



Hanukkah

is the Jewish festival of lights!

The Hebrew word “Hanukkah” means
“dedication”.

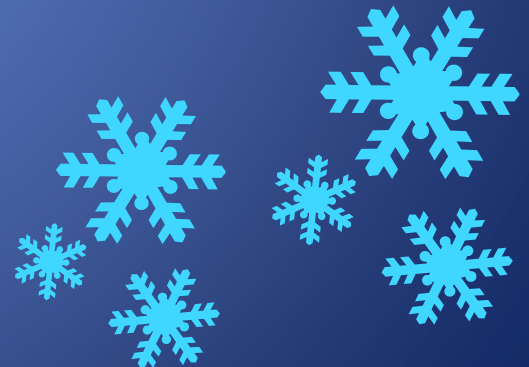
What does *dedication* mean?

Hanukkah lasts for

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7...

8 days!

It usually falls in late November
or December.



Over 2000 years ago, in 165 BC, the Jews in Judea rebelled against their Syrian ruler because he insisted that all Jewish people must worship Greek Gods. After three hard years of fighting, the Jews defeated him.



To celebrate, they lit an oil lamp, but they could only find enough oil to keep it burning for one night. However, a miracle occurred, and the oil lamp stayed lit for eight days, which was the time it took to make new oil for the lamp.

This was the Miracle of the Oil.

Jews remember this day by placing eight candles in a Menorah and lighting one candle for each evening of the celebration.

This extra candle is called the

shamash

Why do you think it's there?

