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# HANUKKAH

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David Clark  
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Washington, DC

## ISRAELI NATIONAL ANTHEM

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Cantor Arnold Saltzman and  
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## REMARKS

Dr. Eliahu Ben-Elissar  
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Mr. Runyon

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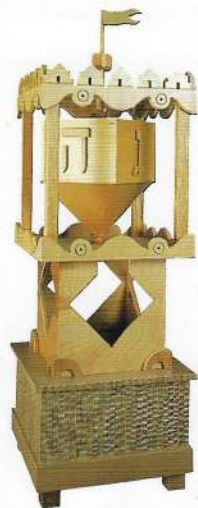
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Stamp Artist  
  
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**HANUKKAH'S ORIGIN** can be traced back more than 2100 years ago to the time when Judah the Maccabee and his followers liberated Jerusalem from the Syrian Greeks and set about to cleanse and rededicate the city's ancient temple. When it came time to kindle the Holy Light, only one jar of oil could be found—enough to burn the light for a single day. Miraculously, the light burned for eight days and nights, long enough to prepare a supply of fresh consecrated oil. ■ To-day, Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, is celebrated for eight days, beginning on the 25th of the Hebrew month Kislev.

Each night, the family gathers around the menorah, exchanges gifts, chants blessings, and lights candles—one for the first night, two the second night, and so on, until eight candles are lit the final evening. The ninth candle in the menorah is called the Shamash, meaning “helper,” and is used to light the other candles. ■ The stamp will be a joint issue with the state of Israel, with both countries featuring the same design. The artist, Hannah Smotrich of Washington, D.C., used an array of colors “to emphasize the upbeat nature of a playful, joyous holiday.”





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**FRONT COVER ART:** Created from Stamp Design by Hannah Smotrich. **BACK COVER PHOTOGRAPH:** Spice Box with Dreidl; Leon Bibel—Wood, 1992, from the Collection of the B'nai Brith Klutznick National Jewish Museum. **INSIDE PHOTOGRAPH:** Menorah; Designed by Niels Diffrient from the Exhibition Nerot Mitzvah at Yeshiva University Museum, New York 1986-87. **CEREMONY PROGRAM GRAPHIC DESIGNER:** Roberta M. Wojtkowski. ©1996 U.S. Postal Service. All Rights Reserved.

