

Hanukkah

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Hanukkah is also known as **Chanukah**.

It is a **Jewish Festival of Lights** that lasts for eight days and nights in honour of a 2,000-year-old miracle in which light won out over darkness.

It marks the **rededication during the second century BC** of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, where according to legend, Jews had risen up against their Greek-Syrian oppressors in the **Maccabean Revolt**.

According to the Jewish religious calendar, Hanukkah begins on the 25th day of the month of Kislev and continues until the second day of the month of Teslev — a date known as Zos Chanukah that is particularly holy.

The name "Hanukkah" derives from the Hebrew meaning "to dedicate".



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