

# It's Hanukkah

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It's Hanukkah, and the family's all here  
It's Hanukkah, our favorite time of the year \*  
The candle light burns so bright  
And there's one little candle on the very first night

We gather round and hear the story \*  
Of the days of the Maccabees' glory  
We eat the latkas, salty and sweet  
And we all get gelt as a special treat

We sing songs that are loud and strong  
And even baby David sings along  
Maybe he doesn't get the words right  
But look at the menorah on the eighth night

It lights the room, it makes us proud  
Now the singing's really getting loud  
After eight days we end the holiday  
But that's tomorrow, so sing along today \*



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# Hanukkah Means Fun and Freedom

## HANUKKAH MEANS FUN AND FREEDOM

It's called the Festival of Lights  
A holiday lasting for eight nights

When Jewish people celebrate  
The land they had to liberate

Remembering that time with song  
If you know the words, you can sing along

Or grab a dreidel, spin it fast  
See how long that top can last

Eat some latkas, with a salty taste  
Don't let even one go to waste

But don't forget in the holiday glee  
This is a story of a fight to be free



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