

JEWIS' SEASON OF REJOICING OPENS

Members of Faith Are Celebrating Triumph of Maccabeus—Interesting Ceremonies.

Chanukkah, the Jewish Thanksgiving, celebrating the driving out of the Assyrians from Palestine by Judas Maccabeus, was observed by Dutch Hebrews yesterday, and service was held at the Moses Montefiore Hebrew school, Third avenue east and Third street last night. The audience filled the auditorium and gallery.

The Chanukkah celebration is observed for eight days and a part of the observance is the lighting of a candle each day at sunset during that period. The lighting of eight candles at the beginning of the service last night was one of the impressive features.

Besides members of the Hebrew faith, Mayor Cullum and Superintendent of Schools Denfeld were speakers.

Superintendent Denfeld said that it was the first time he had ever attended a Jewish service and that he was greatly impressed with it. He spoke of the great number of patriarchs in the audience, and the feeling they must have in realizing that their faith dated back so many centuries. He referred to the present breach in relations between the United States and Russia, and said it would not be long before the Russian government would have to show the same respect for Jewish-Americans that the people of this country show.

Mayor Cullum said that Jews were excellent citizens and were deserving of the highest respect of other nations. "There will never be a war between England and Germany as so many people predict," said Mr. Cullum. "The reason is that certain Jews, the Rothschilds, who have control of the finances of Europe are lovers of peace and will prevent the people of those nations from cutting each others throats."

A large part of the regular program was rendered by the children, part in English and part in Hebrew. At the close everyone in the audience rose and sang "America."