

Hanukkah: The Festival of Lights

Join Nova the owl to explore the glowing traditions of Hanukkah!

- Hanukkah is an eight-day festival that remembers the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem.
- The Hanukkiah is a special nine-branched candelabrum used to light one extra candle each night of the festival.
- The story tells of a small group called the Maccabees who stood up for their right to worship freely.
- Families often play a game using a four-sided spinning top called a dreidel, which features Hebrew letters on each side.
- Children are often given 'gelt', which are chocolate coins wrapped in gold or silver foil, as part of the celebration.

Did you know? Did you know? During Hanukkah, it is traditional to eat foods fried in oil, such as latkes (potato pancakes) and sufganiyot (jam-filled doughnuts), to celebrate the miracle of the oil that lasted for eight days!

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