



The First Night of Chanukah!

This is a Chanukah Lamp from Alsace, France. It was made in the 19th century, or the 1800s - that's over 100 years ago!

It may look a little different than your Chanukah Lamp, also known as a Chanukah Menorah or Chanukiah. Instead of candles, this lamp uses oil. You may also notice that there are two rows for light - it's a Double Decker Chanukiah! This way, adults and children could practice lighting the Chanukiah together. This Chanukah, try lighting the Chanukah Menorah with your family - whether it is with oil, candles, or even make believe!

This Chanukah Lamp is on view at the Jewish Museum in New York City!



Learn about the story and history of Chanukah, its relationship to other winter holidays, and some of the traditions associated with the Festival of Lights!

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[*Eight Flames by Nissim Black*](#)

Nissim is an African American Hasidic Jew who brings sharp beats and hook-filled rhymes to the masses.



You might be familiar with latkes, but try this recipe by food historian Michael Twitty! Get ready for this yummy Southern take on a fried potato pancake.

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Make your own Chanukah Menorah this year using paper towel and toilet paper rolls! Activity idea from T'heleh Ben-Dan.

Materials:

- One Paper Towel Roll
- Eight Toilet Paper Rolls
- Nine Popsicle sticks (or any sticks you can get your hands on!)
- Construction paper, printer paper, etc.
- Tape or glue
- Markers, crayons, drawing materials

Process:

1. Arrange your toilet paper rolls as the 8 branches of the Chanukah Menorah, and the paper towel roll as the shamash - the helper candle. Tape the rolls together to form a candelabra. Tip: make sure your paper towel roll stands out as the helper candle by shifting its position or coloring it differently!
2. Cut out paper triangles and tape them to sticks to serve as the flames of the candles. Number the flames 1-8, leaving one without a number for the shamash. You'll be able to place these flames inside your rolls, as long as the flame is bigger than the holes!
3. Use your completed handheld Chanukah Menorah to practice counting, prayers, and lighting the Chanukiah!