabet.

NEW! *The Count's Hanukkah Countdown* by Tilda Balsley and Ellen Fischer (E240.4)

Grover and the Count join Aunt Sarah, Uncle Joe, their children and niece and nephew, for a Hanukkah party on Sesame Street at which the Count finds eight of many different things.

***Engineer Ari and the Hanukkah Mishap* by Deborah Bodin Cohen (E240.4)**

In Israel in the 1890s, a train derails and its engineer, who was rushing to spend Hanukkah with friends, is surprised when a Bedouin who helps him says they are in the very place where the miracle of Hanukkah began.

***The Hanukkah Trike* by Michelle Edwards (E240.4)**

After falling off of the tricycle she just received as a Hanukkah gift, Gabi recalls the story of the brave Maccabees and finds the courage to try again.

NEW! *Jeremy's Dreidel* by Ellie Gellman (E240.4)

A boy makes a Braille Hanukkah dreidel for his father, who is blind. Includes instructions for making different types of dreidels.

***Hoppy Hanukkah!* by Linda Glaser (E240.4)**

Two young bunnies learn about the customs of Hanukkah from their parents and grandparents before they light the menorah, eat potato latkes, and play dreidel.

***Mrs. Greenberg's Messy Hanukkah* by Linda Glaser (E240.4)**

When Rachel makes latkes with her friend Mrs. Greenberg, the project turns out to be a very messy one. See also: *The Borrowed Hanukkah Latkes*.

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***Menorah Under the Sea* by Esther Susan Heller (E240.4)**

Describes how, while studying sea urchins in Antarctica, marine biologist David Ginsburg celebrated Hanukkah by creating his own menorah on the sea floor.

***Where is Baby's Dreidel?* by Karen Katz (E240.4)**

It's Hanukkah and Baby wants to spin the dreidel – but where is it? Lift the flaps and find out in this adorable board book by the author of *Where is Baby's Belly Button?*

***The Golem's Latkes* by Eric A. Kimmel (E240.4)**

Rabbi Judah Loew ben Bezalel visits the Emperor, leaving a new housemaid to prepare for his Hanukkah party, but returns to find that she has misused the clay man he created. Includes historical and cultural notes. See also: *The Chanukah Guest, Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins, Asher and the Capmakers, The Magic Dreidels, When Mindy Saved Hanukkah* and *Zigazak*.

***The Runaway Latkes* by Leslie Kimmelman (E240.4)**

When three potato latkes escape Rebecca Bloom's frying pan, everyone including the cantor, the rabbi, and the mayor joins in the chase. See also: *Hanukkah Lights, Hanukkah Nights*.

***Elmo's Little Dreidel* by Naomi Kleinberg (E240.4)**

Celebrating the first night of Hanukkah with a friend's family, Elmo watches the lighting of the menorah, joins in singing Hanukkah songs and shares a traditional dinner before learning how to play with a dreidel and receiving one of his own.

***NEW! Sadie's Almost Marvelous Menorah* by Jamie Korngold (E240.4)**

A little girl breaks her handmade Hanukkah menorah but learns that, even broken, it can still have a role to play in the holiday celebration.

***It's Hanukkah Time!* by Latifa Berry Kropf (E240.4)**

Preschoolers invite their grandparents to a Hanukkah party and celebrate by lighting the menorah, playing dreidel, making sufganiyot, and telling the story of the Maccabees.

***Nathan Blows Out the Hanukkah Candles* by Tami Lehman-Wilzig (E240.4)**

Although Jacob finds his autistic brother, Nathan, annoying, he gets angry at a new neighbor who calls Nathan weird, but their mothers help the boys get along with a special Hanukkah observance.

***Jodie's Hanukkah Dig* by Anna Levine (E240.4)**

Jodie dreams of one day becoming a famous archaeologist and when her father takes her to visit a dig in Modiin, home of the Maccabees, she is uniquely able to help.

***NEW! Eight Winter Nights: A Family Hanukkah Book* by Laura Krauss Melmed (E240.4)**

Short verses describe symbols, foods, and family fun associated with the festival of Hanukkah. See also *Moishe's Miracle: A Hanukkah Story*.

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NEW! Happy Hanukkah, Curious George by Emily Flaschner Meyer (E240.4)

Curious George and the man in the yellow hat travel to a friend's house to celebrate Hanukkah where they light the menorah, play dreidel games, and eat potato latkes. (board book)

Runaway Dreidel by Leslea Newman (E240.4)

In this rhyming tale, a family's preparations for Hanukkah are disrupted by a wildly spinning dreidel. See also: *Eight Nights of Chanukkah*.

