# From the Stettenheim Library For Your Family's Chanukah Enjoyment

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## **TODDLERS & PRESCHOOLERS**

**Dinosaur on Hanukkah** by Diane Levin Rauchwerger; illustrated by Jason Wolff. A dinosaur comes to a young boy's house to join him in celebrating Hanukkah. (Preschool)

#### The Eight Nights of Chanukah by Lesléa Newman; illustrated by Elivia Savadier.

Chanukah comes to life as a young child's family gathering grows bigger and bigger as the holiday progresses; can be sung to the tune of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. (Preschool)

#### Hanukkah Lights by Ben Lakner.

Recalls what Hanukkah represents as Jason and Sarah celebrate the holiday's lights and nights; help find the missing candles, light the menorah, play dreidel and open presents. (Preschool; on board pages)

Hanukkah Lights, Hanukkah Nights by Leslie Kimmelman; illustrated by John Himmelman. An extended family celebrates the eight nights of Hanukkah. (Preschool)

#### Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah!

A family and their animal friends celebrate the holiday. English verse adapted to an Israeli Hanukkah melody. (Preschool; on board pages)

#### It's Hanukkah! by Jeanne Modesitt; illustrated by Robin Spowart.

Large mouse family joyfully celebrates Hanukkah; includes information on the history of the holiday and some of its traditions. (Preschool)

#### It's Hanukkah Time! by Latifa Berry Kropf; photographs by Tod Cohen.

Preschoolers invite their grandparents to a Hanukkah party and celebrate by lighting the menorah, playing dreidel, making Israeli doughnuts (*sufganiyot*) and telling the story of the Maccabees; includes facts about Hanukkah and a recipe for *sufganiyot*. (Preschool)

#### Hooray for Hanukkah! by Fran Manushkin; illustrated by Carolyn Croll.

Menorah describes a family's joyous celebration of this Jewish holiday, from the first night to the eighth and last; a great read-aloud. (Preschool)

#### Let There Be Lights! by Camille Kress.

(Toddlers; on board pages)

- Light the Candles: A Hanukkah Lift-The-Flap Book by Joan Holub; illustrated by Lynne Cravath. A candle is added to the menorahs on each page as the holiday is explained. (Toddlers; a lift-the-flap book)
- Runaway Dreidel! by Lesléa Newman; illustrated by Kyrsten Brooker.

In this rhyming tale in the style of *The Night Before Christmas*, a family's preparations for Chanukah are disrupted by a wildly spinning dreidel. (Preschool)

The Runaway Latkes by Leslie Kimmelman; illustrated by Paul Yalowitz.

When three potato latkes escape Rebecca Bloom's frying pan on the first night of Chanukah, everyone, including the cantor, the rabbi and the mayor, joins in the chase. (Preschool to First Grade)

#### Spin the Dreidel! by Alexandra Cooper.

Invites young readers to join a family in celebrating Chanukah by playing dreidel and explains what each of the symbols means. (Preschool; on board pages with dreidel in spine)



## SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

- Arthur Yorinks' The Flying Latke by Arthur Yorinks; illustrated by William Steig. A family argument on the first night of Chanukah results in a food fight and a flying latke that is mistaken for a flying saucer. (Kindergarten to Fourth Grade)
- By the Hanukkah Light by Sheldon Oberman; illustrated by Neil Waldman. When the family gathers to celebrate Hanukkah, Grandfather tells his own story of the holiday from World War II. (Second Grade format; Fourth Grade through Fifth Grade content)
  - **The Chanukah Guest** by Eric A. Kimmel; illustrated by Giora Carmi. On the first night of Chanukah, Old Bear wanders into Bubba Brayna's house and receives a delicious helping of potato latkes when she mistakes him for the rabbi. (Kindergarten through Second Grade)
  - **The Christmas Menorahs: How a Town Fought Hate** by Janice Cohn; illustrations by Bill Farnsworth. Describes how people in Billings, Montana, joined together to fight a series of hate crimes against a Jewish family. (Fourth Grade and up)
- Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins by Eric Kimmel; illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman. Hershel outwits the goblins that haunt the old synagogue and prevent the village people from celebrating Hanukkah; one of the most popular books. (Kindergarten through Fifth Grade)

- It's a Miracle! A Hanukkah Storybook by Stephanie Spinner; illustrated by Jill McElmurry. Every night of Hanukkah, Grandma tells a story at bedtime; includes the Hanukkah legend. (Kindergarten through Fourth Grade)
- Latkes and Applesauce: A Hanukkah Story by Fran Manushkin; illustrated by Robin Spowart. When a blizzard leaves a family housebound one Hanukkah, they share what little food they have with some starving animals who later return the favor. (Second Grade to Fourth Grade)
- **The Magic Dreidels: A Hanukkah Story** by Eric A. Kimmel; illustrated by Katya Krenina. When an old lady swindles him out of his magic dreidels, Jacob tries to get them back in time for the family's Hanukkah celebration. (Kindergarten through Second Grade)
- **On Hanukkah** by Cathy Goldberg Fishman; illustrated by Melanie W. Hall. Describes the history and celebration of the holiday. (Kindergarten to Second Grade)
- Potato Pancakes All Around: A Hanukkah Tale by Marilyn Hirsh.

