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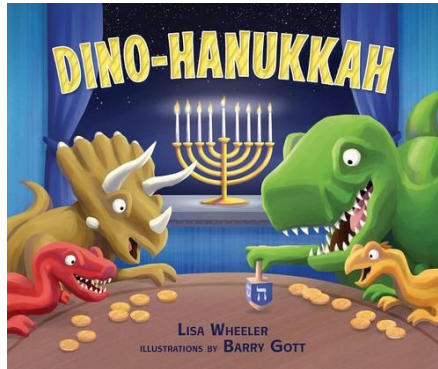
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Book Review: DINO-HANUKKAH

Written in rhyming couplet text, this story tells about a family of dinosaurs who prepare to celebrate Hanukkah. They clean the house for Gran to arrive, marinate the brisket, and make applesauce. But wait! Where's the menorah? On the first night of Hanukkah, Allo (short for Allosaurus) wants to light the menorah first, but since she is the oldest, she has to go last. Tricera (for triceratops) serves latkes, and Stego (for stegosaurus) brings each child a gift. Finally, it is the eighth night, and it is Allo's turn to light the menorah.

This book about Hanukkah is the latest in the Dino-Holidays series. This book goes beyond the typical mentions of latkes and dreidels (seen in many Hanukkah books) and includes elements such as sufganiyot (jelly donuts), kugel, and the shamash (the candle that is used to light the other eight).

While this book is about Hanukkah, it is also about dinosaurs. Any dinosaur enthusiast will realize that the names of the characters are the first part of their species names. At the end of the book, Hanukkah is over and they can't wait for the next holiday, Earth Day (a hint at the next book in the series). I highly recommend this book for any public, school, or home library.

