



Hanukkah

The Dreidel Game



Playing with the Dreidel is a traditional Jewish game commonly played during Hanukkah. Any number of individuals can take part, although rules may vary from home to home. Here is the basic version:

1. Create your own dreidel following this [video tutorial](#) or purchase your own dreidel.
2. Once you have a dreidel, give each player an equal number of game pieces (about 10-15). Game pieces may be an item such as pennies, chocolate chips, toothpicks, poker chips, etc.
3. At the beginning of each round, every player must put in one game piece into the center, "the pot". If there is only one game piece left in the pot during a round, every player must add another one of their game pieces to the pot.
4. Decide who goes first. When it is your turn, spin the dreidel once. The dreidel will tell you if you give or get game pieces from the pot depending on the side it lands on. For those who do not read Hebrew, below are the translations.
 - *Nun* means nothing. The player gives nothing.
 - *Gimel* means everything. The player gets everything from the pot and a new round begins.
 - *Hey* means half. The player gets half of the pot.
 - *Shin* means put in. The player gives one of their game pieces to the pot.
5. A player is out when they have no more game pieces left.
6. The game continues until only one person is left with all of the game pieces. They are the winner!