



Hanukkah Songs



1. Oh Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah

Oh Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah come light the menorah.
 Let's have a party we'll all dance the hora.
 Gather round the table we'll give you a treat.
 Dreidles to play with and latkes to eat.
 And while we are playing, the candles are burning low.
 One for each night, they shed a sweet light,
 To remind us of days long ago.
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2. Dreidel, Dreidel

Words and music by S. Goldfarb

I have a little dreidel, I made it out of clay.
 And when it's dry and ready, oh dreidel I shall play. Oh,

chorus

Dreidel, dreidel, dreidel I made it out of clay.
 And when it's dry and ready, oh dreidel I shall play.

It has a lovely body with legs so short and thin.
 And when it gets all tired, it drops and then I win. Oh,

chorus

My dreidel's always playful, it loves to dance and spin.
 A happy game of dreidel, come play now, let's begin. Oh,

chorus



3. Not By Might

Words and music by Debbie Friedman

Not by might and not by power
 But by spirit alone shall we all live in peace
 The children sing, the children dream
 And their tears may fall
 But we'll hear them call and another song will rise
 Not by might and not by power, shalom

4. Ocho Kandelikas

Words and music by Flory Jagoda

chorus:

Una kandelika, doz, kandelikas, trez
 kandelikas, kuarto kandelikas, sintju
 kandelikas, sez kandelikas, siete kandelikas,
 ocho kandelas para mi.

Muchas fiestas vo fazer Kun alegrijas i plazer
 Muchas fiestas vo fazer Kun alegrijas i plazer!
 O...
 (chorus)

Los pastelikos vo kumer Kum almendrikas i las mjel
 Los pastelikos vo kumer Kum almendrikas i las mjel! O...
 (chorus)

Hanuka linda sta aki Ocho kandelas para mi
 Hanuka linda sta aki Ocho kandelas para mi!
 O...
 (chorus)



5. The Latke Song (I'm a Latke)

Words and music by Debbie Friedman

I am so mixed up I cannot tell you,
I'm sitting in this blender turning brown.
I've made friends with the onions and the
flour,

And the cook is scouting oil in town.

I sit here wondering what will 'come of me,
I can't be eaten looking as I do.
I need someone to take me out and cook me,
Or I'll really end up in a royal stew.

chorus:

I am a latke, I'm a latke,
And I am waiting for Hanukkah to come.
I am a latke, I'm a latke,
And I am waiting for Hanukkah to come.

Every holiday has foods so special,
I'd like to have that same attention too.
I do not want to spend life in this blender,
Wondering what I'm supposed to do.

Matzah and charoset are for Pesach,
Chopped liver and challah for Shabbat.
Blintzes for Shavuot are delicious,
And gefilte fish no holiday's without.

chorus

It's important that I have an understanding,
Of what it is that I'm supposed to do.
You see there are so many who are
homeless,
With no jobs, no clothes and very little food.

It's so important that we all remember,
That while we have most everything we need.
We must remember those who have so little.
We must help them, we must be the ones to
feed.

chorus

6. Light One Candle

Words and music by Peter Yarrow

Light one candle for the Maccabee children with
thanks that their light didn't die.
Light one candle for the pain they endured when
their right to exist was denied.
Light one candle for the terrible sacrifice justice
and freedom demand.
And light one candle for the wisdom to know
when the peacemaker's time is at hand.

chorus

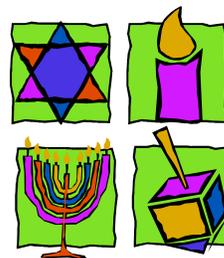
Don't let the light go out, it's lasted for so many
years.
Don't let the light go out, let it shine through our
love and our tears.

Light one candle for the strength that we need to
never become our own foe.
Light one candle for those who are suffering the
pain we learned so long ago.
Light one candle for all we believe in, let anger
not tear us apart.
And light one candle to bring us together with
peace as the song in our heart.

chorus

What is the memory that's valued so highly that
we keep it alive in that flame.
What's the commitment to those who have died
when we cry out "they've not died in vain?"
We have come this far always believing that
justice will somehow prevail.
This is the burden and this is the promise, and
this is why we will not fail.

chorus



7. S'vivon Sov, Sov, Sov

S'vivon sov, Chanukah hu chag tov
Chanukah hu chag tov, s'vivon sov sov sov

Chag simcha hu la am, nes gadol haya sham
Nes gadol haya sham, chag simcha hu la am

8. Mi Y'Malel(Who Can Retell)

Mi y'malel g'vurot Yisrael otan mi yim-neh?
Hen b'chol dor yakum hagibor go-el ha-am.
Sh'ma! Ba-yamim ha-hem bazman ha-zeh,
Makabi moshia ufodeh.
Uv-yameinu kol am Yisrael,
Yitached yakum l'higael.

Who can retell the things that befell us. Who
can count them?
In every age a hero or sage came to our aid.
Hark! At this time of year in days of yore,
Maccabees the Temple did restore.
And today our people as we dreamed, will
arise, unite and be redeemed.

9. Hanukkah, Hanukkah

Hanukkah, Haunkkah, chag yafeh kol kach
Or chaviv m'saviv, gil l'yeled rach
Chanukah, Chanukah, svivon sov sov
Sov, sov, sov, sov, sov, sov,
Mah na'im vatov!

10. Ner Li

Ner li, ner li, ner lid a-kik
Ba-chanukah ne-ri ad-lik
Ba-chanukah ne-ri ya-ir
Ba-chanukah shi-rim a-shir!

11. This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine-3x
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

All around the world...
We won't let anyone blow it out...
My brothers and my sisters...

12. The Dreidel Song

words and music by Debbie Friedman

chorus:

Nun, Gimmel, Hay, Shin, watch the dreidel
spin, spin, spin.
Nun, Gimmel, Hay, Shin, watch now let the
fun begin.
Nun, Gimmel, Hay, Shin spin the dreidel try to
win.
And sing along this dreidel song with me.

See the dreidel spinning round, spinning
round and round and round.
When it stops it will tell you, this is what you
have to do. (chorus)

You take nothing Nun will say, Gimmel wins,
it's fun to play.
Hay takes half, but land on Shin, then you'll
have to put some in. (chorus)

13. Al Hanisim

Al hanisim, v'al hapurkan
V'al hag'vurot, v'al hat'shu'ot,
v'al hamilchamot
She-aseeta lavoteynu
Bayamim hahem baz'man hazeh.

Long ago, our people fought in bloody battle
for their freedom
And now we give thanks for what we know
was gained in victories they won so long ago

At this season let us remember all those who
struggle, stand up for justice
Those who have the courage to speak
against the mighty
Help us now to make a better world