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WHEN WILL YOU COME THIS YEAR?

FROM *PIRATES OF THE MACCABEAN*

(to the tune of "YELLOW BIRD")

Hanukkah, oh, when will you come this year?
Hanukkah, so distant and yet so near.

When comes November
See my calendar.
Is it starting soon?
Maybe it's in June.
Now December's here;
Maybe it's next year.
I'm so very confused.

Hanukkah, oh, when will you come this year?
Hanukkah, so distant and yet so near.

Early is the date
Or it's very late
Never comes on time
Makes me lose my mind
One thing I can trust
Eight days is so much
That I won't miss it all.
Hanukkah, Hanukkah. Ha-nuk-kah

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IT'S YOM KIPPUR

FROM *GREECED, A HANUKKAH FANTASY*

(to the tune of "It's My Party"):

Ev'ryone knows where the food has all gone; it has been put away.
We won't be eating again until the end of the day.

CHORUS:

It's Yom Kippur and I'll fast if I want to, fast if I want to,
Fast if I want to; you can fast too if you are a Jew.

Rabbi and Cantor in front of the room, dressed in white for today.
Let's take our makhzorim out; we're getting ready to pray.

CHORUS.

Read about Jonah and sing Kol Nidrei, and think about the year past,
And when the shofar has blown, we will be ending our fast.

CHORUS.

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WHEN YOU ARE MAKING LATKES

FROM *CHAI NOON: HANUKKAH IN THE WAY-OUT WEST*

(to the tune of "Deep in the heart of Texas")

You grate the spuds
And mix them up (*FOUR CLAPS*)
When you are making latkes.
The eggs you add
Cannot be bad (*FOUR CLAPS*)
When you are making latkes.

You heat the oil -
Don't let it spoil (*FOUR CLAPS*)
When you are making latkes.
The frying pan
Will smell just grand (*FOUR CLAPS*)
When you are making latkes.

Put applesauce
On top, of course, (*FOUR CLAPS*)
When you are making latkes.
Or sour cream,
If that's your dream, (*FOUR CLAPS*)
When you are making latkes.

We'll all get fat -
Who cares about that? (*FOUR CLAPS*)
When you are making latkes.
There is no way
To top this day (*FOUR CLAPS*)
When you are making latkes.
When you are making latkes!

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I WISH THEY ALL COULD BE NICE JEWISH BOYS

FROM *BE TRUE TO YOUR SHUL: A SURFING TRIBUTE TO HANUKKAH*

(to the tune of "California Girls")

Those Greek guys are so cute; I really dig those clothes they wear.
And the Roman guys, with the way they talk, they knock me out when I'm up there.
The Africans are tall and, boy, they sure know how to dance.
And I'm sure I don't have to remind you about all those romantic men in France.

I wish they all could be nice Jewish boys, (wish they all could be nice Jewish,)
I wish they all could be nice Jewish boys.

The Mongol guys are wild and they can ride just like the wind.
And those Viking guys with their long, blonde hair, they make me want to give right in.
The Russian men spout poetry and their singing gives me chills,
But it takes a man with a long tallit to really get me to have a thrill.

I wish they all could be nice Jewish boys, (wish they all could be nice Jewish,)
I wish they all could be nice Jewish boys.

The Jews, they have the torah and it makes them makes them really smart.
They learn the laws of God and the ways of truth and the secrets of the heart.
I've traveled 'round the ocean and I've seen all kinds of guys,
But I can't wait to get back to this land, where the men are sweet and wise.

I wish they all could be nice Jewish boys, (wish they all could be nice Jewish,)
I wish they all could be nice Jewish boys.

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WE'VE GOT TORAH

FROM *CASA HANUKKAH: HERE'S LOOKING AT A JEW, KID*

(to the tune of "I've Got Rhythm")

We've got stories,
We've got mitzvahs,
We've got Torah,
Who could ask for anything more?

We've got Mishna.
Got Gemarah.
We've got Talmud,
Who could ask for anything more?

Idol worship?
We don't buy it.
We won't try it
In our shuls.

We've got Hebrew
For our praying,
So we're saying
Who could ask for anything more?
Who could ask for anything more?

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AL SH'LOSHAH D'VARIM – WITH ENGLISH LYRICS

On three wonderful things,
On three wonderful things,
On three things, three wonderful things,
Our world, our world depends.

On the Torah, and on our prayers to God,
And on the kindness of friends.
On the Torah, and on our prayers to God,
And on the kindness of friends.

Al sh'loshah d'varim
Al sh'loshah d'varim
Al sh'loshah, sh'loshah d'varim
Ha-olam, ha-olam oh-med.

Al ha-Torah, v'al ha-Avodah,
V'al g'miloot hasadim.
Al ha-Torah, v'al ha-Avodah,
V'al g'miloot hasadim.

We do this with gestures:

On “three” – hold up 3 fingers
On “world” – slowly raise both arms in large circles
On “torah” – hold fists up in front as if holding up a torah
On “prayers” – spread out hands in front, palms up
On “kindness” – hug yourself

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KOL YISRAEL – A PURIM SONG

(to the tune of “Joy to the World”)

CHORUS:

Kol yisrael, kol yisrael,
Kol yisrael arevim zeh bazeh, Kol yisrael.

Jews of the world, Jews of the world,
Jews of the world always help one another,
Jews of the world.

Haman was a bad guy - in Persia long ago.
He wanted to kill all the Jews in the land.
He really was a shmo.

CHORUS IN HEBREW

Mordecai the Jewish leader
Helped Esther become the queen.
He told her that she had to help the Jews
Or be blown to smithereens.

CHORUS IN ENGLISH

Esther was afraid at first - to admit she was a Jew.
But when Mordecai said she was their only hope
She knew what she must do.

CHORUS IN HEBREW

Listen up, Jews all over the world,
Remember what we say:
We have to help each other no matter what
'Cause we are here to stay.

CHORUS IN HEBREW & ENGLISH

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GETTING TO KNOW JEWS – A SONG FOR JEWS BY CHOICE

(to the tune of “Getting to Know You”)

Getting to know Jews, getting to know all about Jews.
When I am with Jews, getting to know what to say.
Getting to know Jews, learning to say all the brachas,
I know what's nachas, and what's oy vey.

Getting to know Jews, getting to know how to shmooze Jews.
Learning to like Jews, feeling at ease with the group.
Haven't you noticed, now I can run my own seder,
Because of all the recipes I've seen,
I can now make a lean, mean
Chicken soup!