



HOPPY HANUKKAH!

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The youngsters in a rabbit family learn about the customs of Hanukkah as they celebrate with their loving relatives.

We are reminded on every page of this delightful book that we all—especially our little ones—learn from our senses. We sometimes overlook the fact that we have been given the gifts of sight, smell, touch, sound and taste in order to appreciate our world as fully as possible. When is this truer than during holiday times? How many of us, as adults, recall a certain time of year by the memory of the odors coming from a grandparent's kitchen, the sight of a table decorated for a family gathering, or the sound of familiar tunes of a special holiday season?

Use all the senses your children possess to give them lasting memories of *Hanukkah** and other Jewish holidays. Plan ahead by reading, talking to relatives, scouring cookbooks, or attending a class or lecture to learn more about how others celebrate. Fill your home with music, laughter, fragrances, books, foods, and people that will live on in your children's hearts and those of your extended family for generations to come.

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The ways in which this story's characters learn about *Hanukkah* through childlike questions and patient answers serve as a reminder that life and learning are processes. Learning how to observe *Hanukkah* can be a process as well! For example, think of the *Hanukkah* candles in new ways. In

addition to the symbolism of the candles for the eight days which one small cruet of oil lasted in the holy temple or for dispelling darkness in the long winter months, consider them as wicks of gratitude. As you light each candle, night after night, think of attributes your children possess, consider the loving traits of your spouse, partner or best friend, or recall special moments in the year since you last lighted *Hanukkah* candles. Invite others to share this experience, either aloud or in silence, including your children as they are ready to participate.

*The transliterated word *Hanukkah* can be spelled in many different ways—including *Chanukah*, *Channukah*, *Chanuka*, etc. Pj

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