

# Cupcake Menorah

Everyone loves cupcakes. And even though they aren't traditionally a part of the Hanukkah celebration, you can make them a part of it with this fun activity. Simply line up nine cupcakes in a row and decorate them in full Hanukkah regalia. When you place a candle in each one, it will be a great centerpiece for your dinner table and an edible one at that.

## What You Need:

- Cupcake mix
- Cupcake pan
- Cupcake papers (ideally in blue, white or silver or any Hanukkah pattern)
- White frosting
- Cake decorations (sprinkles, small candies, etc.)
- Candles
- Aluminum foil



## What You Do:

1. Bake 10 cupcakes according to the package directions (or make them from scratch, if you have the time!)
2. Be sure to use Hanukkah style cupcake cups if you can find them, or else blue or white or even shiny silver cups.
3. After the cupcakes have cooled, take one cupcake aside. Using a sharp knife (grown-up only please!) slice a very thin layer off the top of the cupcake so that you have a flat surface. Leave the wrapper on that cupcake and spread a layer of icing on it. This will be the base of the Shamash. Set it aside.
4. Now, have the kids spread white frosting on each of the other cupcakes and start decorating. Let them go crazy with the decorations, but see if you can keep them in the Hanukkah theme. Try all blue sprinkles, or blue M&M's.
5. When the decorating is done, take some aluminum foil and make a base for your Menorah. Be sure it's long enough for all nine cupcakes to be in one long row.
6. Start placing the cupcakes next to each other in a row on the foil. Be sure the cupcake with just the frosting (the Shamash) is in the center.
7. Take one of the cupcakes and remove its wrapper. Then place the flat part of the cupcake directly on top of the cupcake in the center with the frosting only. Now you have your completed Shamash.
8. Place a candle in each cupcake, and you have your adorable homemade Cupcake Menorah!