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Our Hanukkah Nights (2026)

Hanukkah 2026 begins at sundown on Friday 4 December. One small activity a night is plenty. Color the star when you finish.

Night 1 · Fri 4 Dec

Light the menorah together (grown-up lights, toddler watches from a seat). Sing one song.

Night 2 · Sat 5 Dec

Color the menorah on page 2: one candle for each night.

Night 3 · Sun 6 Dec

Mash potatoes for latkes (grown-up does the frying).

Night 4 · Mon 7 Dec

Dreidel spin game with stickers (page 3).

Night 5 · Tue 8 Dec

Read a Hanukkah picture book by the window.

Night 6 · Wed 9 Dec

Blue and white sensory tray: pom poms, cups, a big dreidel.

Night 7 · Thu 10 Dec

Hanukkah I-spy coloring page (page 4).

Night 8 · Fri 11 Dec

Make a “helper” card or give tzedakah together.

PAGE 2 · COUNT & COLOR

Color One Candle Each Night

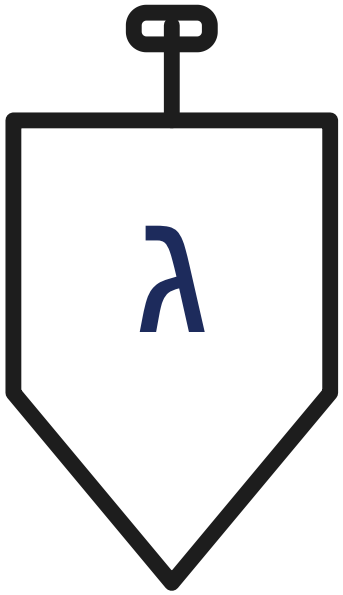
Every night, color one more candle (start with the tall helper candle, the shamash, in the middle). Count them together!



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Toddler Dreidel Game

Use stickers, pom poms or crackers as “tokens.” Grown-up spins for under-3s; toddlers can try a big dreidel.



נ Nun

Nothing happens. Clap your hands!

ג Gimel

Take all the tokens. Cheer!

ה Hey

Take half. Share the rest.

ש Shin

Put one token back in.

Toddler version

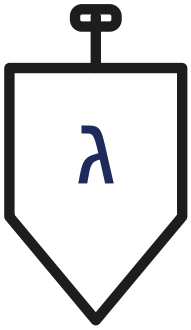
Spin, shout the color of the side that lands up, and give everyone one sticker. No winners, just turns.

Hanukkah I-Spy Coloring

Find each thing at home or in a book, then color it here.



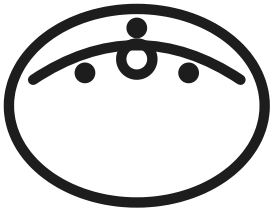
Menorah



Dreidel



Latkes



Doughnut



Gift



Candle

Hanukkah Safety With Toddlers

Two minutes of setup keeps the glow cozy, not scary.

- [ ] **Menorah on a sturdy, high surface**
  Away from curtains, decorations and table edges; at least 12 inches from anything that can burn (NFPA).
- [ ] **A grown-up always in the room with lit candles**
  Blow out candles or move the menorah before you leave the room.
- [ ] **Toddler watches from a seat or a lap**
  Hold hands or use a “candle spot” on the floor away from the flame.
- [ ] **Matches and lighters up high**
  Out of sight and reach, ideally locked.
- [ ] **Kid-free zone around the stove**
  At least 3 feet from the stove while latkes fry (NFPA).
- [ ] **Gelt and small toys: check sizes**
  Foil wrappers, coins and small dreidels are choking hazards for under-3s.
- [ ] **Flameless candles? Check battery doors**
  Button batteries must be screwed shut and out of reach.
- [ ] **Plan the wind-down**
  Bath, books and bed at the usual time on most nights.