



# **HANUKKAH RESOURCES**

**Books & Videos to Enhance Your Family's Celebration  
Available in the Gray Cultural & Learning Center**

## **FOR YOUNGER READERS:**

**In the Pinsof Children's Reading Room**

### ***Hanukkah Moon* by Deborah da Costa (E240.4)**

When Isobel visits her Aunt Luisa at Hanukkah, she not only has a wonderful time, she learns some new things about this special holiday.

### ***Mrs. Greenberg's Messy Hanukkah* by Linda Glaser (E240.4)**

When Rachel makes latkes with her friend Mrs. Greenberg, the project turns out to be a very messy one. See also: *The Borrowed Hanukkah Latkes*.

### ***NEW!* *What Do You See on Chanukah?* by Bracha Goetz (E240.4)**

Hanukkah is here, what do you see? Help your toddler identify the objects and concepts associated with Hanukkah with this bright, colorful word-and-picture board book.

### ***NEW!* *Nathan's Hanukkah Bargain* by Jacqueline Dembar Greene (E240.4)**

Nathan's unsuccessful search for a Hanukkah menorah takes a new turn when his Grandpa teaches him about old-fashioned bargaining. This edition features new illustrations by Judith Hierstein.

### ***Where is Baby's Dreidel?* by Karen Katz (E240.4)**

It's Hanukkah and Baby wants to spin the dreidel – but where is it? Lift the flaps and find out in this adorable board book by the author of *Where is Baby's Belly Button?*

### ***Zigazak!* By Eric Kimmel (E240.4)**

Two evil spirits wreck havoc on the town of Brisk's Hanukkah celebration, until the town's wise rabbi puts a stop to their mischief. See also: *The Chanukah Guest*, *Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins*, *Asher and the Capmakers*, *The Magic Dreidels* and *When Mindy Saved Hanukkah*.

### ***The Runaway Latkes* by Leslie Kimmelman (E240.4)**

When three potato latkes escape Rebecca Bloom's frying pan, everyone including the cantor, the rabbi, and the mayor joins in the chase. See also: *Hanukkah Lights*, *Hanukkah Nights*.

### ***NEW!* *The Hanukkah Mice* by Steven Kroll (E240.4)**

A family of mice enjoys the dollhouse and furnishings that Rachel receives as gifts on the eight nights of Hanukkah.

### ***It's Hanukkah Time!* by Latifa Berry Kropf (E240.4)**

Preschoolers invite their grandparents to a Hanukkah party and celebrate by lighting the menorah, playing dreidel, making sufganiyot, and telling the story of the Maccabees.

**NEW! *Jodie's Hanukkah Dig* by Anna Levine (E240.4)**

Jodie dreams of one day becoming a famous archaeologist and when her father takes her to visit a dig in Modiin, home of the Maccabees, she is uniquely able to help.

***Runaway Dreidel* by Leslea Newman (E240.4)**

In this rhyming tale, a family's preparations for Hanukkah are disrupted by a wildly spinning dreidel. See also: *Eight Nights of Chanukkah*.

**NEW! *Harvest of Light* by Allison Ofanansky (E240.4)**

Contemporary, full-color photographs help to illustrate how one Israeli family raises olives and uses the oil to light their Hanukkah menorah.

**NEW! *The Miracle Jar* by Audrey Penn (E240.4)**

A family in the Old Country hopes to recreate the miracle of the first Hanukkah by making a small jar of cooking oil last long enough to make a treat for each of the eight nights.

***The Trees of the Dancing Goats* by Patricia Polacco (E240.4)**

During a scarlet fever epidemic one winter in Michigan, a Jewish family helps make Christmas special for their sick neighbors by making their own Hanukkah miracle.

***Dinosaur on Hanukkah* by Diane Rauchwerger (E240.4)**

A dinosaur comes to a young boy's house to join him in celebrating Hanukkah.

***Chanukah Lights Everywhere* by Michael Rosen (E240.4)**

A young boy counts the candles on the family menorah and the lights he sees in the world around him on each night of Hanukkah. See also: *Our Eight Nights of Hanukkah* and *Elijah's Angel: A Story for Chanukah and Christmas*.

***Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah* by Susan L. Roth (E240.4)**

A family of mice celebrates the eight days of Hannukah with friends in this illustrated version of the holiday song.

***Sammy Spider's First Hanukkah* by Sylvia Rouss (E240.4)**

After having watched the Shapiro family celebrate the different nights of Hanukkah, Sammy Spider finds that in the end he gets to share the holiday with them.

***A Turn for Noah* by Susan Remick Topek (E240.4)**

Noah has trouble learning to spin the dreidel as his nursery school class celebrates Hanukkah.

