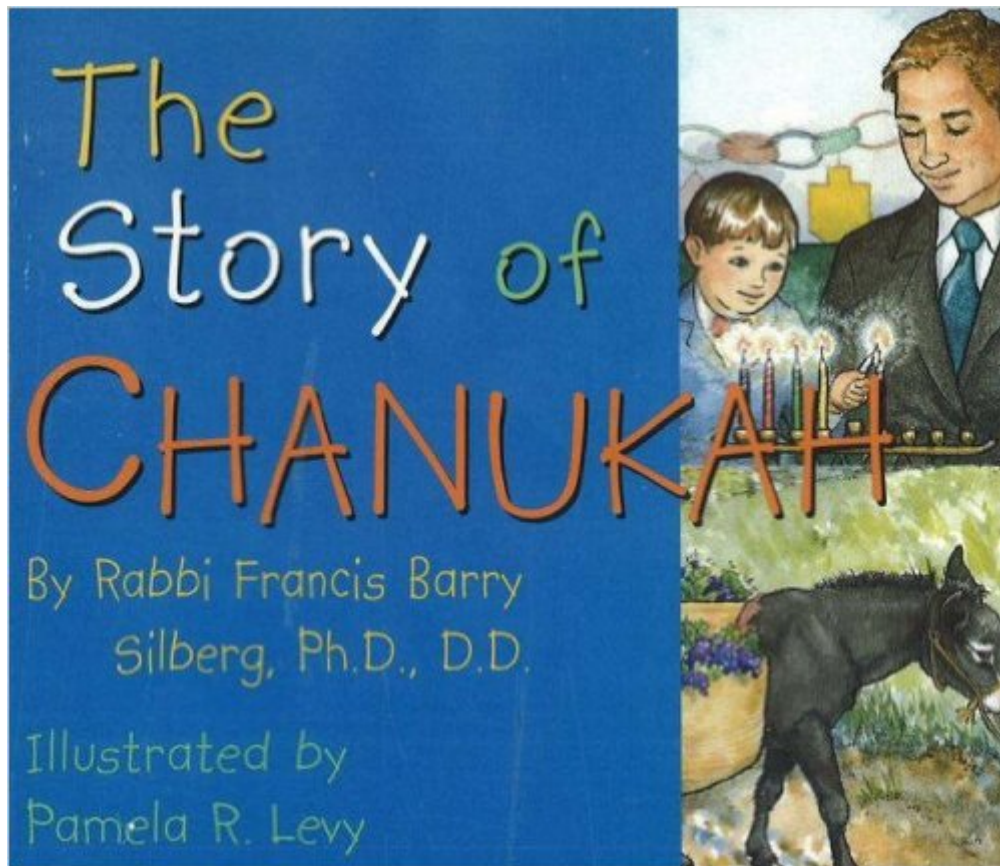


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# The Story Of Chanukah



## Synopsis

The highlight of this story is how God kept an almost-extinguished flame kindled in the Temple for eight days. The miraculous burning flame is still a reminder to Jews of God's constant protection and love. Rabbi Francis Barry Silberg explains the story of Chanukah on a level even the youngest child can understand, and Pam Levy's illustrations vividly depict the wonder and beauty of this special Jewish holiday.

## Book Information

Board book: 26 pages

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Age Range: 2 - 4 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

I can't imagine any age for which this book would work. It's a board book, so one would think it's intended for very young children. But the author evidently thinks that, if a story is reduced to its basic elements, that makes it a child's book. Really? With words like "enslave," "legions," and "dedicate?" But the book doesn't work for older children either (assuming they would deign to open a board book). The story is told in a dull and simplistic manner, with illustrations that are neither charming nor engaging. The author may have a Ph.D., which I assume he needed to post on the cover to lend authority to a very poor Chanukah offering. Unless you love academic titles, don't buy this book.

Simple story about what happened. I liked that it doesn't shy away from the fact that it was a battle of two opposing forces. The pictures are big and bright. My toddler enjoys reading this book.

I have found that a lot of the Chanukah books are shallow in content, focusing on counting candles, spinning dreidls or eating donuts. This one is one of my very favorite because it explains in simple terms the history of the Maccabees' battle with the Greeks. One of the reviewers is correct in criticizing it for using advanced vocabulary in a board book format, however, I have to say, despite that, this is one of our favorite books. I just use the opportunity to define big words for my boys and it held their attention well. My big goal is to NOT reduce Jewish holidays down to silly, shallow stuff. Underpinning all the fun should be an emerging understanding of history.

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