Harvest of Light by Allison Ofanansky (E240.4)

Contemporary, full-color photographs help to illustrate how one Israeli family raises olives and uses the oil to light their Hanukkah menorah.

The Trees of the Dancing Goats by Patricia Polacco (E240.4)

During a scarlet fever epidemic one winter in Michigan, a Jewish family helps make Christmas special for their sick neighbors by making their own Hanukkah miracle.

Dinosaur on Hanukkah by Diane Rauchwerger (E240.4)

A dinosaur comes to a young boy's house to join him in celebrating Hanukkah.

Chanukah Lights Everywhere by Michael Rosen (E240.4)

A young boy counts the candles on the family menorah and the lights he sees in the world around him on each night of Hanukkah. See also: *Our Eight Nights of Hanukkah* and *Elijah's Angel: A Story for Chanukah and Christmas*.

NEW! The Hanukkah Hop! by Erica Silverman (E240.4)

Rhymed text and illustrations follow a family's activities as they prepare to celebrate Hanukkah.

NEW! Esther's Hanukkah Disaster by Jane Sutton (E240.4)

A gorilla named Esther tries--at first unsuccessfully--to give perfect Hanukkah gifts to all her animal friends.

NEW! The Eighth Menorah by Lauren L. Wohl (E240.4)

Sam is reluctant to make a menorah in Sunday School because his family already owns seven, but after a conversation with his grandmother, he figures out how to make a perfect Hanukkah gift.

NEW! How Do Dinosaurs Say Happy Chanukah? by Jane Yolen (E240.4)

Illustrations and rhyming text present some of the different ways a well-behaved dinosaur can celebrate the eight days and nights of Chanukah.

Hanukkah Haiku by Harriet Ziefert (E240.4)

Eight haikus reflect on specific aspects of Hanukkah such as candle lighting, dreidel spinning, and latke frying. The simple poetry is embellished with rich and deeply colored paintings and graduated paper size is used to uncover each new candle. See also: *Eight Days of Hanukkah* and *What is Hanukkah?*

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FOR OLDER READERS:
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***Jason's Miracle: A Hanukkah Story* by Beryl Lieff Benderly (JF)**

Twelve-year-old Jason has ambivalent feelings about Hanukkah until he finds himself transported back to the time of the Maccabean revolt in Judea.

***Four Sides, Eight Nights: A New Spin on Hanukkah* by Rebecca Tova Ben-Zvi (J240.4)**

Provides readers with a fun, informative guide to Hanukkah through a review of its food, games, and many traditions - enhanced with trivia, scientific facts, and more.

***Like a Maccabee* by Barbara Bietz (JF)**

Days before Hanukkah, ten-year-old Ben prepares for his championship soccer game while pursued by the school bully and adjusting to a new roommate: his grandfather.

***Alexandra's Scroll: The Story of the First Hanukkah* by Miriam Chaikin (J240.4)**

Alexandra, a young Jewish girl from Jerusalem, describes her life and the creation of Hanukkah, more than 2000 years ago.

***Hanukkah, Shmanukkah!* by Esme Raji Codell (J240.4)**

In early 1900s New York City, miserly Scroogemacher, a waistcoat factory owner, is visited by the Rabbis of Hanukkah Past, Present, and Future and learns the value of carrying on Jewish tradition.

***The Christmas Menorahs: How a Town Fought Hate* by Janice Cohn (J240.4)**

Based on a real event that took place in Billings, Montana, this holiday tale tells how two children, their families, and an entire community stand together against the shameful actions in their own town.

***An Adventure in Latkaland* by Karen Fisman (J240.4)**

On the first night of Hanukkah, Jacob Stern and his family are visited by a mysterious stranger who leaves behind a golden dreidel as a gift. Late that night, with a magical spin of the dreidel, a girl named Sarah appears and takes Jacob on an extraordinary adventure to Latkaland.

***Candlelight for Rebecca* by Jacqueline Dembar Greene (JF)**

While Rebecca Rubin helps her building's ailing superintendent take care of his homing pigeons, she puzzles over what to do with the Christmas centerpiece her teacher insisted she make but which has no place in her Jewish home. Part of the new "American Girl" series which also includes *Meet Rebecca*, *Rebecca & Ana*, *Rebecca & the Movies*, *Rebecca to the Rescue*, and *Changes for Rebecca*.

NEW! *Maccabee Meals: Food and Fun for Hanukkah* by Judyth Groner and Madeline Wikler (J741)

Eight nights of food, fun, and games for Hanukkah, with recipes, party themes, and holiday trivia.

