



# DECEMBER HEBREW VOCAB PACK

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"With Vowels"  
version is above.

"Modern Hebrew"  
(no vowels)  
version shown  
below.

Hebrew Side	Translation
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Cut on the gray  
solid lines.

Hebrew  
Transliteration  
Definition  
Details

Fold on dotted line. Glue or tape the two sides together.

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Singular versions  
of some words  
noted on the  
sidebar.

לְבִיבוֹת

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**le-vee-VOT**

**Latkes (plural)**

Delicious fried potato pancakes traditionally eaten during Hanukkah.

Singular: le-vee-vah

לְבִיבָה

לְבִיבָה

סּוּפְגַנְיֹת

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**soof-gan-YOHT**

**Donuts (plural)**

Traditional jelly-filled donut holes eaten during Hanukkah.

Singular: soof-gan-yah

סּוּפְגַנְיָה

סּוּפְגַנְיָה

חַנוּכָּה

חַנוּכָּה

חַנוּכָּה

**KHA-noo-kah**

**Hanukkah**

Festival of lights celebrating reclaiming the temple and oil lasting for eight days.

חַנּוּכְיָה

חַנּוּכְיָה

חַנּוּכְיָה

**kha-noo-kee-YAH**

**Hanukkah Menorah**

Used only for Hanukkah, it uniquely has 9 candles (8 days + 1 shamash candle), unlike typical Jewish menorah with 7 candles.

שַׁמָּשׁ

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**sha-MASH**

**Shamash (special candle)**

The 1 helper candle set apart from the other 8 candles on a Hanukkah menorah, used to light the other candles. Shamash literally means "servant" - it is the servant candle.





נֵס גָּדוֹל הִיָּה שָׁם

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NEHS - gahDOHL - hahYAH - SHAHM  
**Miracle - Great - Happened - There**

The four first letters (נ, ג, ה, ש) are the letters on the four sides of a dreidel. In Israel switch "There" for "Here" so Israeli dreidels have 1 different letter.

שָׁמֶן

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**SHEH-men**  
**Oil**

Used in cooking traditional hanukkah foods, oil is used as a food ingredient and as a fuel source in oil lamps.

לְהַדְלִיק

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**le-HAHD leek**  
**"To Light (on fire)"**

(action: to light something on fire)  
Look for this phrase "to light" used in all the weekly and holiday prayers involving lighting candles.

מַקָּבִים

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**MAH-kah-beem**  
**Maccabees (plural)**

The Jewish heroes of the Hanukkah story, key to the defeat the Greek army and reclaim the Temple.

Singular: MAH-kah-bee

מַקָּבִי

מַקָּבִי