

Hanukkah Symbols

	Hanukkiyah/Hanukkah Menorah This nine-branched candelabra is used to light candles on Hanukkah. It holds eight candles, one for each day the oil in the ancient Temple lasted, and an extra, helper candle (the shamash) to light the rest.	Н
גרות חגוכה	Candles Each night of Hanukkah one candle is added to the <i>hanukkiyah</i> until, on the last night, all eight candles, plus the <i>shamash</i> (helper candle) are lit.	С
	Dreidel The Hebrew letters written on this four-sided top, nun, gimel, hay, and shin, represent the words Nes Gadol Hayah Sham, meaning "a great miracle happened there."	D
	Gelt This Yiddish word means money. <i>Gelt</i> , usually in the form of coins, was a traditional Hanukkah gift. Today, this gift has largely been replaced with chocolate coins.	G
	Latkes Potato pancakes are a traditional Eastern European Hanukkah treat. Like other fried foods, they are a reminder of the miracle of the oil.	L
4	Menorah The seven-branched candelabra in the Temple in Jerusalem that was lit every day. The oil that was ruined when the Temple was damaged was used to light it.	М
	Oil Jug A long time ago, oil and wicks were used for light instead of candles. Oil was kept in brownish/orange clay jugs.	0
***	Shield The Maccabees, the heroic fighters of the Hanukkah story, used shields to protect themselves as they fought for their rights to practice Judaism.	S
	Sufganiyot These doughnuts are a Hanukkah food in Israel because, like potato pancakes, they are fried in oil. Sufganiyot are usually filled with jelly.	J