Shireinu (“Our Songs”)

My Chanukah Service

A Social Story

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Congregation Rodeph Sholom

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I am going to a Chanukah service at Rodeph Sholom on Saturday!
The service will be in a big room called the “Schafler Forum.”
Rabbi Ben will lead the service, and Louie will play his guitar.
I will do good sitting, and I will listen to Rabbi Ben and Louie. I will sing along if I want to.
I will hear a Chanukah story from Rabbi Levine.
We will sing a special prayer called the “Shema.”

Some people close their eyes for this prayer. I can help lead this prayer if I want.
Chanukah is a holiday when we celebrate our freedom to be Jews.

It is a good time to be happy together.

Chanukah gives us a chance to bring light to the world.
Rabbi Ben will take the Torah out of the ark for dancing and singing.

Then Rabbi Ben will read from the Torah.
I can play a tambourine, play a drum, or use a shaker if I want.
Rabbi Ben will light the chanukiyah. The chanukiyah is a special candleholder for Chanukah.
On Chanukah we eat tasty food!

There will be potato latkes, chocolate gelt, and healthy snacks to eat at the end of the service.