A wandering peddler teaches the villagers how to make potato pancakes from a crust of bread; an old favorite. (Preschool through Second Grade)

- **The Story of Hanukkah** by Norma Simon; illustrated by Leonid Gore. Explains the history and traditions that are a part of Hanukkah. (First Grade through Third Grade)
- **The Story of Hanukkah: A Lift-the-Flap Rebus Book** by Lisa Rojany; illustrated by Holly Jones. Explains the origin of the holiday of Hanukkah through a lift-the-flap, rebus format. (Second Grade through Fourth Grade)
- **Toby Belfer Never Had a Christmas Tree** by Gloria Teles Pushker; illustrated by Judith Hierstein. Living in a small Louisiana town where hers is the only Jewish family, Toby Belfer gives a party for her friends in order to explain Chanukah, including the story of Judah Maccabee, the significance of the menorah, how to make potato latkes, and how to play the game of dreidel. (First Grade to Third Grade)
- When Mindy Saved Hanukkah by Eric Kimmel; illustrated by Barbara McClintock. A tiny Jewish family living behind the wall of a synagogue must battle a frightening cat if they want candles for their Hanukkah menorah. Look for the Temple Emanu-El reference! (Preschool through Second Grade)
- Zigazak! A Magical Hanukkah Night by Eric A. Kimmel; illustrated by Jon Goodell. 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; a great favorite. (Second Grade through Fifth Grade)

## FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Anthologies, Crafts, Recipes, Songs and More for the Holiday



## Eight Tales for Eight Nights: Stories for Chanukah by Peninnah Schram

and Steven M. Rosman; illustrations by Tsirl Waletzky.

Eight traditional tales from around the world introduce the customs and meanings of Chanukah. (Seventh Grade to Adult)

### Hanukkah Crafts by Judith Hoffman Corwin.

Explains the history and customs connected with Hanukkah and provides ideas and instructions for making greeting cards, gift wrappings, presents, decorations and holiday treats. (First Grade to Third Grade)

Hanukkah Fun by Judy Bastyra; illustrated by Catherine Ward.

A brief history of Hanukkah accompanies recipes, craft projects and other activities to help celebrate this holiday. (Third Grade through Sixth Grade)

- Hanukkah, Festival of Lights: Celebrate With Songs, Decorations, Food, Games, Prayers and Traditions by Jeff O'Hare; illustrated by Arthur Friedman and Mary F. Rhinelander. A compilation of songs, games, recipes and stories help children understand and celebrate the meaning of Hanukkah. (Preschool to Second Grade)
- Hanukkah Ha-Has: Knock-Knock Jokes That Are a Latke Fun by Katy Hall & Lisa Eisenberg; illustrated by Stephen Carpenter. (Preschool to Third Grade; a lift-the-flap book.)
- A Hanukkah Treasury edited by Eric A. Kimmel; illustrated by Emily Lisker. Stories, songs, recipes and activities related to the celebration of Hanukkah. (Second Grade to Fourth Grade)
- Happening Hanukkah: Creative Ways to Celebrate by Debra Mostow Zakarin; illustrated by Amanda Haley. (Third Grade through Sixth Grade)
- The Jar of Fools: Eight Hanukkah Stories From Chelm by Eric A. Kimmel; illustrated by Mordecai Gerstein. Drawing on traditional Jewish folklore, these Hanukkah stories relate the antics of the people of Chelm, a famous town of fools. (First Grade to Fourth Grade)
- Pearl's Eight Days of Chanukah by Jane Breskin Zalben. Eight stories and activities during each night of Hanukkah introduce the holiday and its practices; includes descriptions of related recipes, crafts, songs and games. (First Grade to Third Grade)
- **The Power of Light: Eight Stories for Hanukkah** by Isaac Bashevis Singer; illustrated by Irene Lieblich. Beautiful and moving stories for each night of the holiday. (Fourth Grade and up)
- The Spotted Pony: A Collection of Hanukkah Stories retold by Eric A. Kimmel; illustrated by Leonard Everett Fisher. Eight stories, with a *shammes* story for each, to be read on the eight nights of Hanukkah. (Fourth Grade to Sixth Grade)
- **The Stone Lamp: A Hanukkah Collection (Eight Days of Dark, Eight Nights of Light)** by Karen Hesse; illustrated by Brian Pinkney. A collection of eight poems, each taking place on a different night of Hanukkah and following the calamitous history of Jews from 12<sup>th</sup> century England to 20<sup>th</sup> century Israel. (Fourth Grade to Fifth Grade)
- While the Candles Burn: Eight Stories for Hanukkah by Barbara Diamond Goldin; illustrated by Elaine Greenstein. A collection of eight stories illuminating the meaning and the miracles of Hanukkah. (Second Grade to Fourth Grade)