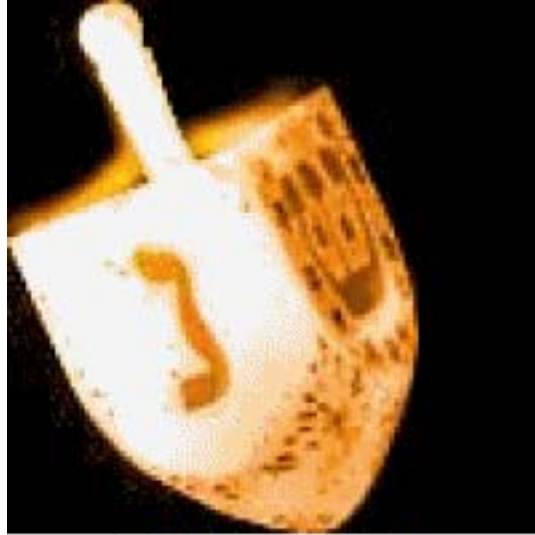


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Chanukah (also spelled Chanuka, Hanuka, Hanukka, Hannukah or Hanukkah) is the Jewish Festival of Lights, the Feast of Consecration, or the Feast of the Maccabees.

The story of Chanukah begins in 167 B.C. while Jerusalem was ruled by the Greek Empire. King Antiochus the 4th forced the Jews to reject their religion and to worship the Greek gods instead. As a result, the Jews began a revolt, Judas Macabeus being the leader. Chanukah celebrates the rededication of the temple in Jerusalem, after 3 years of fighting against the Greeks (Chanukah in Hebrew means "dedication").