



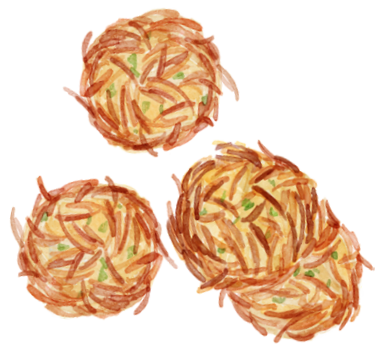
# Happy Hanukkah

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# How to make latkes



During Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, it's customary to eat foods fried in oil. This is to commemorate the miracle that a tiny bit of oil lasted eight days to light the holy Hanukkiah thousands of years ago. Latkes are one of the most famous of Jewish foods and a specialty of Hanukkah. Latkes are best enjoyed immediately after preparing.



## Mike Wise's Quick & Easy Potato Latkes

### INGREDIENTS

- ☐ 1 30oz bag of shredded frozen potatoes (semi-defrosted)
- ☐ 1 8oz bag of frozen diced onions
- ☐ 2 eggs
- ☐ 3 tablespoons flour (remove for gluten free)
- ☐ 1 tsp salt
- ☐ Pinch of ground pepper
- ☐ 3-4 tablespoons of your favorite oil for frying

Mix all of your ingredients together in a bowl, except for the oil. Heat the oil on medium-high heat. Take 1-2 spoonfuls of the mixture and form into a flat patty. Fry the patty until each side is dark, golden brown.

**Make it like Mike:** Top with applesauce or sour cream.

# How to say the blessings

## BLESSING OVER THE HANUKKAH CANDLES

**Say this every night of the holiday**

*Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher kidshanu bemitzvotav vitzivanu lehadlik neir shel Hanukkah.*

Praised are You, Spirit of the Universe, who makes us holy through your commandments and commands us to light the Hanukkah candles.

## BLESSING FOR THE HANUKKAH MIRACLE

**Say this every night of the holiday**

*Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, she'asah nisim la'avoteinu, bayamim haheim baziman hazeh.*

Praised are You, Spirit of the Universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors in their day at this season.

## THE SHEHECHEYANU / BLESSING FOR GRATITUDE

**Traditionally said only the first night, but we invite you to say this every night or as often as you'd like**

*Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, shehecheyanu v'key'manu v'higiyanu lazman hazeh.*

Praised are You, Spirit of the Universe, who keeps us alive, sustains us, and brings us to this moment.



# How to light the Hanukkah

*Adapted from JewBelong*

Traditionally, on the first night of Hanukkah, you read three blessings. And then, for the next seven nights, you only read two.

When you're ready, place the candles in the Hanukkah from right to left, and then light them left to right. You will notice that your Hanukkah has one taller candle holder than the others. This is for the shamash, or “helper” candle.

On the first night of the holiday, put candles in the shamash and the far-left candle space. On the second night, you will need three candles. One for the shamash, the far-left candle space, and the one next to it. And then every night, you add one more candle, until on the last night you have filled up all the spaces on the Hanukkah.

Light the shamash candle with a match. Then take the shamash and use it to light the other candles, left to right. And then, put the shamash back in its spot and recite the blessings!

According to tradition, you are supposed to place the Hanukkah near your front window, facing the street, because lighting them is bringing light into the world around us.



# How to play Dreidel

1. Give everyone playing an equal number of game pieces such as gelt, pennies or poker chips.
2. Every player puts one piece in the pot to start the round. Each person adds one more piece when the pot is empty during the game.
3. On your turn, spin the dreidel and give or take pieces from the pot depending on which letter the dreidel lands on (see below!). Then, pass the dreidel to the next person.
4. When a player is out of game pieces, they are 'out' of the game. The last person with game pieces wins!

Ⓝ Nun: Do nothing

ג Gimel: Take all

ה Hey: Take half

ש Shin: Put one in