Hanukkah

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What is Hanukkah?

★ Hanukkah lasts for eight nights, to commemorate how long the holy light burned for eight days when there was only a small amount of oil left.

★ Hanukkah normally occurs late November to December sometimes over lapping with Christmas.

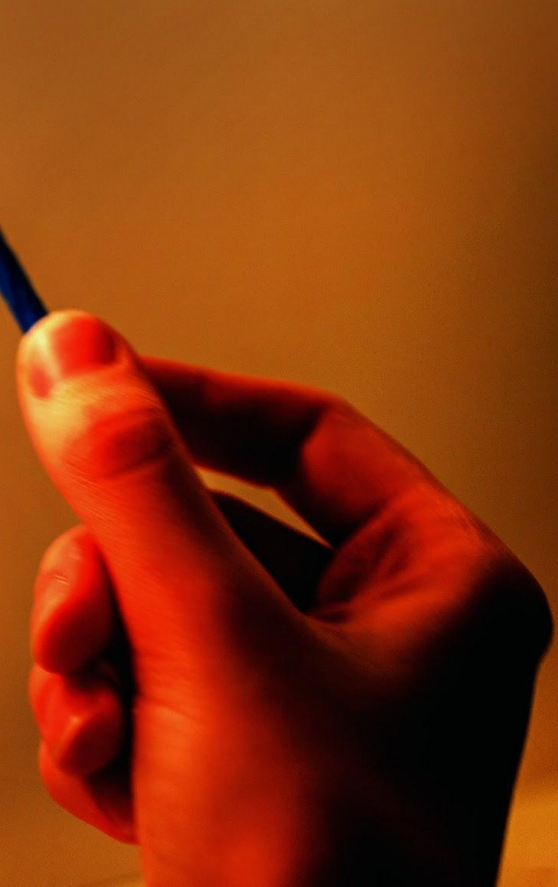★ This year it is extremely early, falling on the 28th November until the 6th of December

How we celebrate?

We celebrate hanukkah by lighting candles every night.

We light one more each night with the shamesh.

This is the shamesh

How do we celebrate?

❖   We also give small presents and say a blessing.

❖   This is the blessing phonetically:

❖   **Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b-mitzvotav, v-tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.**

❖   This is the English translation:

❖   **Blessed are you, Our God, Ruler of the Universe, who makes us holy through Your commandments, and commands us to light the Hanukkah lights.**

Dreidel

The dreidel game is one **of the most famous Hanukkah traditions**. It was created as a way for Jews to study the Torah and learn Hebrew in secret after Greek King Antiochus IV had outlawed all Jewish religious worship in 175 BCE. Today we play as a way to celebrate a rich history and have fun with friends and family!

The instructions are on the next slide - you could arrange to play this one lunchtime this week!

Materials:

· gelt (pennies, beans or other small objects)

· dreidel

How to Play:

· Each player puts one piece of gelt in the center or in the "pot"

· Players take turns spinning the dreidel.

· Players do what the letter on the dreidel indicates. See chart. for example, if the player lands on gimel, he takes everything from the pot.

· If the pot becomes empty, all players add one piece of gelt to the pot.

· If a player runs out of gelt, he loses.

· If a player ends up with all the gelt, she wins!

נ	nun none	do nothing
ג	gimel all	take everything from the middle
ה	hay half	take half of everything in the middle
ש	shin put in	put some in the middle

The Hanukkah Story - please watch if you have time!

Form tutors, please play this for your class!

Happy Hanukkah!

SHIN ש HEY ה GIMEL ג NUN נ

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