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## EIGHT BOOKS FOR HANUKKAH

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**\* *Hanukkah: A Counting Book in English***, by Emily Sper. Scholastic, 2001.  
This innovative book lets children count each night of the Festival of Nights in English, Hebrew, and Yiddish, with colorful die-cut candles and symbols that explain the story of Hanukkah. **Age 3+**



***I Have a Little Dreidel*** by Maxie Baum, illustrated by Julie Paschkis. Scholastic, 2006.  
An illustrated retelling of the classic Hanukkah song, with directions for playing the dreidel game and recipe for making latkes. **Age 3+**



***It's Hanukkah Time!*** by Latifa Berry Kropf, photographs by Tod Cohen. Kar-Ben Publishing, 2004.  
Using photographs and text, this book shows a preschool Hanukkah party with youngsters and grandparents celebrating together. **Age 3+**



**\* *The Jar of Fools: Eight Hanukkah Stories from Chelm*** by Eric A. Kimmel, illustrated by Mordicai Gerstein. Holiday House, 2000.  
Drawing on traditional Jewish folklore, these Hanukkah stories relate the antics of the people of Chelm, thought - perhaps incorrectly - to be a town of fools. **Age 8+**



***The Littlest Maccabee*** by Sylvia Rouss, illustrated by Greg A. Cohen. Pitspopany, 2006.  
A little mouse wants to help Judah and the Maccabees defeat the Greek soldiers - and ends up being the "littlest, mightiest Maccabee" of all! Find out how in this charming tale! **Age 3+**



*Pini the Pitcher: A Story for Hanukka* by Batya Kirshenbaum Osterbach, illustrated by Lizzy Esby. Pitspopany, 2005.

A little pitcher hides from the Greeks, who are destroying the *Beit HaMikdash* and breaking all the jars of pure olive oil used for the menorah, and ends up being the miracle everyone prayed for! **Age 6+**



\**When Mindy Saved Hanukkah* by Eric Kimmel, illustrated by Barbara McClintock. Scholastic, 2005.

A tiny Jewish family living behind the wall of the Eldridge Street Synagogue (on the Lower East Side of New York) must outwit a frightening cat to get candles for their Hanukkah menorah. Mindy and Zayde show that they have the resourcefulness and courage of the Maccabees! **Age 6+**



*The Only One Club* by Jane Naliboff, illustrated by Jeff Hopkins. Flashlight Press, 2004.

A little Jewish girl is proud to be the "only one" in her class who celebrates Hanukkah and not Christmas - but soon the other students show her that they each have a reason to belong to her "Only One Club." **Age 6+**

\* Companion books for **One Book One Jewish Community**, featuring *Outwitting History* by Aaron Lansky

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