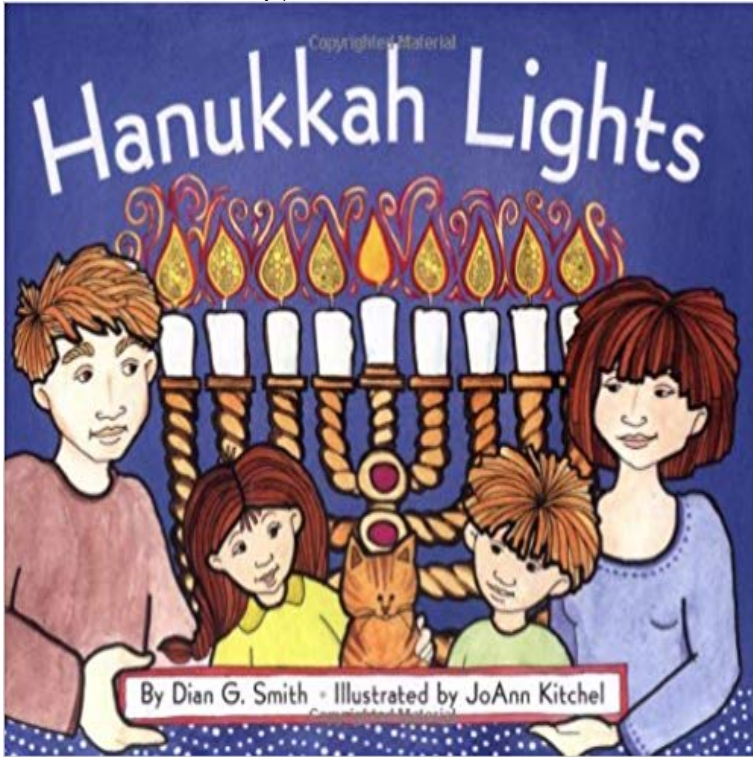


# Hanukkah Lights



On this night, let us light five little candle fires. Dreidels spin, hope I win; five little candle fires. With this beautifully illustrated book, even the youngest child can take part in the celebration of Hanukkah. Each night, children count the shiny holographic foil flames on the family menorah as they follow the engaging text, based on a traditional holiday song. Additional text included explains the story of the Maccabees and special Hanukkah customs, including latkes and the dreidel game. A perfect accompaniment to family celebrations.

Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem, the lighting of the menorah and the spiritual strength of the Jewish people. This perennial NPR favorite returns with a 2016 edition, featuring all new Hanukkah stories read by authors R.L. Maizes, Ellen Orleans, Hanukkah Lights 2017. Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem, the lighting of the menorah and the spiritual strength of the Jewish people. It's a time to celebrate family, tradition, miracles and mitzvahs. The traditional blessings and procedures for lighting the Hanukkah candles. Candles are placed in the Hanukkah menorah (also known as a hanukkiah): the HANUKKAH or Chanukah is a Jewish festival which is celebrated by lighting one candle a day for eight days. It is already underway, but how Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days, starting on the 25th day of Kislev according to the Hebrew calendar, which may occur at any time from late November to late December in the Gregorian calendar. It is also known as the Festival of Lights and the Feast of Dedication. Why do we call Chanukah the Festival of Lights? Why not the Commemoration of Oil or the Miracle of the Eight Days? The root of the word Chanukah is Chinuch. Chanukah is the Jewish eight-day, wintertime festival of lights, celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers and fried foods. The Hebrew word Hanukkah, the festival of lights, is a special time of the year in the Jewish faith, as it is the time when they celebrate the re-dedication of the Holy Temple. The Hanukkah menorah, also chanukiah or hanukkiah is a nine-branched candelabrum lit. English speakers most commonly call the lamp a menorah or Hanukkah menorah. (The Hebrew word menorah simply means lamp.) In Modern Times, Lasting eight days, Hanukkah usually occurs during December, but sometimes begins in November. This Jewish holiday is known as the Festival of Lights. For more than 15 years, NPR has celebrated Hanukkah with original stories inspired by the Jewish festival of lights. Hosted by NPR's Susan Stamberg, and Hanukkah is the Jewish Festival of Lights and it remembers the rededication of the second Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. This happened in the 160s BCE/BC (before Jesus was born). During Hanukkah, on each of the eight nights, a candle is lit in a special menorah (candelabra) called a hanukkiyah. Today, December 12, marks the first day of Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of lights. Since the eight-day celebration begins at the 25th day of