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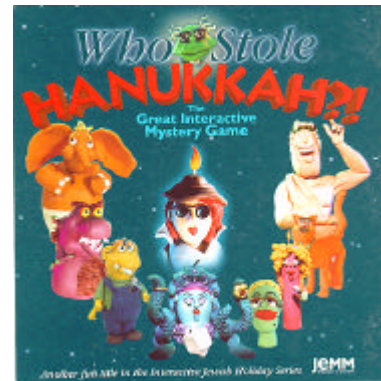
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### Hannukah – A Great Miracle Happened There!

**Who Stole Hanukkah?!: The Great Interactive Mystery Game** (CD Game)  
(Jerusalem: JEMM Productions, 1997).

Where is the miraculous oil? In this entertaining “who-dunit” CD, players move through a series of äëãðÇ (Hanukkah)-related activities collecting clues that lead to the missing jar of oil. The claymation figures captivate the audience while also presenting historical information, rituals, songs and blessings. The CD offers five language options – English, Hebrew, Russian, French and Spanish – making it a good choice for a variety of students. Completing the mystery is time consuming; therefore, this game is recommended for home use. The CDs are available as part of the Jewish Video Visions collection. Recommended for grades 4-8.



-- Reviewed by *Maury Greenberg*  
*Director, Technology Resources*

### Web Sites

- **Virtual Jerusalem Chanukah** (<http://www.vjholiday.com/chanukah>) – Information, games, and video of lighting the ä-ëãðÇ (hanukkiyah) at the ì úäë (kotel, Western Wall).
- **The Pedagogic Center** (<http://www.jajz-ed.org.il/festivals/hanuka/index.html>) – Background information, activities, and resources for teachers.

### Not In Our Town

Video distributed by California Working Group, Inc. 1995. (27 minutes in b+w)

The people of Billings, Montana take a stand against hate crimes in their community by banding together in a show of extraordinary solidarity. This story is told by people involved in the incidents, including a young Jewish couple whose home is vandalized during äëãðÇ (Hanukkah). In response to this crime, 10,000 people displayed a menorah in their windows. An excellent teacher's guide accompanies this video. The video is recommended for ages 12 and up. The book, The Christmas Menorahs: How a Town Fought Hate by Janice Cohn, D.S.W is also available for borrowing; the book is recommended for ages 10-12.

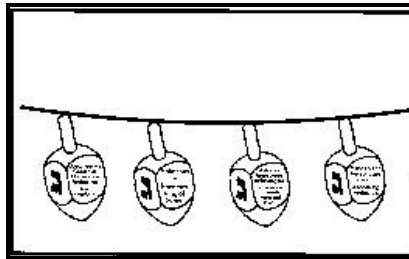


-- Reviewed by *Bonnie Shapiro*  
*Ratner Media & Technology Center Associate*

## Hanukkah Timeline

This can be used to help your students review the Hanukkah story by sequencing the historical events leading up to the 25<sup>th</sup> of *àì ñë* (*Kislev*). Recommended for use in the intermediate grades. The Timeline can be used by an individual student or with the whole class.

-- Updated by Favia Freund  
Teacher Center Assistant



## Hanukkah Quiz

Can you guess what this is? It is made from trees that have a life span of 300-600 years, although some people claim that there are some over 1,000 years old! These trees do not reach full development until they are 20 years. In ancient times, these trees produced a substance which was used in architecture to assist in the movement of big stones; it was also used as a fragrance, body ointment and to heal wounds. Do you know what it is? You'll find the answer at the bottom of this page.

-- Prepared by Eugenia Johnson-Whitt,  
Health & Science Resource Specialist

## New Hanukkah Storybooks

**Latkes, Latkes Good to Eat**, by Naomi Howland, (NY: Clarion Books, 1999).

In a Russian *shtetl*, a family of hungry children is given a magic spell for making *úááéáì* (*I'vivot*, latkes) by an old woman whom Sadie, the oldest child, meets in the forest. But when Sadie isn't home, her brothers forget how to stop the spell and are almost engulfed by *úááéáì*. Folkloric-style illustrations are a fine complement to this story based on a traditional tale. For grades 1 – 3.



**The Flying Latke**, by Arthur Yorinks, illustrated by William Steig, (NY: Simon and Schuster, 1999).

Older children, teenagers, and even adults will be amused by this wacky story about a family which argues so much that one of the *úááéáì* (*I'vivot*, latkes) at their *äëàðç* (*Hanukkah*) celebration is propelled into outer space. Collages that superimpose photographs of real people upon watercolor paintings are as engaging as the story – see whose face you recognize! Perfect for reading aloud. For grades 6 and up.



*Worth Mentioning:* **It's Hanukkah**, by Jeanne Modessit, illustrated by Robin Spowart. (NY: Holiday House, 1999). A mouse family's *äëàðç* (*Hanukkah*) celebration is described in rhyming couplets and illustrated in softly colored, crayon drawings. For preschoolers.

-- All storybooks are reviewed by Linda R. Silver,  
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