

“THE LATKE BOWL” - A HANUKKAH TRIVIA GAME By Rabbi Moshe Halfon
Fold answer side under to test yourself or a friend

Easy Questions

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| 1. How many days long is Hanukkah? | 8 nights & days |
| 2. Name two traditional Hanukkah foods | Latkes (European) or jelly doughnuts (Israel) |
| 3. Correct name for a Hanukkah menorah | Hanukkiah |
| 4. How many candles does it have | 9 (8 plus shamash) |
| 5. What is the name of the lighter or "guardian" candle? | shamash |
| 6. How many candles are lit on the 5 th night? | Six (including shamash) |
| 7. Where are we supposed to place the Hanukkiah? | window or public place |
| 8. Why do we place it there? | To publicize miracle |
| 9. Which way should it face? | Out toward public |
| 10. Syrian king who fought against the Judeans | Antiochus IV |
| 11. Who brought Hellenistic culture to Judea | Alexander the "Great" |
| 12. Who started the Judean rebellion | Mattitvahu / Mattathias |
| 13. Name his son who led it after he died | Yehudah / Judah |
| 14. Name the country where the rebellion occurred | Judea |
| 15. Where was the temple? | Jerusalem |
| 16. How many blessings on first night? | three |
| 17. By what nickname was Judah known? | Maccabi" |
| 18. Meaning of this word? | "hammer" |
| 19. What is a dreidel? | Top |
| 20. Four letters on a dreidel | nun, gimel, hey, shin |
| 21. Meaning? | Great miracle happened there |
| 22. What Judeans did when they entered Temple | relit lamps and rededicated it |
| 22. What did they look for and find? | 1 jar of oil with priest's stamp |
| 23. How long did they think it would last? | One day |
| 24. How long it lasted according to legend? | Eight days |
| 25. What was the other "miracle" | small Judean force beat the Syrians |

Medium to Harder Questions

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| 26. Names for Hanukkah in English | Festival of Lights, Festival of Dedication |
| 27. Real historical name for "Maccabees" | Hasmoneans or Chashmonaim |
| 28. Hebrew name for "dreidel" | sevivon |
| 29. 4 letters on sevivon in Israel | nun, gimel, hay, pey |
| 30. Meaning? | "a great miracle happened here" |
| 31. Greeting on Hanukkah | Chag sameach |
| 32. Recite blessing #1, 2 or 3 | Look it up or booklet |
| 33. Yiddish meaning of dreidel letters | nisht, ganz, halb, shtetl (none, all, half, put in) |
| 34. Candles are lit from... | newest to oldest |
| 35. Profession of Mattathias / Mattitvahu | Cohen (priest) |
| 36. Battle was not against Greeks but... | Syrian and Jewish Hellenists |
| 37. Home town of Mattitvahu | Mod'in |
| 38. Dates of the revolt | 168-165 BCE |
| 39. Who were the Hellenists? | Pro-Greek Judeans |
| 40. Who were the Hasidim? | Pious pacifist Judeans |
| 41. "Maccabi" also stands for what prayer? | "Mi Chamocha Ba'elim Adoshem" |
| 42. Jewish mother who lost all her sons in the war | Hannah |
| 43. Jewish woman who killed a Syrian general | Judith |
| 44. Name Antiochus chose for himself | "Epiphanes" - "image of a god" |
| 45. But the people who disliked him called him | "Epimanes" - "madman" |
| 46. Hebrew month in which Hanukkah occurs | Kislev |
| 47. Hanukkah starts on... | Evening of 24 Kislev |
| 48. Other four sons of Mattitvahu | Yochanan, Shimon, Elazar, Yonatan |
| 49. Brother who died killing an elephant from below? | Elazar |
| 50. Which brother was named the high priest? | Shimon |
| 51. The rabbis didn't like the Hasmoneans because | they became corrupt & killed some rabbis (Pharisees) |
| 52. How long did the Hasmonean kingdom last? | 102 years, 165-63 BCE |
| 53. Whose bust appeared on a Hasmonean coin? | John Hyrcanus, grandson of Judah |
| 54. Political theme of Hanukkah | Jewish independence and freedom of religion |
| 55. Social theme of Hanukkah | tolerance, diversity |
| 56. Spiritual theme of Hanukkah | bring light into dark times |