

The hard Chanukah quiz

30 questions. Score a point for each one. Answers on page 2!

- 1 On which Hebrew date does Chanukah begin?
- 2 How many lights are lit over all of Chanukah, shamash included?
- 3 What does the word Chanukah mean?
- 4 Who led the Maccabees in battle?
- 5 Who was Yehudah's father?
- 6 What is Mattisyahu's family also called?
- 7 Which Greek king ruled at the time?
- 8 What showed the jug of oil was pure?
- 9 What is the eighth day of Chanukah called?
- 10 Which prayer is added to davening and bentching?
- 11 Which song begins with the words "Rock of my salvation"?
- 12 What do the dreidel letters stand for?
- 13 Which letter replaces Shin on dreidels in Eretz Yisroel?
- 14 What is the Hebrew word for dreidel?
- 15 What is a sufganiyah?
- 16 What is the shortest time the lights should burn?
- 17 What is the gematria of Nun Gimmel Hey Shin?
- 18 Which paragraph, meaning "these lights", is said after lighting?
- 19 Why do we have a shamash?
- 20 Where is the best place to put the menorah?
- 21 What does pirsumei nisa mean?
- 22 How many brachos are said on the first night?
- 23 Which bracha is said only on the first night?
- 24 Which praise is said every day of Chanukah?
- 25 On Friday, which is lit first: menorah or Shabbos candles?
- 26 Which classic Chanukah food is made from grated potatoes?
- 27 Which brave woman's story is also told on Chanukah?
- 28 How many days did the oil last?
- 29 Over which two Hebrew months does Chanukah stretch?
- 30 Which word with the same gematria as the dreidel letters means "the anointed one"?

The hard Chanukah quiz: answers

- | | | | |
|----|------------------------------------|----|--|
| 1 | <i>25 Kislev</i> | 16 | <i>Half an hour after nightfall</i> |
| 2 | <i>44</i> | 17 | <i>358</i> |
| 3 | <i>Dedication</i> | 18 | <i>Haneiros Halalu</i> |
| 4 | <i>Yehudah HaMaccabi</i> | 19 | <i>We don't use the Chanukah lights themselves</i> |
| 5 | <i>Mattisyahu</i> | 20 | <i>By a window or door, facing outside</i> |
| 6 | <i>The Chashmona'im</i> | 21 | <i>Publicising the miracle</i> |
| 7 | <i>Antiochus</i> | 22 | <i>Three</i> |
| 8 | <i>The seal of the Kohen Gadol</i> | 23 | <i>Shehecheyanu</i> |
| 9 | <i>Zos Chanukah</i> | 24 | <i>Hallel</i> |
| 10 | <i>Al HaNissim</i> | 25 | <i>The menorah</i> |
| 11 | <i>Maoz Tzur</i> | 26 | <i>Latkes</i> |
| 12 | <i>Nes Gadol Haya Sham</i> | 27 | <i>Yehudis</i> |
| 13 | <i>Pey (for Po)</i> | 28 | <i>Eight</i> |
| 14 | <i>Sevivon</i> | 29 | <i>Kislev and Teves</i> |
| 15 | <i>A doughnut</i> | 30 | <i>Moshiach</i> |