



Holidays in ISRAEL



In Israel, Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah for eight days and nights. Hanukkah is also known as the Miracle of the Oil. It is celebrated to give thanks for a battle that the Jewish people won more than two thousand years ago. While rebuilding their temple, enough lamp oil for one day was found. The oil lasted for eight days and nights.

Each night during Hanukkah Jewish families light a menorah. The menorah has nine candles. The candles are symbols of the eight nights of Hanukkah. The ninth candle is used to light them. a special prayer is said when lighting the menorah.

Families give each other a gift on each night of Hanukkah. Children often receive chocolate coins wrapped in gold paper as treats. Many people like to make potato latkas for Hanukkah. Latkas are shredded potatoes fried in oil. they are sometimes eaten with applesauce.



Menorah with lighted candles

Families like to spend time with each other on Hanukkah. A favorite game to play together is dreidel. Dreidels looks similar to a wooden top with four sides.

How long does Hanukkah last? _____

What are latkas? _____

What do Jewish families light each night during Hanukkah? _____