

DULUTH JEWS TO OBSERVE FEAST OF REDEDICATION

Chanukah, the Feast of Rededication, will be observed by Duluth Jews for eight days commencing with sunset tonight. While the event is a minor holiday on the Jewish calendar, it is observed in a spirit of cheerfulness and good will. Appropriate services will be held at the Adas Israel synagogue, the Talmud Torah Institute, and at the Temple Emanuel.

The holiday commemorates the stirring events in Palestine from 168 to 165 B. C. Legends cluster about the feast of Chanukah that have been preserved in the Book of the Macabees. The martyrdom of Hannah and her sons who, rather than submit to the idolatry of their oppressors, yielded to the sword of the tyrant, is among the impressive stories of loyalty and heroic devotion sustained by the Jews. There are legends recounting the miraculous capacity of a cruse of unpolluted oil burning for eight days in the temple after its rededication.

The kindling of lights for eight days, traced by some authorities to this legend, is one of the measures enjoined for its celebration. Expressive entertainments of cheer and gladness in both the home and in places of worship is a predominating feature of the event.