A Guide to Hanukkah Literature
HANUKKAH LITERATURE
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This is a selected list of books about Hanukkah (Chanukah) for preschool through Grades 8.

PICTURE BOOKS


Sharon hears from her parents the story that underlies their celebration of Hanukkah. In rebus format.
Call Number: PJ Adl


Every year a family celebrates Hanukkah by retelling the story of how Grandma and her sister managed to mark the day while in a German concentration camp.
Call Number: [Holocaust] PJ Bun


A young boy describes his family's celebration of Hanukkah and the things he likes about the holiday.
Call Number: PJ Hir


A wandering peddler teaches the villagers how to make potato pancakes from a crust of bread.
Call Number: PJ Hir


An Israeli family raises olives and uses some of the oil to light their Hanukkah menorah.
Call Number: PJ Ofa


Toby Belfer gives a party for her friends in order to explain Hanukkah, including the story of Judah Maccabee, the significance of the menorah, how to make potato latkas, and how to play the game of dreidel.
Call Number: PJ Pus

A few brave souls in a Nazi camp are determined to gather nine spoons to make a menorah for Chanukah.

**Call Number: PJ Sti**

**JUVENILE FICTION**


With Hanukkah about to begin, Rivkeh is worried because her family is so poor, but when a poor stranger comes to the door, her generous family cannot turn him away.

**Call Number: J Gol**


Michael and Elijah are friends, but when Elijah gives Michael one of his special carved angels, Michael doesn’t know what to do. How can he possibly take home a Christmas angel, a forbidden graven image--especially on Chanukah?

**Call Number: J Ros**

**NON FICTION**

*Stories and Activities*


When the rabbi tells Mendel to get a table for the Chanukah menorah, Mendel makes the task more difficult than it should be.

**Call Number: j 398.208 Adl**


Celebrate the Jewish holidays with this rich compendium of facts, activities, and stories from around the world.

**Call Number: j 296.4 Dru**


Retells the Biblical story that is celebrated in the feast of Hanukkah.

**Call Number: j 296.435 Ehr**
When the family gathers to celebrate Hanukkah, Grandfather tells his own story of the holiday from World War II.
**Call Number:** j 296.435 Obe

Twenty different crafts designed for young children with colorful step by step instructions.
**Call Number:** j 745.594 Ros

A collection of folk and contemporary songs for voice and piano. Includes chord symbols for guitar.
**Call Number:** j 781.629 Son

**Facts and History**

Discusses how the celebration of Hanukkah came about, what it signifies, and the ways in which it is celebrated today.
**Call Number:** j 296.435 Adl

Examines the traditions and celebrations associated with the Jewish festival of lights.
**Call Number:** j 296.435 Cla

Describes how people in Billings, Montana joined together to fight a series of hate crimes against a Jewish family.
**Call Number:** j 305.892 Coh

A description of the history and celebration of Hanukkah, as told by a Jewish girl to her Christian friend.
**Call Number:** j 296.435 Don

Introduces the history, customs, meaning, and celebration of Chanukah.
**Call Number:** j 296.435 Mar
*Call Number: j 296.435 Sim*

**TEACHER RESOURCES**

*Call Number: Curr.Mats. LB1140.4 .H47 2009*

*Call Number: Curr.Mats. LB 1027.25 .S35 2012*

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