

Year 2 Robins

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Does celebrating
Chanukah help
Jewish children feel
closer to God?

Chanukah

Chanukah (also known as Hanukah) is a traditional Jewish holiday which takes place over 8 days in December. It is also referred to as 'The festival of lights' as a candle of the menorah is lit every night. Jewish people celebrate Chanukah by having lots of traditional food, playing lots of traditional games and spending time with friends and family going to the Synagogue and worshipping God.



Key Vocabulary	Definition
celebration	A social gathering or enjoyable activity held to celebrate something.
Chanukah	A Jewish festival known as the festival of light commemorating the recovery of Jerusalem.
dreidel	A game that Jewish children play during Chanukah.
games	An activity that people engage in for amusement and fun.
God	The creator and ruler of the universe.
Jewish	A person who follows the religion of Judaism.
Judaism	A religion which people follow.
prayer	A request for help or expression of thanks addressed to God.
synagogue	A Jewish place of worship.
tradition	A long established custom or belief that has been passed from one generation to another.
worship	The feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a god.

Challah Bread



Challah bread is a sweet bread which is traditionally eaten by Jewish people on Shabbat and Jewish holidays. Traditional Challah bread is plaited lengthways and is made of dough. Each special meal begins with 2 loaves of bread.

Synagogue

A synagogue is a Jewish place of worship. Synagogues have a place for prayer and sometimes have rooms for study, offices and classrooms. There are different types of Synagogue, Orthodox and Reformed. In Orthodox Synagogues men and women must sit separately and everyone's head must be covered. The services are also carried out in Hebrew. In a reformed Synagogue men and women are allowed to sit and prayer together and the services are partly carried out in English. In both an Orthodox and Reformed Synagogue a Rabbi carries out the service.



Dreidel

Dreidel is a game played by Jewish children during the holiday of Chanukah. Dreidel is a four sided spinning top which has 4 different letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Whichever side the spinning top lands on dictates what action the player takes.

