



Chanukah by the **NUMBERS**



1 Number of candles to light each night to fulfil the basic mitzvah. Number of jars of oil found after the Chashmonaim entered the Temple and cleaned it up.

2 Number of blessings recited over the candles on all nights except the first.

3 Number of blessings recited over the candles on the first night. Number of decrees the Greeks enacted, specifically against bris milah (circumcision), Shabbos observance, and Rosh Chodesh (declaring each new month, without which, we would not be able to fix the dates for the chagim). Number of Sifrei Torah (Torah scrolls) taken out to read from when the Shabbos that falls out during the eight days of Chanukah also coincides with Rosh Chodesh Teves (as it does this year).



4 Number of letters/sides on a dreidel, the game traditionally played on Chanukah.

5 Number of sons of Mattisyahu, the Kohen Gadol, who began the Jewish rebellion in Modiin: Yochanan, Shimon, Yehuda, Elazar, and Yonasan.

7 Number of lamps in the menorah that was lit each evening in the Temple when it stood.



Number of days we celebrate Chanukah.

9 Number of lamps in the chanukiyot that we light to celebrate Chanukah.

10 Number of handbreadths, below which is the ideal height to place the menorah at (ie, below approximately 90 cm - but the menorah must not be placed lower than 30 cm).

20 Maximum height in arms' breadths that the menorah can be placed at (approximately nine metres).

25 Date in the Hebrew month of Kislev on which the celebration of Chanukah begins.

30 Number of minutes after nightfall the candles need to burn for each night of Chanukah.

36 Total number of candles needed over the eight days in order to light each night corresponding to the number of that night (the nicest possible way to fulfil the mitzvah).

44 Total number of candles needed over the eight days in order to light each night corresponding to the number of that night (the nicest possible way to fulfil the mitzvah), including lighting one candle each night for a shamash.

52 Number of years the Jews lived under the harsh decrees of the Greeks (according to the Rambam).

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Year that the Greeks were miraculously defeated and the Temple service was restored. **II**

