



Joshua Gross is shown in this 1981 picture making a menorah at the United Hebrew School in Southfield. The menorah is one of the symbols of the Hanukkah season. Joshua was 5 when this picture was taken.

Hanukkah

Festival of lights marks historic fight

Hanukkah is the festival of lights. It commemorates the early struggle in human history when men fought for the ideal of liberty and religious freedom. At the United Hebrew School (Nursery School), each young student makes his own gift of light by lighting a menorah, the eight-branched candelabra. To take home as a gift to his family. This Hanukkah begins the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 18. It is a festival, tailor-made for children. The little ones get that sparkle in their eyes when they think about Hanukkah, the story to tell, the candles to light, the potato latkes to eat, the eight nights of watching the flames and the gifts to give and to anticipate getting, too. But there's more than fun to the festival. It's a demonstration of freedom, a time to reflect how different human history would be today if the brave Maccabees had lost their struggle with the Syrians and Judaism and freedom of worship had died. Hanukkah teaches young children to believe in a power greater than that which they can see, near or tough, to have faith and to believe in the great miracle of light. The celebration of Hanukkah, or the Festival of Lights, makes the recipient, by Jesus Maccabees and a small band of warriors of the temple in Jerusalem which has been pillaged by the pagan Syrians and Antiochus IV.



Elizabeth Pugh proudly displays her paper dreidel in this 1981 picture. Elizabeth was 5 years old and learning about the symbols of Hanukkah at the United Hebrew School in Southfield. The dreidel is a specially marked top used by Jewish children.

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For every Hanukkah, the story is told again of how Antiochus, King of Syria, tried to force the Jews to renounce their faith and their customs, to worship idols, so that his kingdom would be uniform, with all the people believing in and doing the same things.

Antiochus said any Jew caught observing the Sabbath or consulting the Torah or observing Jewish customs would be killed. But the Jews rebelled and fought for nearly a decade. Finally, in 165 B.C., they opened the road to Jerusalem, regained the Temple and proceeded to cleanse it and rededicate it.

When they were ready for the rededication, they could not find enough holy oil, but used just one jar expected to burn for only one day. Miraculously it burned for eight days. That was the miracle of Hanukkah, the Hebrew word for dedication.

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Some of the typical foods for the eight joyous days of feasting are latkes, or potato pancakes, kugels, or a potato pie, and the loaf of bread called Challa.

Since Hanukkah is a time to receive guests, as well as a family reunion, Jewish homes are decorated with candles and flowers to enhance the festive atmosphere of the occasion.

Blue and white flowers, combined into beautiful arrangements by a local florist, or created by the hostess herself from materials obtained from the florist, enjoy a special tradition as a centerpiece for the Hanukkah table.

Among the varieties of flowers available at this time of year are carnations, white or tinted blue, white roses, lavender snapdragons, and lavender-blue asters. And mixed bouquets of white and blue daisies, placed on either side of the Menorah, make for a simple but attractive backdrop for the edible "goodies."

Latkes (Potato Pancakes)

2 cups raw grated potatoes
2 whole eggs
A pinch of baking powder
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 tablespoon flour, bread crumbs or matzo meal

Peel large potatoes and soak several hours in cold water; grate, drain. Beat eggs well and mix with the rest of the ingredients adding a little pepper. Drop by spoonfuls on a hot, well greased frying pan. In small cakes. Turn and brown on both sides. Serve with apple sauce.



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