



Hanukkah

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history of Hanukkah



By 164 BCE, the Jewish revolt against the Seleucid monarchy was successful. The Temple was liberated and rededicated. The festival of Hanukkah was instituted to celebrate this event.



What food Do they eat?



Latkes
latke is a type of potato pancake or fritter.



Gelt
gelt refers to money given as presents during the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.



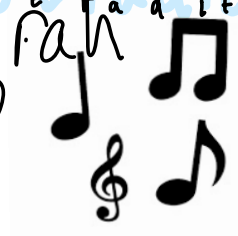
Brisket
Brisket is a cut of meat from the breast or lower chest of beef or veal.

What happens during the festival?

on the first night, one candle (plus a 'helper' candle called the Shammash) is lit. On the second night, two candles plus the Shammash are lit. This continues until nine candles are blazing on the final night. This is why Hanukkah is often called the Festival of Lights.

What are 5 traditions of Hanukkah

- Light the Menorah
- Sing Songs
- yummy fried treats
- Spinning tops



Gold Coins



Is there a story associated with the festival?

Hanukkah translates to 'dedication' in Hebrew - the holiday pays tribute to the dedication of a group of Jews who believed fervently in their right to religious freedom. Also known as the "Festival of Lights," Hanukkah celebrates the miracle that occurred when the Maccabees reclaimed the Temple.

The Greeks had banned all Jewish religious rituals. King Antiochus tried to make the Jews pray to Greek Gods but they refused.

There was a group of Jews called Maccabees who fought against this and went to war. After 3 years of war they won but their temple was destroyed.

They repaired the temple and when they had finished they celebrated by lighting an oil lamp.

There was only enough oil to burn the candle for one day, but by some miracle it burned for eight days,

This is why the Hanukkah festival lasts for eight days and also why it is known as the festival of light.

Interesting facts

during Hanukkah there is **NO** Shellfish allowed, and Jews will **Not** mix meat and dairy in the same meal, so if a chicken is on the table, you **won't** find butter or cheese!

to wish someone a happy Hanukkah say "Hanukkah Sameach!" (Happy Hanukkah) or simply "Chag Sameach!" (Happy Holiday). or if you want to show off your Hebrew skills, say "Chag Urim Sameach!" (urim means "lights").

blue and ~~white~~

today's Hanukkah decorations carry on the tradition of the holiday's early American popularity, in that they look just like Christmas decorations but they're blue and ~~white~~

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