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It's the first night of Hanukkah, and what appears at the door? A polar bear. On the second night of Hanukkah, what appears? Two crocodiles who peel onions. The next night brings three tigers with potatoes. Each night of Hanukkah, more animals show up. Four armadillos come to grate the potatoes and onions, and five chimpanzees add flour to the mix. On the sixth night, six owls arrive to cook latkes made from the onions, potatoes, and flour. Seven rhinos arrive with donuts and a cake, and finally eight penguins come to play dreidel. On the eighth night, all the animals gather to hear the Hanukkah story, and then it's time to count backwards and head to bed.

This delightful book with illustrations to match will thrill any child who reads it. The rhyming and alliteration make the narrative fun to read, all while introducing latkes, donuts, and dreidel to readers unfamiliar with Hanukkah. I highly recommend this book.

