



Hanukkah - December 25, 2024 - January 2, 2025

Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, is an eight-day Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem during the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire in the 2nd century BCE. Hanukkah is observed from the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev to the 2nd or 3rd day of the month of Tevet, typically falling in December. The holiday is marked by the lighting of the menorah, a nine-branched candelabrum, with one additional candle lit each night to commemorate the miracle of the oil lasting for eight days. Other customs include reciting special prayers, playing dreidel, exchanging gifts, and enjoying traditional foods such as latkes and sufganiyot. Hanukkah is a time for celebration, gratitude, and reflection on the enduring spirit of resilience and faith.

HOW CAN WE CELEBRATE?

- Spend time with **friends and family**
- Participate in the spirit of giving by **giving gifts to loved ones**
- **Cook traditional Hanukkah food**
 - Latkes - fried potato pancakes
 - Sufganiyot - jelly-filled donuts
 - Kugel - sweet casserole
 - Brisket
- Visit www.hillel.org → “Student Experience” → “Jewish Holidays” to learn more



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