

Hanukkah (Celebrations & Festivals)

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Celebration, Freedom, Family Tradition, Jewish Culture, Strength

Book Brief: Join Lior's family in celebrating Hanukkah with latkes, blessings, and the dreidel game. Discover how this eight-day tradition unites the Jewish community and commemorates the Maccabees' victory.

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about Lior's family.

Prior Knowledge: Look up a video of the story of Hanukkah for kids on YouTube.

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, see how Lior and his family celebrate Hanukkah."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Why do you eat fried foods during Hanukkah?
- What are some of the fried foods eaten during Hanukkah?
- Describe the significance of the menorah during the window.

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: Lior celebrates the first night of Hanukkah at his house. How do they celebrate?

Extending Our Thinking: The story explains the significance of Hanukkah. Using [RIF's Main Idea and Key Details](#), have students determine the main idea and support it with text evidence.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about Hanukkah.
 - [All-of-a-Kind Family Hanukkah](#) (2018)
 - [Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblin](#) (2014)
 - [The Story of Hanukkah](#) (2011)