



Chanukah Recipes

Chanukah is a holiday out of our history
Why is it so joy-filled is surely no mystery.
The menorah we light is a symbol of freedom
From the tyranny of Syria and Antiochus, the hedon.
We celebrate for eight days and nights,
Add a candle a day and a gift for each light.
Latkes (or pancakes) are served as a treat
Hot, crisp and sizzling — ready to eat!

Chanukah White Fruitcake

½ cup golden raisins
½ cup apple juice or sherry
1½ cups sifted flour
½ tsp. baking soda
1/8 tsp. salt
1¼ cup confectioners sugar
2/3 cup soft butter or margarine
6 egg whites
2 Tbs. lemon juice
½ tsp. vanilla
2/3 cup red and green candied cherries
½ cup candied pineapple, chopped
½ cup blanched pistachio nuts (skins removed)
¼ cup slivered almonds (skins removed)
¼ cup flour
candied fruits and nuts for garnish

1. Place raisins in a bowl and cover with either fruit juice or liquor. Let stand overnight; when ready to make cake, drain and discard liquid.

2. Heat oven to 325 degrees.

3. Sift the 1½ cups flour, baking soda, salt and confectioners sugar into a mixing bowl. Add butter and beat until creamy with an electric mixer. Add egg whites one at a time, beating well after each addition.

4. Mix in lemon juice and vanilla. Place cherries, pineapple, pistachio nuts, and almonds in a bowl; dredge with ¼ cup flour. Fold fruits into batter. Pour into greased and floured 10 inch tube pan.

5. Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until a cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Top should be only slightly brown-

ed. Cool for ten minutes before removing from pan. Garnish with reserved fruits and nuts.

Fruit Latkes

2 medium apples
2 Tbs. sugar
¼ tsp. cinnamon
1 egg beaten
½ cup milk
2/3 cup applesauce
1 cup flour
3 Tbs. oil

1. Core and slice apples. Mix sugar and cinnamon together and sprinkle over apples. Mix eggs, milk and applesauce and beat well. Pour over apples.

2. Mix in flour and beat well.

3. Fry in oil pressing two slices of apple into each pancake. Serve with powdered sugar or syrup.

Potato Latkes

5 large potatoes
1 large onion
2 eggs
¼ cup matzoh meal
½ tsp. salt (or more to taste)
Oil for frying

1. Grate potatoes and strain through a strainer until most of the water has drained through.

2. Grate onion and add onion, eggs, salt and matzoh meal to potatoes. Mix well.

3. Heat about ½ inch of oil in frying pan. Add potato mixture, one tablespoonful at a time, into hot oil. When golden brown on edges, turn over and brown on other side. Remove from pan and drain on paper toweling or brown paper bag.

A SURPRISING CHANUKAH FACT

Most of us know the story of Chanukah. The wicked King Antiochus wanted the Jews to bow down to the Greek idols and not practice the Jewish religion anymore. Antiochus' soldiers made the Holy Temple unclean by bringing in idols and unkosher animals to sacrifice. Anyone found practicing Judaism was murdered cruelly.

A small army of Jews, led by Judah the Maccabee and his brothers, fought the Syrian soldiers. On the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev, the Maccabees entered the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. They cleaned the Temple and dedicated it to God again.

Most of us think that's the end of the story. We think the miracle of oil in the Temple is the last chapter.

Here's a surprising fact: After the Jews entered the Holy Temple, **THE WAR CONTINUED FOR ANOTHER 23 YEARS!**

Here's the part of the story that you probably didn't know:

The battles became even more difficult. During this time, King Antiochus died and his son came to power. The cruel treatment of the Jews continued.

All of the Maccabees, except for Simeon, were killed in battle. The four brothers - Judah, Eleazar, Jonathan and Yohanan - all died fighting for the Jews. Simeon became both the leader of the army and the High Priest (religious leader) of the Jews.

When the war was finally over, the Jews won complete independence. They were free to practice their religion and to rule themselves.

But when we tell the story of Chanukah, the part we remember most is the miracle of the oil in the Temple. For hundreds of years, Chanukah was mainly a celebration of the rededication of the Holy Temple to God.

Because of the many wars the Jewish people have fought to protect the State of Israel, the battles of the Maccabees have become important too. Now we celebrate both the miracle of the oil and the bravery of the Jewish people!



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