The Jar of Fools: Eight Hanukkah Stories from Chelm by Eric Kimmel (J240.4)

Drawing on traditional Jewish folklore, these Hanukkah stories relate the antics of the people of Chelm, thought - perhaps incorrectly - to be a town of fools. See also: *The Spotted Pony: A Collection of Hanukkah Stories* and *A Hanukkah Treasury*.

Hanukkah At Valley Forge by Stephen Krensky (E240.4)

During the grim winter at Valley Forge, a Polish-born soldier tells General Washington about Hanukkah, who draws parallels between the Macabbees' war against their foes with the American war against the British oppressors.

Penina Levine is a Potato Pancake by Rebecca O'Connell (JF)

When she finds her best friend is going to Aruba for vacation and her favorite teacher is taking a long leave of absence, sixth-grader Penina is not looking forward to Hanukkah with her little sister who is always stealing the spotlight. See also: *Penina Levine Is A Hard-Boiled Egg*.

The Very Best Hanukkah Gift by Joanne Rocklin (E240.4)

During his family's eight-day celebration of Hanukkah, eight-year-old Henry learns the pleasure of giving and overcomes his fear of dogs.

FOR ADULTS:**In the Maxwell Abbell Library*****Can I Have a Cell Phone for Hanukkah? The Essential Scoop on Raising Modern Jewish Kids by Sharon Duke Estroff (238.3)***

This practical handbook for Jewish parents includes two chapters especially relevant during this time of year: "Here Comes Santa Claus" and "Toys, Toys, Toys."

Every Person's Guide to Hanukkah by Ronald Isaacs (240.4)

Provides readers with the essential information necessary to explore the concepts, history, and customs of Hanukkah.

Celebrating the Jewish Year: The Winter Holidays by Paul Steinberg (240)

Bursting with primary sources, poems, prayers, rituals, and stories for Hanukkah, Tu B'Shevat, and Purim, this guide will help you create a holiday experience rich in meaning and spirit.

Hanukkah: The Family Guide to Spiritual Celebration by Ron Wolfson and Joel Grishaver (240.4)

This newly-designed, easy-to-use edition of a classic spiritual sourcebook offers updated information, more family ideas, and new resources for every aspect of your holiday celebration.

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A Different Light: The Hanukkah Book of Celebration by Noam Zion and Barbara Spectre (240.4)

A how-to guide to a creative candle-lighting ceremony: blessings, songs, stories, readings, games and cartoons to engage adults, teenagers and children on each of the eight nights. See also: *A Different Light: The Big Book of Hanukkah*.

DVDs

Chanukah at Bubbe's (DVD E240.4)

While the puppets prepare for the holiday feast, Bubbe retells the story of Hanukkah.

A Chanukah Mitzvah (DVD J240.4)

Mitzvah Mouse introduces the children to Judah Maccabee.

Chanukah on Planet Matzah Ball (DVD J240.4)

A Family of Jewish aliens living on planet Matzah Ball learn about Hanukkah.

Shalom Sesame: Chanukah: The Missing Menorah (DVD JF SHA)

From the new series starring Anneliese van der Pol and Debi Mazar: Grover is bringing the latkes, and all is well until Anneliese gets caught in a game of tag with a chicken and loses her special menorah . . . Can her friends find the missing menorah in time to celebrate Hanukkah?

MUSIC CD's

Celebrate Hanukkah produced by Craig Taubman

This top selling album is a treasure of Hanukkah songs from some of our community's most beloved musical artists.

Lights: Celebrate Hanukkah Live in Concert

Put a new spin on Hanukkah with these dynamic live performances by some of the best in Jewish music like Craig Taubman, Dave Koz, Mare Winningham, Alberto Mizrahi, Joshua Nelson, Michelle Citrin, Josh Nelson, The Klezmatics & Laurence Juber. Recorded live on August 5, 2008 at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center; as seen on Public Television.

Cha Cha Chanukah with the Shirettes

The 14 Hebrew and English selections include fresh takes on well known holiday favorites plus catchy original new songs.

Eight Nights of Joy with Rabbi Joe Black and the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band

This CD contains a variety of traditional and contemporary Chanukah tunes recorded live on December 20, 2006 at Temple Sholom in Chicago.

ShirLaLa Chanukah: Sing and Dance with Shira Kline

This lively and beautiful sing-along music will take you through the holiday story, foods, games, and rituals in Hebrew, English, Yiddish, and Ladino.

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