

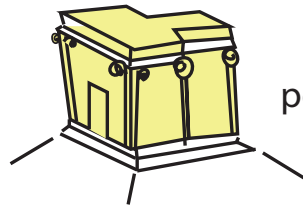
# The Story of Hanukkah



Judea came under the rule of a Greek who was the King of Syria. It was the home of many Jewish people. The king would not let the Jewish people celebrate their customs and traditions. They fought against him. Eventually, they drove him out.

A man named Judah, the Macabee, gathered with his friends and drove the King's

men out of the Temple. The



people were free and now they could

celebrate their customs the way they wanted. So they cleaned up the Temple and

wanted to light their holy lamp



which should have been kept burning

all the time. But they could only find enough oil to keep it burning for one day. A

miracle occurred! The oil lamp stayed lit for eight days, which was enough time to get

new oil for the lamp. That day is remembered each year with an eight-day celebration

called the Festival of Lights or Hanukkah. To celebrate the miracle, each day of

Hanukkah candles are lit in a menorah.

