

Holidays by the numbers

Hanukkah

- 2 blessings are recited over the Hanukkah candles each night (3 on the first night)
- 4 sides on the dreidel — translates to "A Great Miracle Happened There"
- 4 different spellings of Hanukkah because of the translation from Hebrew to English
- 8 nights of Hanukkah
- 9 candles on the Hanukkiah — one for each night and the Shamash (helper candle)

Kwanzaa

- 7 nights of Kwanzaa with a candle lit on each one
- 7 principles (Nguzo Saba) are discussed during the holiday, one for each night
- 7 symbols that represent values and concepts of the African culture
- 31 of December is a large African feast (Karamu)