

HOW TO PLAY DREIDEL

A Classic Hanukkah Game





WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- A dreidel (a spinning top with four sides)
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- Something to play with, like chocolate coins (gelt)*, candy, small toys, or even pennies
- A flat surface to spin the dreidel





"Gelt" is a special word in Jewish culture that means "money," and during Hanukkah, it usually refers to chocolate coins wrapped in gold foil that kids get as a gift. It is a fun treat you can eat while playing the dreidel game! When you hear "gelt," think of yummy chocolate coins celebrating Hanukkah!





THE DREIDEL'S FOUR SIDES

The dreidel has four Hebrew letters, and each one means something:

- Nun (1): "Nothing Happens"
- Gimel (1): "You get everything"
- Hei (ה): "You get half"
- Shin (ש): "You give some"







HOW TO PLAY:

STEP 1: Set up the game

Give each player the same number of coins or candies (about 10 is good).

Everyone puts one piece into the middle to make the "pot."

STEP 2: Take Turns Spinning/Follow the Rule

Each player takes a turn spinning the dreidel.

When the dreidel lands, look at the letter on top and follow the rule:

Nun: Do nothing, your turn is over.

Gimel: Take everything in the pot.

Hei: Take half of the pot.

Shin: Add one piece to the pot.

STEP 3: Keep Playing

Everyone keeps taking turns.

If someone runs out of pieces, they can ask for one from another player to stay in the game.

STEP 4: How to Win

The game ends when one player has won all the coins or candy!

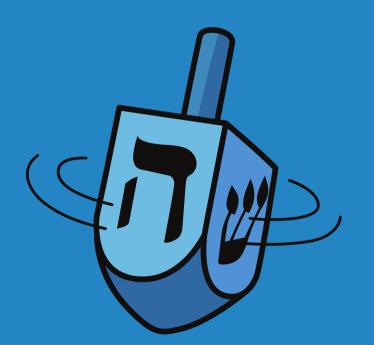






Tips for Fun:

- Take your time to learn the letters and what they mean—it's part of the fun!
- You can make up your own rules, like doing a silly dance when you get Gimel.
- Remember, the most important part is to enjoy playing with friends and family!



Happy spinning!



