

# FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, THANKSGIVING AND HANUKKAH FALL ON THE SAME DAY.

## HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?



The last time Thanksgivukkah could have taken place was in 1861. BUT... **Thanksgiving was not formally established until two years later by Abraham Lincoln.**

Because the Jewish calendar is slowly getting out of sync with the Gregorian calendar, we won't see another Thansgivukkah until the year **79,811**.

# 79,811

How out of sync? At a rate of approximately **4 days per 1,000 years.**

# 164 BCE

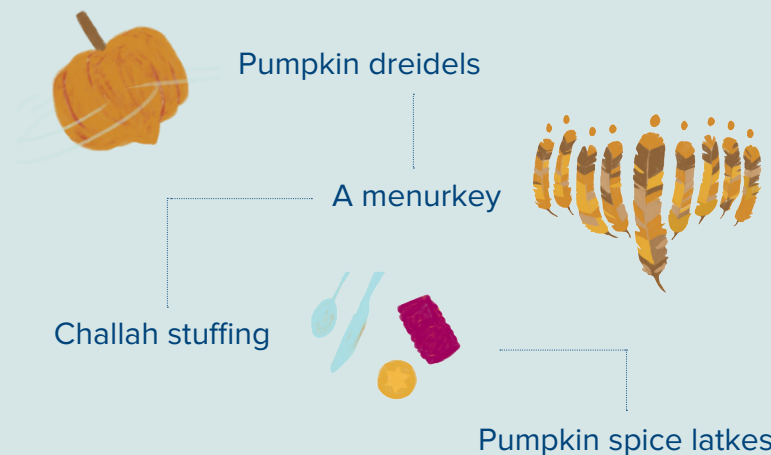
> 1863

Hanukkah has been celebrated since **164 BCE**.  
Thanksgiving has been a national holiday since **1863**.

## WISH SOMEONE "GOBBLE TOV!"

On a per capita basis, Israel might actually consume more turkey than the U.S. Yes, Israel. According to U.S. Department of Agriculture data, Israelis ate **28.9 lbs of turkey** in 1999, the last year for which statistics are available. That same year Americans ate **17.6 lbs** of the mouthwatering fowl. Today we put away **16.1 lbs**.

## What should you bring to a Thanksgivukkah celebration?



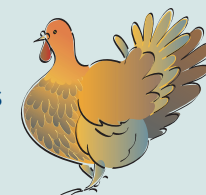
Hanukkah. Or is it **Chanukah?** Or **Hannukah?** According to Google,<sup>1</sup> in 2012 there were up to twenty different ways to spell Hanukkah. In Hebrew there is only ONE correct spelling, as **חֲנֻכָּה**.

# HA- CH- ??



The miracle of Hanukkah is that the (canola, olive, vegetable?) **oil lasted eight nights** in the temple. The miracle of Thanksgivukkah is that the leftovers will last eight nights (obviously cooked in canola, olive or vegetable oil).

The Hebrew word for turkey is "Hodu" ( **הוֹדוּ** ) which also, coincidentally, means to **"give thanks"**.



1. From Joe Maller, <http://joemaller.com/3336/how-to-spell-hanukkah-2012/>



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# HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVUKKAH!