

Chanukah Rap

♩ = 90

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With reserved ruach

Chorus

The musical notation is written on a treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and common time (C). The tempo is marked as ♩ = 90. The chorus consists of two lines of music. The first line has a repeat sign at the beginning. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics are: La la la la la __ ce - le-brate Cha - nu-kah. __. The second line has notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics are: Bim bim bid - dy bum __ ce - le - brate __ our free - dom. Chords are indicated above the notes: Gmi7, D, Emi7, A7, D, Gmi7, D, Emi7, A7, D.

(Spoken in a rap style)

Who wasn't nice to us?
King Antiochus
Started a fight with us?
King Antiochus
Some ask, "Why the fuss?"
Why every year must we discuss
A most disgusting King who was
King Antiochus
King Antiochus **(to chorus)**

Who cried, "No siree?"
Judah Maccabee
Fought our freedom back ya see
Judah Maccabee
Scholars all agree
So now we call it history
Aka, the "Hammer" he was
Judah Maccabee
Judah Maccabee **(to chorus)**

Three long years they warred
Hand to hand and sword to sword
Curse your brother; praise the Lord
Same old story

The Temple looked like axes split it
My mom says a cyclone hit it
We found the Nir Tamid, re-lit it
Flame of glory!

What shines forever bright?
Nir Tamid, Eternal Light
Through the day and through the night
Nir Tamid, Eternal Light

Oil was their final plight
After they had won the fight
Found enough for just one night
Nir Tamid, Eternal light **(to chorus)**

As each day saw a setting sun
The oil burned for another one
Burned for eight 'fore it was done
A miracle for us!

So, that is why we celebrate
Not two, not four, not six, but eight
Eight nights of Chanukah, but wait...
One more chorus! **(to chorus)**