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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