

FAMILY CHANUKAH TRIVIA QUIZ

Work as a family, or compete in teams,
to test your knowledge of Chanukah! Answers appear below.

1. What does the Hebrew word Chanukah mean?
2. In English, Chanukah has two names. The Festival of _____ and the Festival of _____.
3. For how many days do we celebrate Chanukah?
4. During which Hebrew month do we celebrate Chanukah? On which day?
5. What historical event does Chanukah commemorate?
6. Who was the Syrian-Greek ruler who tried to pull Jews away from Judaism?
7. Name the five sons of Mattathias. Which son led the fight against the Syrian army?
8. What was the battle cry of Mattathias?
9. In what community did the Jewish revolt begin?
10. After the army recaptured Jerusalem and the Temple, what was Judah's first act?
11. What is another name for potato pancakes that we eat during Chanukah?
12. What is the name for the jelly donuts that we eat during Chanukah?
13. What is the name of the spinning top that children play with on Chanukah?
14. What Hebrew letters are on the four sides of the dreidel? What do they mean in English?
15. The letter "paye" on an Israeli dreidel replaces which letter on an American dreidel and why?
16. What is the name of the money or chocolate candy given to children during Chanukah?
17. What is the name of the candle that is used to light the others?
18. How many candles (including the shamash) do we need for all of Chanukah?
19. On the first night of Chanukah how many blessings are said before the lights are kindled?
20. The sixth day of Chanukah is the first day of which new Hebrew month?
21. In what year did the historical event of Chanukah take place?
22. Why do we light Chanukah lights?



11. Latkes
12. Sufganiyot
13. Dreidel
14. Nun, gimmel, hey and shin, meaning "A great miracle happened there."
15. Shin. The meaning becomes "A great miracle happened here."
16. Gelt
17. Shamash
18. 44
19. Three
20. Tevet
21. 165 B.C.E.
22. To recall the miracle of the oil that lasted for eight days when the Temple was rededicated.

- Answers**
1. Dedication
 2. The Festival of Lights and the Festival of Dedication
 3. Eight
 4. Kislev, on the 25th day
 5. The Israelites' struggle for religious freedom against the Syrian Greeks
 6. Antiochus Epiphanes
 7. Judah, Eliezer, Simon, Jonathan and Yohanan. Judah led the revolt.
 8. Mi 'I Adona! Eloy, "Whoever is on the side of God, follow me."
 9. Modin
 10. He cleansed and rededicated the Temple.