

Make Chanukah special with these 8 ideas (that don't cost any Gelt)

(If your family lives far away light the candles together over Skype or Facetime together and then do the following activities.)

FIRST CANDLE: Discuss: What are sources of light in your life? How can you draw on them more regularly and fully?

SECOND CANDLE: Think about what the people in your family really need and give it to them. The catch... it can't cost money. Some ideas - a night of babysitting, going to bed without an argument, doing the dishes, extra hugs. Make it something that will bring a big smile to their face.

THIRD CANDLE: Play with your food. Make marshmallow dreidels using a Hershey's kiss, frosting, a marshmallow and a pretzel stick (in that order). You can write the Hebrew letters on the side.

FOURTH CANDLE: Discuss: Is there anything in your experience that feels like a miracle? How do you want to respond to these experiences?

FIFTH CANDLE: Download some You Tube Videos: **The Maccabeats - I'm All About That Neis** -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wi1H3UnKhk>

Hannukah or Chanukah in Santa Monica by the GMCLA
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=MehTnsDVvU4>

Shir Soul Hanukkah Dreidels.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtILHwk9_Rw

SIXTH CANDLE: Have a Blackout Night- we are supposed to enjoy the light of the candles while they are burning, so light the candles, and then read stories, play dreidel or eat latkes. Whatever you decide to do, do it only by the glow of the candles.

SEVENTH CANDLE: Share a memory of Chanukah when you were growing up. (You don't have to be Jewish to have Chanukah memories.)

EIGHTH CANDLE: Be A Maccabee. Discuss: What is worth fighting for today? What have you fought for? What would you fight for?

Happy Chanukah - Chag Chanukah Sameach!