

# Exploring Hanukkah

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

Read the term or question on the front of the card. Try to remember the answer before flipping it over to check if you are correct!

**What is another common name for Hanukkah?**

Hanukkah: The Festival of Lights

**What is the special nine-branched candle holder used during Hanukkah?**

Menorah: A candle holder used to light one candle every night for eight days

**Who were the Maccabees?**

Maccabees: A small group of Jewish rebels who fought for their religious freedom

**What is the 'miracle of the oil'?**

Miracle of the Oil: There was only enough oil for one day, but it miraculously lasted for eight days

**What is a dreidel?**

Dreidel: A four-sided spinning top used in a traditional game during the festival

**Why are foods fried in oil, like latkes (potato pancakes), eaten during Hanukkah?**

Fried foods: To remember the miracle of the oil that lasted eight days

**What is the 'Shamash'?**

Shamash: The 'helper' candle used to light all the other candles on the menorah

**How many nights does Hanukkah last?**

Eight nights: The festival lasts for eight days and nights

**What happened to the Holy Temple in Jerusalem during the story of Hanukkah?**

The Temple: It was reclaimed and rededicated by the Jewish people

**What is the general meaning of the word 'Hanukkah'?**

Hanukkah: It means 'dedication' in Hebrew

**What do many families give as gifts during Hanukkah?**

Gifts: It is common to give small presents or money (gelt) to children

**What does Hanukkah teach people about courage?**

Courage: It shows that a small group of people can make a big difference by standing up for their beliefs