

Chanukah Is Next on Jewish Calendar

Observance of Chanukah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, will take place in Jewish circles of Duluth Sunday, Dec. 11, continuing for eight days. Special orthodox services will be conducted in Adas Israel synagogue, 14th Avenue East and Third street. Hebrew institute, 310 East Third street. Rabbi Alvin S. Luchs of Temple Emanuel will conduct reform services.

The holiday commemorates the victory of Judah, called the Maccabee, over the forces of the King of Syria, who sought to compel worship of pagan gods. A number of legends relate the heroism of worshippers in the temple of Jerusalem. The martyrdom of Hannah and her seven sons is popular. The story concerns a devoted mother, who, rather than submit to the defilements of pagan worship, was put to death together with her sons.

Orthodox observance of the holiday requires the lighting of candles each evening for one week. The first night one candle is lit, the second night two, thus continuing for eight nights.