

Happy Hanukkah!

Hanukkah, which means "dedication" in Hebrew, begins on the 25th of Kislev on the Hebrew calendar and usually falls in November or December. Often called the Festival of Lights, the holiday is **celebrated** with the lighting of the menorah, traditional foods, games and gifts.

At the heart of the festival is the nightly menorah lighting.

The menorah holds nine flames, one of which is the *shamash* ("attendant"), which is used to kindle the other eight lights. On the first night, we light just one flame. On the second night, an additional flame is lit. By the eighth night of Chanukah, all eight lights are kindled.

On Friday afternoon, care must be taken to light the menorah before Shabbat candles are lit, and the following evening they are to be kindled only after Shabbat has ended.

A menorah is lit in every household (or even by each individual within the household) and <u>placed in a doorway or window</u>.

People recite the special Hallel prayer daily, and add <u>V'Al</u>

<u>HaNissim</u> in their daily prayers and in the Grace After

Meals, to offer praise and thanksgiving.



December

Up and Coming Events

December 14th – **December 18**th School Preview @ the Hale

On **Wednesday, December 16**th, we will host our second of three virtual School Previews for prospective families who may be considering the Hale for next fall.

Here are the remaining dates and link for our school: Wednesday, December 16^{th} @ 1:00 PM Thursday, January 21^{st} @ 11:00 AM Please feel free to join us and share your on perspectives of our school.

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