



## How to Spell Chanukah: 18 Writers Celebrate 8 Nights of Lights

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By Emily Franklin

Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill. Paperback / softback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, How to Spell Chanukah: 18 Writers Celebrate 8 Nights of Lights, Emily Franklin, What a holiday. No pestilence, no slavery, no locusts, no cattle disease or atonement. synagogue, no guilt, no mortar, and no real lesson to be absorbed and passed down to my Jewish offspring. "Thank God, " writes Joshua Braff, one of eighteen Jewish writers-- Adam Langer, Tova Mirvis, Steve Almond, Peter Orner, and others--who extol, excoriate, and expand our understanding of this most merry of Jewish holidays and offer up nervy, irreverent, and, yes, even nostalgic takes on a holiday that has a special place in Jewish hearts . . . and stomachs. There are profound questions: "Chanukah unearths a debate that's been going on for centuries. Yes, I'm talking about potato latkes: grated or mashed?" (Amy Klein). There are confessions: "Perhaps here is where I should mention that my 100 percent Jewish father was--and remains--obsessed with Christmas" (Jennifer Gilmore); revelations: "Shocker of all shockers, the first Jewish governor in the United States was elected in . . . Idaho! Swear" (Jill Kkargman); and tender recollections: "You are reminded of your real gifts: a...



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