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The eight-day festival is marked by the kindling of lights—one on the first night, two on the second, and so on—using a special candle holder called a , or a Hanukkah menorah. In practice, Conservative rabbis frequently rule on prohibitions around melacha differently from Orthodox authorities.

Jewish holidays

Religiously, Hanukkah is a minor holiday.

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Many Mizrahi Jews felt that their own suffering was being ignored, both in comparison to the suffering of during the and in comparison to the Palestinian. Most Jews celebrate Purim on 14 Adar, the day of celebration after the Jews defeated their enemies. However, there is evidence that this custom was in place by the era of the , which ended around 1040 CE.

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Many aspects of the day's customs also resemble those of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Strictly speaking, Melacha is defined in by that were used in constructing the while the Jews wandered in the desert. Jews who are firstborn fast, in remembrance of the , when God killed the Egyptian firstborn, while sparing the Jewish firstborn.

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Only vows between the supplicant and God are relevant. On Tisha B'Av, restaurants and places of entertainment are closed.

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The Torah states that this period is to be counted, both in days and in weeks. This is because the Hebrew calendar is based on the cycles of both the sun and moon, whereas the Gregorian is a.

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Along with the avoidance of chametz, the principal ritual unique to this holiday is the.

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