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Songs Poems and Dance for Hanukkah

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The Hebrew word for dreidel is s'vivan.

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Here is a song you can sing about a dreidel

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

O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel,
I made it out of clay;
O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel,
Now dreidel I shall play.

It has a lovely body
With legs so short and thin;
And when it is all tired
It drops and then I win.

O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel,
With legs so short and thin;
O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel,
It drops and then I win.

My dreidel's always playful
It loves to dance and spin;
A happy game of dreidel
Come play, now let's begin.

O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel,
It loves to dance and spin;
O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel,
Come play, now let's begin.

(Sing these verses twice)

I'm a little latke, round and brown,
Here is my upside, here is my down.
When I am all ready, take a bite,
And eat me up on Hanukkah night

Oh Chanukah, Oh Chanukah,
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.
S'vivan to play with,
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;

One for each night,
they shed a sweet light,
to remind us of days long ago.

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The hora is a traditional circle dance.
Everyone holds hands to make a big circle then everyone steps forward towards the right with the left foot, then followed by the right foot to match. Bring the left foot back again followed by the right foot. All this is done while holding hands and circling together in a fast and cheerful motion to the right. In large groups you can create several circles while the smaller circles are inside the bigger circle and so on. The tune is usually.....

Hava Nagilah (Let us rejoice) [Click to play.](#)

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Havah nagilah (let's rejoice)
Havah nagilah (let's rejoice)
Havah nagilah venismechah (rejoice and be happy) (x2)

Havah neranenh (let's sing)
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Havah neranenh venismechah (sing and be happy) (x2)

Uru, uru achim! (awake, awake brothers!)
Uru achim b'lev sameach (with a happy heart) (line x3)

Uru achim, uru achim! (awake, awake brothers!)
B'lev sameach (with a happy heart)

Time to light the candles bright.
Let them shine into the night.
First we light the middle one
For that candle, when it's done,
Will be used to light them all,
Eight more candles standing tall.

Light the candles, 1, 2, 3,
Shining and reminding me.
Light the candles 4, 5, 6,
See their brightly burning wicks.
Light the candles 7, 8.
Happy Hanukkah! I can't wait!

Spin little dreidel
Spin, spin, spin,
Please, little dreidel,
Let me win!

Now little dreidel,
My happy top,
Slow down, little dreidel,
It's time to stop.

Use this Hanukkah Chant on the eighth day of Hanukkah after all the candles have been placed in each candle holder.

Hanukkah, Hanukkah,
Festival of Lights.
Light the menorah,
For eight festive nights.
One, two, three, four,
Five, six, seven, eight.

One in the centre, one on the right,
Candles in the window, more each night.
Shamash, the servant lighting the rest,
Hanukkah candles, bright and blessed.

Hanukkah a great thanks giving
Hanukkah a brand new start,
Filling us with the joy of living,
Light that shines from a loving heart.

Eight little candles all in a line,
Eight little candles glitter and shine.
Eight little candles, each little flame
Whispers a legend of honour and fame.

Eight little candles, sparklets of gold,
Stories of battles and heroes of old.

'Courage, but courage, Maccabee's brave son,
Fight for light – and the battle is won.'

On the **first** day there was oil in the lamp, enough for just one night
But on the **second** day it was still giving light,
burning brightly through the night
On the **third** day it was still giving light,
burning brightly through the night
On the **fourth** day it was still giving light
burning brightly through the night
On the **fifth** day it was still giving light,
burning brightly through the night
And on the **sixth** day it was still giving light
burning brightly through the night
On the **seventh** day it was still giving light
burning brightly through the night
And on the **eighth** day it was still giving light,
burning brightly through the night

Oh Hanukkah, oh Hanukkah, we celebrate the light you bring
Oh Hanukkah, oh Hanukkah to celebrate we will sing
One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight nights of light you bring.

Our menorah is gold, it holds the candles white
Their yellow flame helps to, tell the story of the light

Oh the colours of Hanukkah are beautiful to see
Oh the colours of Hanukkah are all around me

My dreidel is **red**, my dreidel is **blue**
My dreidel is **yellow**, **green** and **purple** too

Oh the colours of Hanukkah are beautiful to see
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Our menorah is gold, it holds the candles white
Their yellow flame helps to, tell the story of the light

Oh the colours of Hanukkah are beautiful to see
Oh the colours of Hanukkah are all around me
They're all around me.