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Holiday Gift Guide 2010: Hanukkah Gifts



Hanukkah, the Festival of Light, which began at sundown Wednesday, December 1, 2010 is celebrated in Jewish households for eight nights, and provides plenty of opportunity for candle lighting, dreidel spinning, latke making (making potato pancakes), gift-giving, gelt-getting (gifts of money), music making and story telling.

Some of the best Hanukkah presents are classic entertainment items, many are geared toward the four to eight year old range, but when shared in a family's home setting, these gems are sure to delight all ages.

Favorites that have stood the test of time, and that will probably be around for many more years to engage, inspire and entertain are the picks that are listed below.

Please remember, best pricing at the time of this post has been provided for your convenience, but it is always a good idea to cross compare with your favorite online as well as stick-and-brick-retailers.

As always, you are the final authority in selecting appropriate items for your child's entertainment.

Finally, here's the perfect audio choice to ring in the holiday -

[Chanukah Fever](#)



"Mama Doni," also known in real life as Doni Zasloff Thomas, an attractive and energetic 21st century, New Jersey-based Jewish mother and preschool-teacher-turned-entertainer, captivates kids and families with her fun-loving renditions of Chanukah songs.

Winners of the Simcha Award at the 2008 International Jewish Music Festival, Amsterdam, Mama Doni Band serves up a wide range of musical styles from reggae to rock with blends of Klezmer and even disco along with a few other genres mixed in.

Clever lyrics abound along with a bit of wacky shtick to celebrate not only the holiday but a beloved heritage.

You can preview all 14 tracks of Chanukah Fever at CD Baby where the CD format is available for \$15.00, or the option for an MP3 album download for \$9.99 or .99 cents per track.

An MP 3 download is also available through itunes with identical download pricing.

You don't have to be Jewish to enjoy the following: A video interpretation of "The Funky Gold Menorah" from Chanukah Fever by The Mama Doni Band. Enjoy!



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