

Celebrating Hanukkah with Zara

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

Use your artistic skills to help Zara the Zebra illustrate a Hanukkah scene. Follow the steps below to include the essential elements of the Festival of Lights, then use the word bank to label your finished masterpiece.

Draw: Create a warm, festive scene on a piece of A4 paper. Use bright colours to represent the light of the candles. Style: Illustrative and clear, similar to a storybook page. Include: A Menorah (9 branches), a plate of latkes, a dreidel, and some chocolate coins. Ensure the Shamash candle is clearly distinguished from the other eight candles.



Label words: Menorah · Shamash · Dreidel · Gelt · Latkes · Star of David

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a table in the centre of your page. On top of the table, draw a Menorah with nine branches. Remember to draw one candle for the Shamash (the helper candle) slightly higher than the others.
2. Step 2: Draw a bowl of golden, crispy latkes next to the Menorah and a small pile of chocolate coins (gelt) nearby.
3. Step 3: In the corner of your drawing, add a four-sided spinning top (a dreidel) with a Hebrew letter on one side.

4. Step 4: Label your drawing using the words from the word bank provided above.
5. Why is the Shamash candle considered the 'helper' candle in the Hanukkah tradition?