So today, Mom told Jacob, Hanukkah is celebrated by the lighting of the menorah. One candle is lit each nightfall with the whole family and guests present. Today's Menorah is a nine-candle candelabra with a space for the shamash, the candle that is used to light all the candles. The shamash should be taller or longer than the rest of the candles and in the first spot. Candles are lit from left to right.