

Hanukkah Word Mat

Learning objective: To understand the key terms, symbols, and stories associated with the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.

Key Vocabulary

Use this mat to help you learn about Hanukkah. The words are grouped into: The Story, The Symbols, and The Celebrations.

Hanukkah The Jewish 'Festival of Lights' wh...	Maccabees The brave group of people who ...	Temple The holy building in Jerusalem used ...
Miracle An extraordinary event that cannot b...	Menorah A multi-branched candle holder us...	Hanukkah The special nine-branched candl...
Shamash The 'helper' candle used to light all...	Oil The substance used in the Temple lamp ...	Dreidel A four-sided spinning top used in a t...
Gelt Chocolate coins or small sums of mone...	Latkes Savoury potato pancakes fried in oil t...	Sufganiyot Deep-fried jelly doughnuts eaten...
Jewish People who follow the religion of Jud...	Faith Strong belief or trust in God.	Light A symbol of hope, purity, and God's pr...
Eight Nights The length of the festival, repr...	Why is oil used in...	What is a 'Shama...
Explain what the...	If a child received...	Which character f...