## **FOR OLDER READERS:**

### **In the Pinsof Children's Reading Room**

#### ***Four Sides, Eight Nights: A New Spin on Hanukkah* by Rebecca Tova Ben-Zvi (J240.4)**

Provides readers with a fun, informative guide to Hanukkah through a review of its food, games, and many traditions - enhanced with trivia, scientific facts, and more.

#### ***Alexandra's Scroll: The Story of the First Hanukkah* by Miriam Chaikin (J240.4)**

Alexandra, a young Jewish girl from Jerusalem, describes her life and the creation of Hanukkah, more than 2000 years ago.

#### ***Hanukkah, Shmanukkah!* by Esme Raji Codell (J240.4)**

In early 1900s New York City, miserly Scroogemacher, a waistcoat factory owner, is visited by the Rabbis of Hanukkah Past, Present, and Future and learns the value of carrying on Jewish tradition.

#### ***The Christmas Revolution* by Barbara Cohen (JF)**

Fourth-grader Emily is forced to think about her Jewish heritage when the new boy, an Orthodox Jew, refuses to participate in the school Christmas celebrations.

#### ***The Christmas Menorahs: How a Town Fought Hate* by Janice Cohn (J240.4)**

Based on a real event that took place in Billings, Montana, this holiday tale tells how two children, their families, and an entire community stand together against the shameful actions in their own town.

#### ***The Jar of Fools: Eight Hanukkah Stories from Chelm* by Eric Kimmel (J240.4)**

Drawing on traditional Jewish folklore, these Hanukkah stories relate the antics of the people of Chelm, thought - perhaps incorrectly - to be a town of fools. See also: *The Spotted Pony: A Collection of Hanukkah Stories* and *A Hanukkah Treasury*.

#### ***Hanukkah At Valley Forge* by Stephen Krensky (E240.4)**

During the grim winter at Valley Forge, a Polish-born soldier tells General Washington about Hanukkah, who draws parallels between the Macabbees' war against their foes with the American war against the British oppressors.

#### ***NEW! Penina Levine is a Potato Pancake* by Rebecca O'Connell (JF)**

When she finds her best friend is going to Aruba for vacation and her favorite teacher is taking a long leave of absence, sixth-grader Penina is not looking forward to Hanukkah with her little sister who is always stealing the spotlight. See also: *Penina Levine Is A Hard-Boiled Egg*.

#### ***The Very Best Hanukkah Gift* by Joanne Rocklin (E240.4)**

During his family's eight-day celebration of Hanukkah, eight-year-old Henry learns the pleasure of giving and overcomes his fear of dogs.

## **FOR ADULTS:**

### **In the Maxwell Abbell Library**

**NEW!** *Can I Have a Cell Phone for Hanukkah? The Essential Scoop on Raising Modern Jewish Kids* by Sharon Duke Estroff (238.3)

This practical handbook for Jewish parents includes two chapters especially relevant during this time of year: "Here Comes Santa Claus" and "Toys, Toys, Toys."

*Every Person's Guide to Hanukkah* by Ronald Isaacs (240.4)

Provides readers with the essential information necessary to explore the concepts, history, and customs of Hanukkah.

*Hanukkah: The Family Guide to Spiritual Celebration* by Ron Wolfson and Joel Grishaver (240.4)

This newly-designed, easy-to-use edition of a classic spiritual sourcebook offers updated information, more family ideas, and new resources for every aspect of your holiday celebration.

*A Different Light: The Hanukkah Book of Celebration* by Noam Zion and Barbara Spectre (240.4)

A how-to guide to a creative candle-lighting ceremony: blessings, songs, stories, readings, games and cartoons to engage adults, teenagers and children on each of the eight nights. See also: *A Different Light: The Big Book of Hanukkah*.

## **Videos & DVDs**

### **Available by Request**

*Chanuka at Bubbe's* (VID E240.4)

While the puppets prepare for the holiday feast, Bubbe retells the story of Hanukkah.

*A Chanukah Mitzvah* (VID J240.4)

Mitzvah Mouse introduces the children to Judah Maccabee.

*Hanukkah Tales & Tunes* (VID J240.4)

An assortment of characters sing and dance, telling the origins of Hanukkah and presenting some customs and games.

*Lamb Chop's Special Chanukah* (VID E240.4)

From traditional delights like potato latkes and the story of Hanukkah, to multi-cultural experiences, this video, starring Shari Lewis, has everything delightful about Hanukkah.

*Shalom Sesame: Chanukah* (VID J956.9 and DVD JF SHA)

Shalom Sesame celebrates the "Festival of Lights" in Israel.

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