

# CELEBRATE, IT’S HANUKKAH!

SATB Voices with Piano

Ruth Elaine Schram

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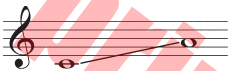
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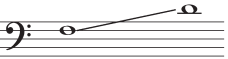
Soprano



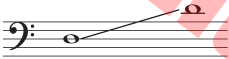
Alto



Tenor



Bass



**Language:**

Use: Holiday

Time: Approx. 1:40

\*Difficulty: Moderate

## Note from the Composer

When the Greek Antiochus IV gained control of the land now Israel, he wished to "homogenize" all of his conquered people by forcing them to follow Greek culture and to worship idols, as well as himself. The penalty for disobedience was death. Many Jews refused to give up their Jewish religion and laws, and many were killed for their disobedience. Others fled Jerusalem and took refuge in the surrounding hills. The Jewish rebels, also known as the Maccabees, were fighting for religious freedom, Jerusalem and the Temple, which had been destroyed by the Greek army. In spite of their inferiority as soldiers, they were able to defeat a far superior Greek army and to recapture Jerusalem some three years after the rebellion began. They rebuilt the Temple altar which was dedicated on the 25th of the Hebrew month of Kislev. Although there was only enough holy oil for the Menorah, a seven branched candelabrum, to burn for one day, it miraculously burned for 8 days. It is these eight days of the miracle that are celebrated as Hanukkah, a holiday for thanksgiving and praise. Established over 2000 years ago, Hanukkah is celebrated by Jews the world over.

Sing this work of celebration with great joy and energy. Concentrate on singing consonants cleanly and with good articulation as the consonants in this song are the rhythm makers; make the rhythm an important part of your singing. The words are important so be sure they can be understood. Sing the notes with staccato marks over or under them short and detached, leaving some space between them and the next note.

Have fun & Celebrate!!

## About the Composer

Ruth Elaine Schram wrote her first song at the age of twelve, and her first octavo was published twenty years later in 1988. In 1992, she became a full-time composer and arranger and now has over 1,300 published works. Over thirteen million copies of her songs have been purchased in their various venues, and she has been a recipient of the ASCAP Special Award each year since 1990. In addition to her choral music for church and school choirs, her songs appear on thirty albums (four of which have been Dove Award Finalists) and numerous children's videos, including sixteen songs on four gold videos, and four songs on one multi-platinum video. Her songs have also appeared on such diverse television shows as The 700 Club and HBO's acclaimed series The Sopranos.

Ruthie began piano and theory lessons at the age of five. She studied music at Lancaster Bible College and Millersville State College and taught elementary music in Pennsylvania for several years. She now lives in Birmingham, Alabama with her husband, Scott, and they have two grown daughters, Crystie and Celsie.

Her current published works, with samples of audio excerpts and select pages of the scores, are listed on her website [choralmusic.com](http://choralmusic.com).

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for SATB Voices with Piano\*

Words and Music by  
**RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM**

Joyfully, with strength ♩ = 88–96

Piano

*mf*

5 Soprano, Alto

*mf*

Tenor, Bass

*mf*

See the men - or - ah burn - ing bright, like a fire in the

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7 night, cel - e - brate, it's Han - uk - kah! \_\_\_\_

night, cel - e - brate, it's Han - uk - kah! \_\_\_\_

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All through the night from dusk to dawn, see them burn - ing on and

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on, cel - e-brate, it's Han-uk - kah! —

on, cel - e-brate, it's Han-uk - kah! — Cel - e-brate the Feast of

14

Fam - i - lies to - geth - er, joy - ful - ly re - mem - ber

Lights, cel - e-brate eight days, eight nights;



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Songs to be sung and games to play, as the candles light the way, cel-e-brate, it's

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Han-uk - kah! — Fam - i - lies to - geth - er,

Han-uk - kah! — Cel - e-brate the Feast of Lights,

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joy - ful - ly re - mem - ber mir - a - cles we're

cel - e-brate eight days, eight nights; mir - a - cles we're

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thank - ful for, as our faith is re - stored.

thank - ful for, as our faith is re - stored.

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*f* See the me-nor - ah burn - ing bright, like a fire in the night, cel - e-brate, it's

*f* See the me-nor - ah burn - ing bright, like a fire in the night, cel - e-brate, it's

*f*

40

Han-uk-kah! \_ All through the night from dusk to dawn, see them burn - ing on and

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on, cel - e-brate, it's Han-uk - kah! \_\_\_ It's Han-uk - kah! \_\_\_

on, cel - e-brate, it's Han-uk - kah! \_\_\_ It's Han-uk - kah! \_\_\_

46

*mf* Cel - e-brate! Cel - e-brate! \_\_\_

*mf* Cel - e-brate! Cel - e-brate! Cel - e-brate! \_\_\_

*mf*  $\delta va$ -----

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*ff* Cel - e-brate, it's Han-uk-kah! \_\_\_

*ff* Cel - e-brate, it's Han-uk-kah! \_\_\_

*ff*  $\delta va$ -----