



What is Chanukah?

Chanukah (sometimes spelled Hanukkah) means dedication, and is also called chag ha-urim, the festival of lights. It commemorates the victory by a small group of Jews (led by the Maccabees) over the mighty Selucid Greeks in 168 BCE who disallowed Jews from practicing their religion and after winning, the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem. The primary ritual is lighting candles for eight nights in commemoration of the eight days it took to dedicate the Temple. Additionally, fried foods are eaten in commemoration of the oil that burned for eight days. Historically, only gelt, or money, was given as a gift. Technically speaking, Channukah is much less of a significant Jewish holiday than some of the others (Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Passover) but tends to get a lot of attention due to its proximity to Christmas.

Modern interpretation: Many love to add unexpected twists to latke recipes such as replacing potatoes with sweet potatoes, using zucchini instead of potatoes or adding fun flavours like curry to latke-making endeavours. Because of the significance of light during this holiday, many find channukah an important marker of the beginning of winter here in Canada and take inspiration to bring light into the long winter.

IN OUR LOBBY: Until December 10 please drop off a new, unwrapped toy or urgently needed gift card to JF&CS' Drive for Dreidels Community Chanukah Gift Drive. | www.jfandcs.com/d4d

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Celebrate Chanukah at the MNjcc!

THROUGH SONG:

Beatles Tribute: All You Need Is Love

Thursday December 13, 2018

Concert: 1:00 - 2:30 pm	Reception: 2:30 - 3:30 pm	Fee: \$18
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A Concert in Celebration of Chanukah held in the Al Green Theatre featuring The British Invasion Band. It's time to twist and shout Beatles fans! Re-live the excitement of the 1960s British Invasion, and enjoy all of your favourite Fab Four hits.

With their vintage tones and powerful vocal harmonies, this four-piece band captures the sound and the energy of this watershed time in music history.

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY:

Chanukah Groove Party

Sunday November 25 at the MNjcc

10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Fee: FREE for 0-2 year olds, \$5 for the rest	Register at: chanukah-groove.eventbrite.ca
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Join us as we celebrate Chanukah traditions through time and space. Songs, Stories, Games, Arts and Crafts and yummy holiday treats! 30 min early quiet entry time at 9:30 am for those with sensory processing needs. For families with kids 0-10 and their grown-ups. Everyone is welcome! Don't wait in line; save time and pre-register today!

Drag Queen Storytime for Chanukah

Sunday December 9, 2018

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	SOLD OUT
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In celebration of Chanukah, we're hosting Drag Queen Storytime, bringing together drag queens and families to share in an hour of storytelling, dress-up, and fun in the name of literacy and freedom of expression, with a little Jewish flair. Everyone is welcome! This event is free, but donations are welcome.

FOR TEENS:

End-of-Chanukah Party

Sunday December 9, 2018

7:00 - 10:00 pm	Venue TBA	Fee: \$25
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Join the #JLife crew as we celebrate and "close the menorah" together! A Chanukah party for teens ages 12-16

BY CANDLELIGHT:

Daily Candle Lighting

Each event will be held in the MNjcc lobby, with the exception of Saturday December 8, which will be in the pool.

DATE	GROUP	TIME
Dec 3	with MNjcc staff	4:30
Dec 4	with After School kids	4:45
Dec 5	with DJCS students	5:00
Dec 6	with Paul Penna Jewish Day School students	3:15
Dec 7	with MNjcc Preschool children	3:00
Dec 8	in the pool with kids from Camp Shomria	4:00

IN HEBREW:

Israeli Party

Thursday December 6, 2018

5:00pm	Beth Tzedec	SOLD OUT
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Activities for kids, lots of food, Sufganiyot, dancing, face painting, and much more!

IN THE SALTWATER POOL:

Splash Parties

Saturday Dec 8 & Sunday Dec 9

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Free for Members \$15 per family (up to 4 people)
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IN THE FITNESS CENTRE:

8 Days of Fitnukah Challenge

Pick up a flyer and challenge card from the Fitness Desk and ask about specific times. Collect 8 stamps to be entered in a draw for a \$250 prepaid Visa card!

Monday Dec 3	Light Up Your Core 15-minute core classes on the fitness floor.
Tuesday Dec 4	Burn the Oil at the Barre Pilates/Barre group exercise classes
Wednesday Dec 5	Lunge off your Latkes 100 lunges anytime on the fitness floor
Thursday Dec 6	H.I.I.T that G.E.L.T High Intensity Interval Training group classes.
Friday Dec 7	Miracle Bonus Points for all: Ask at the fitness desk
Saturday Dec 8	Shamash Savasana Yoga Classes
Sunday Dec 9	Cycle for Good • Spin like a Dreidel Special 90 min Cycle Class in coordination with JCCs across North America. \$18 minimum donation to help subsidize fitness for all.
Monday Dec 10	Miracle Monday Gravity 30 min Gravity Classes

DON'T BE CAUGHT WITHOUT THE ESSENTIALS!

Pick up Chanukah dreidels and candles at our info desk in support of the Downtown Jewish Community School.

- Dreidels ► 50 cents
- Box of multi-colour candles ► \$10
- Box of dripless, Israeli candles ► \$15



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