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Chanuka commemorates the miracle of God's saving the Jews during the time of the Greek empire. The Greeks wanted to destroy Judaism and Jewish practices and have the Jews follow the Greek culture and religion. A small group of Jews defeated the Greek army, which was the world's greatest military force at the time. Contrast *Chanuka* with *Purim* (on *Purim*, the Jews' physical lives were in danger while on *Chanuka*, their religion was being threatened).

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